

COMMISSION TURNS DOWN PETITIONERS

Merchants Refused Right
to String Banners For
"Cimarron" Day.

NEW ORDINANCES BEFORE CITY DADS

Roller Skaters Curbed —
Persons Under 16 Would
be Kept From Wrestling
Matches.

A basketball of bombshells was thrown to the city commission Wednesday evening, when several important matters were up for action. A new ordinance licensing and regulating wrestling and boxing matches within the city limits was introduced. A committee of prominent business men asked for the privilege of stringing banners across Adams avenue to advertise "Cimarron" day, which is to be observed soon by local merchants and people of this district.

The request of the business men was denied in accordance, officials said, with a city ordinance which provides that no banners for private advertising shall be hung across the streets.

A bond of \$1,000 will have to be put up by the fight promoter if the ordinance concerning the boxing and wrestling match passes. This may be a continuing bond and will not have to be paid before each performance, it will hold the city free from any responsibility in case of injury.

Chaperoned Children Barred
No persons under 16 years of age, even if accompanied by their parents, will be allowed at the matches if the ordinance passes at the next meeting of the commission. If the match becomes too rough for the adults, or if the participants are violating the statute, the police may step in and stop the match, thus giving the police control over the wrestling matches.

No boxing or wrestling matches may be held without a license, for which the fee is \$20, and the application must be made in writing and filed, with the \$1,000 bond, with the recorder-treasurer who will in turn issue the license.

The ordinance and the commissioners declare that the ordinance, if passed, will not affect matches at meetings of fraternal orders or athletic associations, when the fee is \$20, and the application must be made in writing and filed, with the \$1,000 bond, with the recorder-treasurer who will in turn issue the license.

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A buffet luncheon will be served after the meeting, honoring the visitors.

BAKER ELKS COMING HERE THIS EVENING

Elks are anticipating an unusually interesting meeting at the temple this evening. Approximately 50 from Baker will be in attendance, half of them as members of a cast that will present seven or eight vaudeville acts. News of their plans to visit the La Grande lodge were received here yesterday.

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WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Friday, becoming unsettled in the west portion. No change in temperature. Moderate to fresh east winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m. — 22 above.
Minimum: 22 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 49, minimum 30 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER FEB. 12, 1930
Maximum 41, minimum 32 above.
Condition: Snow, one inch, moisture 30 of inch; cloudy.

What The Well-Dressed Man Will Wear

By Best Duke

The well-dressed man will be seen hurrying from business to luncheon appointments this spring clad in Piccadilly green, Trafalgar tan, Brighton brown, Grenadier gray, or any one of the ultra-smart shades of those colors—the fashion dictators of spring apparel and men's attire. From the creased and dented crown of his hat to the toes of his wing-tipped brogues of contrasting colors men's apparel will be conservative.

For young men the broad rope shoulders are being shown with the coat fitted at the waist to produce a slim silhouette. Coats are double breasted with peak or notched lapels, or for the older more conservative business man a semi form fitting, two button coat with notched lapels is proper for street and business wear. Trousers, which must be the same material as the coat, will have bottoms no larger than 19 inches, while the vest which matches the rest of the suit will be single breasted of the six-button variety. All trousers will be tailored for suspenders of fancy silk web patterns in bright colors.

Semi-formal and informal evening occasions will find the man dressed in a single or double breasted dinner jacket, peaked collar preferred, and a vest of matching material, white, pique, or black silk with a single or double breast.

The well-groomed head will sport a felt hat for street and a straw hat, flake, pastel gray, pastel tan, medium tan, or topaz shade to blend with the street suit, or a straw hat of the Panama, leghorn, or milan variety. Hats will have narrow brims and one type extremely well fitted to the street has a snap brim turned down in the front with a creased crown denting in the front.

The evening hat is the derby, fashion decrees! However, derbies will be seen at social affairs only.

In La Grande, the uncertain weather of early spring makes a top coat not only a fashion but a necessity. Top coats are especially nonchalant with raglan sleeves, three-quarter or full length, the standard length measuring from 46 to 48 inches. Top coats are found in the colors for street wear, with the correctly cut and well fitting waist, and exclusively for evening functions.

The suit, the hat, the shoes may be correct, but unless the shirt is in harmony a man is not well dressed. A shirt in blue, green, tan colors with self stripes, contrast, 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Suitable prizes for the different classifications are being arranged for, and will be announced later.

