

CORBETT TO CARRY UNION AND WALLOWA

Sentiment in Two Counties Appears to be Strong For Portland Man.

ALLEN FAVORED FOR LEGISLATURE

In Gubernatorial Race, Norblad Expected to Run Second and Joseph Third Here.

Harry Corbett, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, will carry Union and Wallowa counties by a big margin in the primary election next Friday, according to information gathered by The Observer from all parts of the La Grande territory. In the dramatic primary tendencies are more difficult to determine but George Wilbur of Hood River will probably have a slight edge over Ed Bailey of Lane county. In the race for representative Allen will probably be nominated over Johnson with votes to spare.

Norblad is expected to run a fair second in the gubernatorial contest in this county and Joseph third, with no votes of any consequence in sight for either Hall or Bennett. Corbett's support is growing daily and it is certain that he will have a big plurality. If it continues at the present rate during the next week, it is possible he will get more votes in Union county than all other republican candidates combined.

Corbett Strong

Throughout the whole Corbett's following is as strong or stronger than it is in the towns. Many farmers say that he is the only candidate with Eastern Oregon interests and the only candidate not tied up with special road programs in the most fertile and with local issues in Portland. In most farm communities of the county he is a two-to-one and three-to-two favorite. Only in one or two communities does Norblad seem to have the edge, the deciding factor there being that he is already in office. Only a few Joseph votes are in evidence but there is no talk of Hall in the county, also.

Here in La Grande labor votes are a big influence and the opinion of numerous labor leaders is that Corbett will be first choice by a good margin with Norblad and Joseph close together for second in labor ranks. Hall is also expected to get a fair vote in this group with practically none for Bennett.

Labor Favors Corbett

An important thing in the Corbett following among labor organization is the steady support he has received from labor in Multnomah county. Labor leaders also point to Corbett's legislative record as the most favorable to organized labor of any candidate. He is expected to win a majority of the railroad vote in the county and will be equally strong in other labor groups.

WILL PUT UP BIRD PENS AT UNION SUNDAY

Game bird pens are to be erected at the Union hatchery tomorrow and all sportsmen of Union county, regardless of their club affiliations or whether they belong to a club, are urged to lend their assistance. The state is furnishing the equipment and the men of this county are to do the work, under the supervision of Gene Simpson, of the Pendleton game farms.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m. - 51 above.
Minimum: 37 above.
Condition: Partly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 65, minimum 42 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

Music Week Ends With Concert By La Grande Band

Program Given in High School Auditorium Last Night, Featuring Two Soloists.

After a busy music filled week some La Grande folk today are humming songs of the "Music Week" at the many concerts given since last Monday, with pleasant memories left of music week sponsored by the La Grande Neighborhood club with Mrs. H. N. Ashby in charge.

Last night's concert by the La Grande municipal band with Mrs. Leal Russell, contralto, and Miss Helen Williams, pianist, as soloists, was the finale of the week's program. A large and appreciative crowd attended and enjoyed the numbers at the high school last night.

The program opened with an overture "Poet and Peasant" by Von Suppe a request number. This was followed by "Tines from the Balkin," arranged by Don Goldford (Hon. R. A. M.) and "An American Sketch 'Down South'" by Myrtle, and scenes from "The Desert Song" by Romberg was very effectively played, and for those who had seen the picture or the opera brought to mind many scenes. In response to the applause a popular selection was played.

Mrs. Russell's first selection was "Cradle Song of 1919" by Kreisler followed by "Spring's a Lovable Lady" by Elliott. Mrs. Russell responded with a delightful encore, Mrs. Ashby accompanied her at the piano.

Gives Program For Open House At The Hospital

In observance of national hospital day the Grande Ronde hospital will hold open house Monday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock with a cordial invitation extended to the public. The afternoon's musical program is as follows:

Mrs. George Brine and Miss Gladys Mott, piano duet; Mrs. Charles Berry, violin solo; Mrs. Leal Russell, contralto, vocal solo; Mrs. C. S. Moore, a group of vocal selections; Mrs. W. H. Bohm-puk jr., contralto, a song group; Mrs. Lynn Wright, piano numbers; Mrs. Floyd Sherwood, soprano, vocal solo; Mrs. George Huntington Curry, contralto, vocal selections; ladies' trio, Mrs. W. W. Nelson, Mrs. A. W. Nelson and Miss Mabel Morton, song selections; Miss Luby Tobias, a group of vocal numbers; Miss Ruth Gehl, vocal selections; Mrs. Fay Fuller, soloist; Miss Katharine Wisler, vocal solo; Mrs. Ashby, a group of numbers; Miss Helen Williams will be accompanist.

