

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD NO EARLY MEET

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HOOVER WORKS FOR BUSINESS RECOVERY

National Committee to Have Nothing to Say on Shaping Policies of Party.

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—James Francis Burke, general counsel of the Republican national committee, said today there would be no early meeting of the national committee because the country is suffering from an overdose of politics.

In a formal statement issued shortly after Senator Fess of Ohio, chairman of the committee, had said at the White House plans were being laid for intensive work of the organization, Burke said the committee would not attempt "to usurp the functions of the national convention in shaping political policies."

An overdose of politics, he said, "is one of the worst maladies that can afflict a nation, particularly when it is struggling to recover from an economic disorder and business depression."

President Hoover, he said, has been doing himself assisting in business recovery "with an intelligence and an industry unsurpassed if not unequalled by any other individual in any other government on earth."

"The national convention of the White House has been such continuous, intelligent devotion to duty," Burke said, "that it is regrettable that its economic equilibrium and time has come when more and more front seats and have more space on the front page."

"Our conduct," he said, "will be less critical and more constructive, more substantial. The political atmosphere will be more amenable and the business atmosphere will be more buoyant."

Not to Shape Policies

"The national committee, he declared, has nothing to do with shaping policies or nominating candidates. The national convention will do that as it always has done during the history of the party."

Senator Fess of Ohio, chairman of the committee, said today that the most intensive publicity campaign of sub-committees among members, and the speeding up of work of state Republican organizations would be undertaken at once and pushed with vigor.

"We have been running along easily," Fess said, "but the time has come when we must let the country know about the quiet, steady, constructive work that has gone on here under President Hoover. In other words, we are going to get into high gear."

Members of the national organization under Fess' plan, will be divided into groups to study problems between now and the 1932 campaign.

The formation of a special group to deal with midwestern agricultural problems, under the leadership of the executive director of the national committee, was announced today. An announcement of its formation, Robert H. Lucas said a primary purpose of a new advisory council for agriculture would be to disseminate information.

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HAROLD BOONE GIVEN OFFICE IN LIONS CLUB

Harold Boone began his new duties as secretary of the Lions club at the Monday dinner meeting last night at the Sacajawea Inn. Mr. Boone, who is also secretary of the chamber of commerce, succeeds Jesse Rosenbaum in the Lions club.

The meeting last night was devoted to a discussion of the coming convention of Oregon Lions in La Grande in June. Chief Thompson was appointed chairman of the finance committee to fill the place left vacant by Mr. Rosenbaum. Marcus Roesch was appointed chairman of the program committee. Starting immediately, members may pay for dinners at the door. Arrangements will be made to credit those who are paid up until April 1.

Fred Ferris Home Damaged By Fire

The fire department was called to the Fred Ferris home at Hall and 12th streets at 12:35 o'clock this morning. The house is outside the city limits.

The fire had a considerable start when the alarm was turned in, and the house and contents were damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars, it is reported.

Senator Eberhard Ill In Portland

SALEM, Ore., March 10 (AP)—Senator Colon Eberhard of La Grande was confined to his apartment here today, suffering from an attack of intestinal influenza.

The senator became ill Sunday following his return from Olympia where he spent Saturday attending the Washington legislature. He had been here before, and the physician said he will probably not be able to leave his apartment for several days.

May Be Deported For Loaning Auto

CHICAGO, March 10 (AP)—Because Edwin Chester Gardner, 21, loaned his automobile to friends for an Oregon car thief to use in a recent carjacking, his attorney said he faces an effort to deport him to Canada.

Gardner, born in Canada to American parents, entered the United States in 1924, and until two years ago lived in Yamhill county, Oregon. When it was proven that he owned the borrowed automobile, he was sentenced to 90 days in jail as an accessory.

Bowles Claims Wife Killed Self In Wild Frenzy

State Attempts Confusion Of Defense Witnesses— Calls Attention to Discrepancies.

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 10 (AP)—Statements of the defendants made a few days after Mrs. Leone Bowles, 34, was shot to death, were used by the prosecution today in an effort to convict Nelson C. Bowles and Miss Irene Loucks for her murder.

From transcripts of these statements, George Mowry, deputy prosecutor of Multnomah county, sought to confound the defense contention that Mrs. Bowles killed herself in a wild frenzy when she learned of her husband's intimacy with Miss Loucks, his former secretary.

Asked if he had any idea his wife might have been contemplating suicide when she went to the kitchen from the living room, Bowles said he had not, according to Shoenmakers' notes. He was questioned repeatedly on this point.

Bowles was quoted as having said he "had no idea" what his wife meant when she said "there is only one thing to do," and left the living room after being told of her husband's intimacies with his stenographer. It was immediately after this statement, according to Shoenmakers' notes, that the woman took her own life.