One feature has been announced—a pet parade for the children—which will be staged in the business section of the city on Saturday, Feb. 12. It was announced by the city manager, George H. Currey, president of the chamber of commerce, and permission was asked to string banners across Adams avenue for the parade.

By this means they plan to bring people from all over Union county to La Grande for the event, making the undertaking a civic enterprise. The general manager of the committee of business men who were present to lay the matter before the commission.

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College Debate Season To Open Here on Monday

The college debating season will open here Monday, Feb. 16 when the Eastern Oregon Normal school team will meet the Northwest Nazarene college of Nampa, Ida.

The Nazarene team is completing a Northwest tour that started at Linfield college, McMinnville, Feb. 2 and will close with the appearance here today. The team is composed of students from the University of Spokane and Whitworth college, both of Spokane, Wash. Tomorrow the Nazarene team will meet the University of Puget Sound, University of Washington and Washington State Normal at Bellingham.

Discussion Club Elects Officers

A Discussion club was organized Wednesday at the High school and is composed of a number of students who desire to further their powers of research and expression. It will meet every two weeks for the purpose of discussing topics of current interest. It will cultivate the ability to stand before audiences and think and speak fluently. Seventeen charter members signed the laws and constitution of the club. The following are the officers: president, Jess Parker; vice president, Packey McFarland; secretary, Pauline Conrad.

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CONFERENCE CLOSING ITS SESSION HERE

Robert W. Morse, Live-
stock Specialist, Speak-
ing This Afternoon.

SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL

Miss A. Grace Johnson
Gives Two Programs
For Women in Home
Economics Section.

With very interesting discussions and with the presentation of the reports and resolutions from the different sections of the Eighth Annual Economic conference, this series of sessions closed this afternoon. While this year's conference has not been so largely attended as some of the preceding ones, the interest has been exceptionally keen, the subjects have all been of great practical interest and the discussion which followed have gone a long way toward the solving of many individual problems.

This afternoon the attention of the dairymen was centered on two practical subjects. Roger W. Morse, livestock specialist from the extension service and former county agent of Baker county, presented a survey relative to the reducing of production costs. This address was very thorough and the Observer hopes to give more of it in detail at a later date. Dr. W. E. Thistlethwaite, federal attaché stationed in La Grande, talked on the great menace threatening the dairy industry in Oregon, contagious abortion. While abortion is said not to exist in Eastern Oregon as much as in other sections of the state, still it is here and the co-operation of all dairymen has been asked in the effort to completely eradicate it.

Miss A. Grace Johnson, of the state college, gave two very excellent hours to the women in the home economics section this afternoon. The first had to do with the keeping of household records as a part of successful home-making. The second was a discussion of the importance of the women who heard her. In 1929, Prof. Johnson had the opportunity to make a study of home-making conditions in England, a study covering several months and supplemented by additional time on the continent. In her address today Miss Johnson gave her reasons for being glad she was an American woman and at the same time a woman of the world. She wished she was a woman of some other nation.

This Morning's Sessions.
Robert Whithycombe, of the Eastern Oregon experiment station, presided at the session this morning devoted to livestock. H. A. Lindgren, of the extension service, presented the livestock outlook, which he pictured as being more favorable than other industries. There is an increase shown in the total census of livestock in the United States. Oregon beef numbers about the same as in 1930. Livestock takes up some 20 percent of the total feed supply. Sheep in Oregon show an increase of 200,000 and in the United States of 2,000,000. He referred to the extraordi-

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MONMOUTH EVENS UP HOOP SERIES

Visitors Defeat Mount-
eers 57 to 21—E. O. N.
Planning Trip.

Normal School Conference.
W. L. Pct.
E. O. N. 1 1 500
Monmouth 1 1 500
Astoria 0 0 000

Monmouth secured revenge last night for the 42 to 38 defeat suffered at the hands of Bob Quith's Mountaineers Tuesday night, the visitors won the two game series by winning 57 to 21.

Monmouth sharpshooters had their eyes on the basket while the Eastern Oregon cagers missed consistently and failed to display the flashy floor work — except occasionally — that proved the undoing of Monmouth the previous night.

At times the Mountaineers looked good, but most of the time they seemed dead on their feet, and it's doubtful if they made more than one out of every half a dozen attempts to hit the ring.

The first half was a walkaway for the Monmouth team, with Holt, forward, scoring 10 points.