Graham Home Is Damaged by Fire

The Lucy Graham home at 202 Washington, occupied by Eddie Graham, was damaged by fire this morning at 11:20 o'clock. The flames it is believed by Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey, started from a defective electric stand lamp in the upstairs bedroom. The fire was confined to the room and the attic, but water also caused considerable damage. The recall was sounded at 11:26 o'clock.

Observe Mother's Day In La Grande

Mother's day will be generally observed in La Grande tomorrow, Sunday, May 11, both in the churches and at home. Practically every home of worship in the city has programs devoted to mother, or else special songs, etc.

The custom of presenting gifts to mothers is growing each year and this season the sale of boxed candies, pictures, etc., is reported to have reached a high peak. To the son or daughter observing Mother's day Sunday, a red flower should be worn if one's mother is alive, and a white flower if she has passed away.

FILES CLAIM FOR \$17,500 AGAINST CITY

N. E. Matthews Presents Paper to City Officials This Morning

CAUSED BY LOSS OF THREE FINGERS

Matter Turned Over to Cochran to Investigate—Second Claim in Last Week.

The city of La Grande is facing another major damage claim, according to announcement made today at noon, following the filing of a claim for \$17,500 damages by N. E. Matthews this morning. The claim was turned over to City Attorney George T. Cochran for investigation.

The letter accompanying the claim stated that the claim was presented against the city on account of negligence in the city in allowing and permitting a sidewalk of old and rotten boards to become in a dangerous condition.

According to the letter, the accident occurred at 7:45 o'clock in the evening. No action will be taken on the claim until Mr. Cochran presents his report at a regular meeting of the city commission. It is believed.

RALPH HURON IS GIVEN PROMOTION

Elevated to Grade of Lieutenant Colonel of the 186th Infantry.

SALEM, Ore., May 10 (AP)—Major Ralph R. Huron, postmaster at La Grande, is promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel in the 186th infantry, and Captain Fred R. Dieking of Portland to the grade of major in the same regiment by orders issued today by Major General George A. White, commander of the Oregon national guard.

Lieutenant Colonel Huron served in the Spanish American and World wars and has a long period of service to his credit in the national guard. He is said to be prominent in Eastern Oregon civic affairs and has held the postmaster.

Heavy Casualties Occur In Battle Now Under Way In Chinese Provinces

SHANGHAI, May 10 (AP)—The nationalist government and northern alliance armies have been locked in a big battle for two days, with heavy casualties on both sides. Conflicting reports from the battlefront between Chengchow, Honan province, and Suchow, Kiangsu province, indicate the result is in doubt.

Japanese advisers today reporting a major engagement along the Lanchow railway said: "Nanking (nationalist) airplanes bombed Chengchow, blowing up the railway station and northern headquarters and subjecting foreigners to grave danger."

The Chinese populace, said the dispatches, was fleeing from the area, while the Japanese already had gone to places of safety.

Hankow messages said that military preparations were proceeding there and large bodies of troops had departed northward. Hostilities also were reported along the Honan-Shensi provincial border, the nationalists claiming they routed the northerners in that area.

Major hostilities were reported along the entire Lanchow railway. Department records name Americans there as Miss Annie Hallie, Turtle Creek, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Lackey Broadbent, two children, Lancaster, Ky.; Miss Ethel Mattley, San Francisco; and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, address not given.

500 Athletes In State Meet At Corvallis Today

Sun Shines as Finals Begin—Fyock Takes 100-Yard Dash—Nowland Qualifies in Hurdles.

Nowland wins high hurdles, 16.4. CORVALLIS, Ore., May 10 (AP)—A bright sun broke over a field of athletes and five hundred Oregon high school track stars marched onto the field in an Olympic parade, led by the Oregon State college band, just before the start of the finals in the fourth annual interscholastic track and field meet.

Franklin scored first on points when Fyock took first place in the 100-yard dash. Portland schools made a clean sweep in the century. He also won the 220.

The summary: 100-yard dash: won by Fyock, Franklin; Dowling, Grant, second; Catlin, Lincoln, third; Bronson, Grant, fourth; King, Lincoln, fifth. Time 16.1.

A. G. S. Officers Elected Yesterday

Miss Iris Hughes was elected president of the Associated Girl Students yesterday at the high school. A total of 184 votes were cast. Miss Evelyn Perry was chosen second vice president and Miss Evelyn Piper, third vice president. Miss Thelma Strain Mar. 7 was the result of an injury received while passing over the sidewalk in front of the home located at the corner of Pennsylvania and Fifth streets, opposite the library, at a place where the driveway adjoins said sidewalk. The injury was caused, Mr. Sine's claim charges, on account of the negligence of the city in allowing and permitting a dangerous and slippery and icy walk to exist, combined with the alleged violation of the city ordinance No. 925, section 1922, regulating the construction of driveways.