Spring Opening To Be Held Here Friday, Mar. 20

La Grande merchants will hold their annual spring opening on Friday evening, Mar. 20, it was announced today. All merchants are being invited to participate in the event, which will be held on Friday, March 21, is the first day of the spring season, according to the calendar.

An interesting program is being prepared, and merchants throughout the city intend to have their show windows displaying the latest models in clothing, furniture, etc.

Furniture will be announced in the Observer during the next 10 days.

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County Teachers Meet Monday At Elgin Schools

By W. V. Connor
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—The March meeting of the Union County Schoolteachers' association was held last evening in the high school building at Elgin with about 40 of the members present. At 6:30 a dinner was served by the home economics class of the high school. Following the dinner, each teacher present being supposed to respond with a story—and most of them did. A saxophone duet by "March Winds," was also a part of the dining room program.

Going to the assembly room the teachers were entertained with a short but very interesting program furnished by the Elgin school. Miss Stuart brought in a chorus of second and third grade pupils who sang three songs, "March Winds," "Pussy Willows" and "Puss in Boots."

A very clever playlet was given with a miniature stage and animated characters representing scenes from the poem, "Hiawatha." Children began with Monday's issue. The feature will be published each day in the Observer.

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Carpenters Will Hear C. O. Young

The La Grande carpenters will be held to a C. O. Young, of Tacoma, general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, at a dinner meeting to be held at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow night at the Sacajawea Inn. Mr. Young has been here before, and members are eagerly awaiting the meeting, at which he will be the main speaker.

Senators To Present NEA Features Daily Beginning Next Monday.

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To Build Gas Plant Soon at The Dalles

THE DALLES, Ore., March 10 (AP)—N. L. Nance, official of the Oregon Natural Gas corporation, announced yesterday work will start here immediately on a distributing plant. One hundred and fifty local men will be employed three months. The company, which was granted a franchise here last fall, completed a system in Bend last week.

NO LETUP IN BAD WEATHER OVER EUROPE

Cold Winds Sweep Quake- Torn Balkans—Deep Snow Over Rhine.

FIVE FISHERMEN REPORTED DEAD

High School Students Marooned But Rescued— Storm Worst in Years in Vermont.

By the Associated Press

Bitter weather continued general over Europe today. Cold winds swept the quake-torn Balkans.

Snow and rock avalanches destroyed telegraph lines and interrupted rail traffic at Chambéry and Thonon-les-Bains, France.

The black forest and Rhine Valley in Germany were buried under the deepest snow of years.

English roads were encrusted with ice or piled high with snow. Ships groped through blinding snow and were buffeted by turbulent waves.

New England and Upstate New York storms lifted, with drifts eight to ten feet high left on highways.

The Balkans tumbled a fourth time as disintegration continued beneath the Greek mountains. There were no additional damage of consequence.

FIVE DEAD IN NEW ENGLAND

BOSTON, March 10 (AP)—New England took account of stock today after a snowstorm had claimed the lives of five fishermen, endangered several motorists, and left washed up on Massachusetts shores the battered parts of a plane and a flier's helmet and goggles.

Eight fishermen, of H. High school students, their basketball coach and a chauffeur were found yesterday in the impassable drifts of snow that covered Crawford Notch, N. H., from the rest of the world. For 18 hours they were without food as the drifts piled higher and higher. Four of their number, who had gone for help, nearly perished in the snow. The fifth, a young man, was rescued by railroad workers and state highway men, who came upon them in an abandoned camp.

The four youths led the way back to their automobile, where the other six were huddled together for warmth as the snow gradually crawled to the window tops.

The storm, which had been on for long since and stopped functioning as the engine, soaked by melting snow, stalled.

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40 Prisoners Stay In Unlocked Cell

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 10 (AP)—Where the coffee and beans are found is home to 40 Little Rock prisoners.

Two officers making their rounds in the city jail last night discovered a cell open, and both ends, but all 40 inmates serving out \$15 to \$100 fines, were safely inside.

"Good coffee and beans here, cap'n," was the reason given by several of the prisoners for the failure to take advantage of the opportunity to escape.

How the doors chanced to be open was not learned, but they were closed just out of respect for proper prison etiquette.

Weird Sights To Be Seen at E. O. N.: "Don't Be Frightened," Is Warning

Queer creatures, sailors, pirates, shepherds, shepherds and fairies are going to invade the Eastern Oregon Normal school. But don't be alarmed, they warn, for the invasion won't result in any casualties. For it is only the production of "All at Sea," by David Stevens, an operetta in three acts, to be presented in the Normal school auditorium, March 19 and 20. Kermit Ragin has the leading singing role in the production.