Monmouth's pride of all humanity today they name we honor and revere.

No other name in all the history of the race.

May Use Drouth Loans For Food, Hyde's Opinion

Administration Supports
His Report — Secretary
Sends Telegram to Cap-
ital From Kentucky.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — The administration today sanctioned the use of the \$20,000,000 drouth loan fund compromise for food and clothing purchases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — Secretary Hyde today informed the senate there is no prohibition in the drouth relief compromise against using the loans for the purchase of food and clothing by farmers "if necessary to effect the purpose of crop production and agricultural rehabilitation."

The agriculture secretary's telegram from Louisville was in response to the Borah resolution asking his interpretation of the \$20,000,000 drouth loan fund compromise, nearing a vote in the senate.

A while before Vice President Curtis had the Hyde message read, Democratic Leader Robinson had declared congress could be charged with inefficiency if it failed to pass the remedial measure.

The Hyde statement began with an assertion that the proposed funds were not intended for the purchase of food and clothing.

Upholder Robinson, Caraway, the secretary upheld the contention of Senators Robinson and Caraway, Democrats, of Arkansas, who have accepted the compromise.

Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, proposed amending it to the attorney general "to find out what it means."

Robinson accused Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, of misstating the facts. He said the purpose of the fund was to help farmers who were in financial straits.

Glass replied Robinson evidently had not read his speech. He said he had referred to Chairman Wood, of the house appropriations committee, the statement the only difference between the drouth relief act and the compromise was that under the latter the loans could be used by the farmers for any purpose whatsoever.

Glass said he had himself stated that credit facilities already were abundantly available.

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\$747,949 Taxes Collected Last Year In County

Of the total tax assessment of \$908,128.20 for the past year, \$747,949.11 was collected and \$148,179.09 is delinquent, according to a report issued recently by Jesse Broshars, county assessor.

The total assessment for the year was \$908,128.20, of which \$747,949.11 was collected and \$148,179.09 was listed as delinquent.

Since June 30, 1930 a total of \$434,709.52 has been collected for fees, including automobile fees, and for interest and penalties on delinquent taxes.

Total resources on Dec. 31, 1930 were \$151,619.96, the report shows, from the various funds.

Claims allowed and warrants drawn since July, 1930 to December, 1930, amounted to \$135,523.10, while the outstanding warrants total \$1374.08 for the six months from July, 1930, until December, 1930.

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS CHARGES HIS PLEA: IS SENTENCED

George L. Williams, who has been held in the county jail for some time awaiting trial on a charge of larceny by bailer, yesterday decided to change his plea to guilty. The trial, which was scheduled to begin at 9 o'clock Friday morning, was therefore dismissed, and Williams was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

POPE'S VOICE HEARD OVER WORLD TODAY

Radio Message of Peace
to Mankind Voiced
From Vatican City.

BE YE DILIGENT, IS HIS MESSAGE

Addresses Remarks to
Rulers of World — "Let
Your Goods be Dispensed"
He Tells Rich.

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 12 (AP) — For the first time in history the pope today sent his voice to millions throughout the world in a radio message of peace to mankind.

Speaking from the Vatican, he was a veteran of radio broadcasting, he spoke over HJY, the new Vatican City radio station, built for him by Guglielmo Marconi and inaugurated in celebration of the ninth anniversary of his coronation as Pope Pius XI.

Senator Marconi, introducing the pontiff, spoke briefly before the address in which men and women were listening in far distant cities of the world.

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SEATTLE CLUB RAIDED; MANY ARRESTS MADE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12 (AP) — Federal agents smashed their way through three heavily barred doors of the Hong Kong Chinese society's club rooms here last night and found what they described as a flourishing barroom. Fifty customers, many of them fashionably gowned women, were present. Gladly consumed and served acted as hostesses and barkeepers and on tables were partly filled glasses and bottles of liquor and beer, the officers said. Several arrests were made.

The establishment, known as "The Bucket of Blood," because of its custom of serving beer in tin buckets or "growlers," agents said, is located in a section of the city commonly referred to as "below the line." A white woman posted behind a little bar, guarded by one of the heavy doors, was arrested as a lookout. Officials also said eight youths of school age were taken to police headquarters.

The police department immediately broadcast a lookout to all outlying precincts and its motorized forces in an attempt to intercept the bandit car and its occupants.