IMBLER TEAM WINS TITLE IN UNION COUNTY

The Imbler High school basketball team won the championship of Union county yesterday at Elgin, defeating the Elgin High school nine 23 to 1. Imbler was undefeated in this county this year, and will play a three-game series with Enterprise for the championship of the Union-Wallowa league.

One of the three games has already been played, the Savages defeating Imbler at Enterprise 12 to 1. The second game is to take place Tuesday at Imbler and the third will be played May 17 on neutral ground, possibly at La Grande or Elgin.

Jack O'Day Arrested

PENDLETON, Ore., May 10 (AP)—George (Curley) Scott, alias Clayton D. Poole, Jack O'Day and George E. Bell, an escaped prisoner, was arrested by deputy sheriff at a ranch near Echo yesterday. He is being held for federal officers from Alcatraz Island prison from which he escaped in 1927. He was serving a five-year sentence for assault, robbery and desertion from the army. He is a boxer of considerable ability and had appeared on several cards in Pendleton.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—Unfavorable crop advice from the southwest during the last trading today gave decided emphasis to bullish aspects of the government crop report, lifting prices sharply. The majority of the southwestern advisers indicated that wheat has not improved since recent rains and some messages intimated that there has been deterioration instead. Predictions of a big decrease of the United States visible supply total on Monday acted also as an incentive to buyers.

Wheat closed firm, 1 1/2 cts a bushel higher than yesterday's finish.

THREE OF OREGON'S TEN



Here are three of Oregon's ten candidates for governor. A. W. Norblad (left), is present governor of Oregon, and among his opponents for the republican nomination at the May 19 poll. He is Charles Hall (center), Coos county legislator, and Henry L. Corbett (right), Portland legislator.

Art Exhibit Is Held By Grade Schools Friday

One of the most successful art exhibits ever held by the La Grande city schools took place yesterday afternoon and evening, according to the opinions of many of the viewers and of Mrs. L. J. Douglas, art supervisor, judging from the varied points of interest and the number of persons in attendance.

A general outline or plan is followed for each grade and the achievements in these projects were exhibited in the various rooms of the grade schools where interested parents, friends and the general public viewed the handiwork of the coming generation. Of real pleasure to many of the visitors were the outstanding creations that perhaps deserved special mention—art work by students who show promise of talent.

Silver leaf and special programs were held by each of the parent-teacher associations of the four different schools, Central, Greenwood, Riverside and Willow and they report a successful attendance.

Last evening a play "The Loveliest World" with a theme in observance of Mother's day was presented at the Central school, and in the afternoon selections were played by the high school orchestra.

This year's creative work has been emphasized in the school art courses with stress upon the development of appreciation through picture study, the use of color harmony and a study of design.

Portland Census Figure Is 299,122

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10 (AP)—Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, census supervisor, announced today that "preliminary" figures give Portland a population of 299,122. She said her office has until May 20 to complete its check and that other names will be added. Mrs. Gerlinger said she would make formal report to Washington, D. C., on the basis of her present figures, and that additions would be added there. The 1920 population represents an increase of 15.8 over 1920 when the population was 258,285.

Seattle Orator Contest Winner

SEATTLE, Wash., May 10 (AP)—Vernon Withuhn, Seattle, today was preparing for a trip to Washington, D. C., to take part in the national oratorical contest finals May 24 and then travel in Europe for three months following his victory in the Pacific coast finals against a field of seven candidates here last night.

Hoover Spending Weekend Fishing

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—President Hoover left the white house shortly before 7 a. m. for a weekend of fishing at his reserve in the Blue Ridge mountains.

Tragedy Wipes Out Family In Chicago

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—Mrs. Albino De Porre, two months a widow, killed her three children today and committed suicide.

The tragedy was disclosed by neighbors who called at her cottage. The woman had slashed the throat of her eldest daughter, shot to death a boy 3 and a daughter, 11, and then cut her own throat and shot herself.

Poverty and grief over the death of husband and father were thought to have driven the woman to this act. The triple murder and suicide wiped out the family.

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Tornadoes Take 86 Lives During Last Seven Days

Four More Killed and Several Injured in Eastern Oklahoma—Texas Toll up to 78.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 10 (AP)—The death toll from tornadoes in Oklahoma and Texas during the past week today had mounted to 86 with the addition of four deaths reported from a series of twisters that swept through eastern Oklahoma, leaving paths of destruction through more than half a dozen communities.