Police patrolling in automobiles released the subject after showing Johnson, the clerk, had failed to identify him.

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There was some mystery as to just how many men had participated. Three lead pipes were found in the station concourse. Johnson testified that he followed the man coming from another direction had threatened him with what he believed was a revolver. Since each sack weighed about 72 pounds, officials said three men were necessary.

At about the time of the robbery, a taxi driver reported he had seen a large black touring car leaving the station plaza at a speed of between 60 and 70 miles an hour. Police were instructed to search all garages.

Remove Prisoners To Hillsboro, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP) — Nelson C. Bowles and Irma G. Loucks, charged with the murder of Mrs. Leona Bowles, tomorrow will be moved from the Multnomah county jail to the new jail at Hillsboro, county seat of Washington county.

On a defense motion the murder case was transferred to Hillsboro.

Five Fraternities Ordered Locked Up

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 12 (AP) — Five fraternities involved in Wednesday morning's liquor raids have been ordered by the university committee on student affairs to lock their doors until September 1, 1931.

The order is effective immediately and after September 1 the houses may be opened.

Veterans' Relief Plans Narrowed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — Plans for veterans relief by the federal government were further narrowed today to increased loan payments.

The Fish plan for payment of 25 per cent of the face value of veterans certificates was changed at a morning meeting to call for a 25 per cent loan on face values.

The other plan is a loan proposal sponsored by Representative Bachrach, of New Jersey.

The committee heard Veterans Administration Hines and Ogden Mills, under secretary, but recessed until 2 o'clock without action.

Chairman Hawley said he hoped for a vote today.

Hawley said the Bachrach proposal would cost \$1,700,000,000 if all the veterans applied for loans. Previous estimates had placed the cost at \$500,000,000.

Umatilla Women Organize Auxiliary

PENDLETON, Feb. 12 (AP) — The Umatilla county branch of the Oregon Woolgrowers auxiliary was organized here yesterday with Mrs. George Rugg of Pilot Rock as president. Mrs. W. P. Mahoney of Heppner, state president of the auxiliary, acted as organizer. The objective of the auxiliary is to promote the use of wool and lamb.

FINED FOR CONTEMPT

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP) — C. H. Buffington, former district attorney of Curry county, and a Rogue River fish packer, was fined \$100 when he appeared in circuit court here yesterday on a charge of contempt of court.

Route Plotted For New Nicaraguan Canal To Relieve Panama's Traffic



The Panama Canal soon may be outgrown, so army engineers under Lieut.-Col. Dan I. Sultan (inset) have surveyed a route for a new canal through Nicaragua (map). The location of the Nicaraguan route in relation to the Panama canal is shown by map at lower right.

DARING HOLDUP NETS TORN CASH

Robbers Steal Mutilated
Currency Consigned
to U. S. Treasury

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — A daring holdup of a mail truck carrying registered pouches in the Union station here early this morning was announced by postal officials today as netting the robbers nothing but mutilated currency.

The stolen sacks, taken after a mail clerk had been beaten with lead pipe, contained only old bills out in half for shipment to the treasury department.

Police and government operatives watched many portions of the capital and its outskirts for the holdup men. The treasury department said the other halves of the mutilated bills had been received here in a previous mail shipment.

Mail Clerk Bludgeoned
The robbery occurred between two and three a. m. in the Union station concourse.

Peter Johnson, in charge of 28 sacks of registered mail being shipped from the federal reserve bank in New York to the treasury, was the mail clerk bludgeoned by the robbers.

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OAKLAND FIRE ACCIDENT, IS MAN'S STORY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP) — Frank Peacock, 18, who was a groom in the stables of the Oakland horse show Sunday night when fire destroyed the building and took the lives of four men and 40 show horses, said today a stableman who was accidentally responsible for the conflagration.

Peacock said there was considerable drinking among stablemen and grooms during the night. One of the men accidentally started a fire and the others tried to extinguish it themselves, instead of calling firemen, the youth declared.

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP) — A radio message received here today said that Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the turbine steam engine, died last night while on a cruise to the West Indies. He was 76 years old.

Sir Charles and Lady Parsons sailed from England last month on the Duchess of Richmond for a pleasure cruise in the West Indies and Caribbean. The ship was believed today to be between Havana and Jamaica.

Whether Sir Charles died at sea or in port was not stated. The news of his passing came as a great surprise to his friends as when he left England he apparently was in the best of health.

HOUSE OKAYS MEASURE FOR FREE BOOKS

Vote on Bill 45 to 15 —
Port of Portland Bill
Goes to Governor.

KIDDLE'S TOBACCO TAX IS APPROVED

Opposition Develops to
State Police Plan —
Lutherans Repudiate
Recent Statement.

SALEM, Feb. 12 (AP) — Most state offices were closed today in observance of the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, though the occasion did not check writers of the Oregon legislature. Other than a short time during the afternoon at which a joint session was called to pay honor to Lincoln, the two houses proceeded upon full calendar and special business orders. Governor Julius L. Meier's office also remained open.

The measure providing for tax collectors in counties outside Multnomah, as introduced by Representative J. E. Norton was re-referred to the committee on laws concerning minor amendments. Norton presented arguments for the bill before the motion was made. During the afternoon a debate on the old age pension bill held the spotlight in the house while the senate considered the 70-car limit for freight trains operating in the state. No new bills appeared in the house during the morning.

SALEM, Feb. 12 (AP) — The house of the Oregon legislature placed its spotlight upon the measure providing free textbooks to all pupils of public elementary schools in the state. The act, known as the free textbook bill, now goes to the senate. After more than two hours of debate the amended bill, eliminating high schools from its benefits, was passed by a 45 to 15 vote late yesterday.

Prior to this special order, the lower house also ended the legislative controversy over the manner of selecting the port of Portland commission, by approving the senate amendments to the Angel act with but one vote in opposition, that of P. O. Delap, of Clatsop. The measure which now goes to the governor names Harry L. Corbett, Kenneth D. Dawson, Rufus C. Holman and Hellman Lueddemann, members to fill vacancies occurring this June. All nine members will be elected after 1932 as their terms expire.

While these issues were being debated in the house, the senate, following three hours of debate, approved a measure which would curb the powers of the emergency board in authorizing deficiency appropriations. One limits biennial expenditures to five per cent of total legislative appropriations for state purposes, while the other leaves the amount to the ways and means committee. Three votes were cast against the measure. Criticism of revenue expenditures of more than half a million dollars by the board to meet deficiencies was reflected in the discussion.

Taking the place of the textbook bill, a pension measure will be placed for final vote today in the house. In addition a joint session of the two houses for observance of Lincoln's birthday will be held. Senator H. L. Eddy will address the session on this occasion as will also Colonel W. D. B. Mercer, sergeant of arms of the senate. Twenty-five other bills are on the calendar for passage during the day in both houses.

The vote.
The fifteen members voting against the textbooks measure were Representatives Fisher, Glass, Gouley, Hamilton, Helberg, McPhillips, Nash, Nyquist, O'Brien, Proctor, Mrs. Smith, Stewart, Thornburgh, Tompkins, and Weatherford. All members were present to vote.

Resenting attacks on the emergency board, Senators J. E. Staples, C. R. Eberhard and E. W. Miller attributed most of the departmental and institutional financial shortages to members of the board. The session which had no experience on that committee at previous sessions, and Senator Miller was particularly bitter in his denunciation of the board. He means a committee which he termed "an unholy alliance."

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WALLA WALLA MAN DEAD; NO CLUES FOUND

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 12 (AP) — Police were mystified here today over the death of Thomas Miller, whose badly crushed body was found in a ditch here. He had been missing for about 28 hours. Police said he had been dead about 30 hours when found and believed to have been killed after being lured to a house by a woman who was later found dead. Miller was found face down on the concrete floor at the rear of his automobile. His body was crushed, his nose broken and his head badly bruised. River moss clung to his face and his clothes were soaking wet.

Search for Miller began when his wife reported him missing. Tuesday night his car was seen parked on a side street. Police had uncovered no clues.

Ferry Free After 27 Hours In Ice

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Feb. 12 (AP) — The car ferry Chief Wawatam, with 103 persons aboard, was freed from the ice for 27 hours, three miles from Mackinac Island.

The passengers suffered but slight inconvenience.

Consolidation Of Banks Announced

TOLEDO, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP) — A consolidation of banks here brought the First National and the Lincoln county banks under one management today. Both are controlled by a \$50,000 corporation. The two institutions will have separate identities for the time being but ultimately will join under one roof.

W. M. Adair, president of the Lincoln county bank, and C. P. Moore, cashier of the First National, will be in charge.