Mrs. Gladys Downs, 21, was killed yesterday when a tornado tossed her home 150 yards over a hill and smashed it on the ground. Her husband, who also was in the house, was not injured seriously.

A tornado which first struck near Kinta, and then swept northeastward through San Bois, Rockford, Eureka, Blaine, close to Stigler, and then lifted at the Arkansas river north of Keotah, took the lives of three more persons.

Father Stays With Son Jim Chappel, 24, who had been ill for several days, was in such a dangerous condition that he could not be taken to the family story cellar when the tornado roared down on the Chappel home in Eureka community. Sending the rest of the family into the case, John Chappel, 71, the young father, refused to desert his son and sat by the sickbed while the home was demolished.

Mrs. "Slim" Hodges, who lived at the Chappel home, also refused to leave the house and perished.

Three Dead As Result Of Auto And Train Crash

SHEDD, Ore., May 10 (AP)—An investigation of the collision last night between an automobile and a Southern Pacific train which claimed the lives of three school students and injured two other persons seriously, started here today.

Albert Poland, 14, and Keith 18, and Esther Malow, sister of Malow are dead, and Frances Farwell and Mrs. Holly Michael were in an Albany, Ore., hospital. All resided in Shedd.

Mrs. Michael had returned from college to spend Mother's day with her parents who live on a farm near here. She and her sister and the three other young people had come to Shedd yesterday afternoon to attend a baseball game. They were driving home after the game when the accident happened.

Authorities announced that owing to the serious condition of the three injured persons it was impossible to question them relative to the cause of the accident.

19 'MAGAZINE SALESMEN' RUN AFOUL OF LAW

PENDLETON, Ore., May 10 (AP)—Protesting that they were "working their way through college" by selling magazine subscriptions, a crew of 19 men and women were afool the law here. One girl, Dorothy Gordon, was ordered held on a check charge.

Police here say Miss Gordon approached an Echo farmer here, asking him to subscribe to a magazine. The farmer declined. The girl explained a contest idea, asking for his vote, and requesting that he write his name on a line on a folded slip of paper she gave him. The rancher did this.

The folded slip of paper was a blank check on a Walla Walla bank, police said. The girl was unable to cash it in Pendleton. It is said to have gone to La Grande where it was honored. She was taken into custody and brought back here for the district attorney.

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 10 (AP)—Following is the weather outlook for the week beginning May 11:

For Western States: The outlook is for generally fair weather but with considerable cloudiness on the coast, and moderate temperatures.

SOLDIERS IN CONTROL AT SHERMAN, TEX.

Night of Terror Ends With Driving Rain That Scatters Mob.

DEATH OF NEGRO ONLY THE START

Furious Citizens of City, After Burning Court House, Invade Negro Section.

SHERMAN, Texas, May 10 (AP)—Driven to cover by a driving rain, a mob which took the life of a negro, George Hughes, late yesterday, burned Grayson county's \$60,000 court house and destroyed three blocks of buildings in the negro section, had partly broken up at 8:30 a. m. today and national guardsmen apparently had the situation under control.

Until a heavy rain began falling early today, the mob, in groups of 25 or 30 stood on street corners, their numbers decreasing gradually. When harassed officials believed they had the situation well in hand, another fire broke out and the fire department went into the negro section. The mob was estimated to number about 700 shortly after midnight.

Fifteen Arrested Fifteen men, charged with inciting a riot, had been arrested. Nine men, one of them a captain of national guard troops sent to Sherman from Dallas after the court house burning, were taken to the court house, where Hughes was locked in a vault, were injured.

The troops, commanded by Colonel Lawrence E. McGee, and Colonel L. S. Davidson, arrived shortly after 2 a. m., more than 50 out-of-town police officers and rangers under command of Captain Frank Hammer, and M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzales, assisted the guardsmen.

Mob Finally Scatters The straggling remnants of the mob which last night blasted open a vault in the ruined courthouse it had burned earlier in the day and then paraded the town with the body of George Hughes, negro, were standing around watching the embers of numerous incendiary fires when the additional troops arrived. They were scattered, the negro had been imprisoned in the courthouse vault by officers who sought to save his life.

A quota of 60 or 70 guardsmen from Dallas who earlier yesterday had been helpless to stem the orgy of violence was given respite from grueling hours of battling with the infuriated citizens bent upon revenge upon the negro who confessed assaulting a young farm wife near here.

Negroes Return Home With the dawning of day the guardsmen and rangers rounded up several hundred negroes who had taken refuge in brush thickets on (Continued on Page Five)

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