The musical play contains a combination of the best areas of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, "H. M. S. Pinafore," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Patience," "The Mikado," and "Iolanthe," which were arranged and adapted for this purpose by Harvey Worthington Loomis.

The action of the operetta centers around the Good Ship Pinafore and the direction is in charge of Miss Jennie Peterson, director of music at the Normal. Miss Lena Foley, dramatic director; Miss Caroline Williams, are director. Rehearsals have been held almost every day and those

Progressives To Discuss Program Of Legislation

Five Senators to Lead Discussions on Main Subjects at Meeting To- morrow.

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Progressives who hope to hold the mastery of the next congress looked expectantly today to a meeting here tomorrow and next day as their legislative program took a more concise form.

Their principals already narrowed down to five general subjects, they know the principal propositions that will be debated under the guidance of five senators.

Each of the senators designated to lead a round-table discussion has advanced heretofore specific suggestions, he contends past administration has controlled houses arbitrarily killed. These proposals, possibly in a new form but embodying the same principles, unquestionably will come up for consideration at the meeting.

The expert debater from farm relief plan once more had become of political portent. Senator Borah, Idaho Republican, who ardently believes in the debenture plan and sought to limit the last tariff revision to agriculture, was chosen to guide one of the five round-table discussions.

Because of Borah's expressed belief that the farm board is a failure, the debate of farm relief under his direction is expected to develop into an open criticism of the administration.

PANTAGES MAY BE ARRESTED AGAIN

Preparings Complaints in
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MARION, Ky., March 10 (AP)—Captain Ira Baker, noted army pilot on a transcontinental flight, was arrested today by local police on charges of being a "love racketeer."

The arrest of Alexander Pantages, theatre magnate, and Jesse Shreve, wealthy San Diego real estate man, in connection with the investigation of the "Love Market" racket, was announced today by District Attorney Thomas A. Whelan.

At the same time Whelan stated that two complaints are to be issued against John P. Mills, San Diego oil man, charging statutory offenses against young girls alleged to have been committed in San Diego. Mills is already charged in Los Angeles with two counts of statutory assault upon Clarence Tauber, 10-year-old child, charged with "statutory" offenses against a girl "victim" of the Olive Day "bazaar" of youth.

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A report covering all known details of alleged offenses committed at exclusive San Diego resorts and including what were described as "midnight auctions of girlish youth" was submitted to Whelan this morning by Leslie T. White, investigator from Fitts' office.

The entire staff of investigators of the local district attorney's office has been assigned to the case by Whelan.

2,500,000 Feet Northwest Fir For Hoover Dam

PORTLAND, Ore., March 10 (AP)—Douglas fir lumber from the Pacific Northwest, 2,500,000 feet of it, will be used in the gigantic Hoover dam across the Colorado river.

This assurance was received from Charles A. Shea, of the J. P. Shea company, which, with the Pacific Bridge company, both of Portland, and four other companies, were low bidders on the project.

The only place in the world where such suitable lumber is from the Pacific Northwest," Shea declared.

Roughly, he will use 2,500,000 ft. of lumber in building Boulder City and the dam. It will be Douglas fir. Our purchasing agent will handle buying of the lumber."

By 1933 this dam must be completed, Shea said. There will be a penalty of \$3,000 a day for every day construction exceeds the time limit. So work will be pushed through day and night, three shifts of eight hours each—for seven years.

The successful bid of \$48,800,000 for the project did not include materials. The entire job will cost approximately \$80,000,000.

Wins Contest With Ten Commandments

CHICAGO, March 10 (AP)—"Thou shalt refrain from reading or writing thy love letters at thy desk, while thy boss waits and wonders at thy slowness in getting out that list of letters for him."

With this and nine other commandments for the business girl, Miss Kathryn Jarlesberg, an employee of a large Chicago concern, won a contest which the company staged to get suggestions for its personnel.

Another of the "ten commandments" was: "Thou shalt not be arrogant and overbearing to the office boy but treat the young lad as if he were a real human being, which indeed he is."

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GARBO, GILBERT HAVE DOUBLES



Hollywood thinks Tala Birell (upper left), a German actress, looks like Greta Garbo, (lower right), and that Valentin Parera (upper right), from Spain, resembles John Gilbert (lower left).

Capt. Eaker Hops Off To Test New Transport Plane

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McKinlay Speaks On Selling La Grande

The first meeting of the chamber of commerce under the leadership of the new board of directors was held at the Sacajawea Inn at 12:00 today.

Henry McKinlay, president of the chamber, presided. He called attention to the fact that the big job of the members is to sell La Grande to every citizen and then to the outside world.

He stated that the one with that idea there was a matter of great importance that should be discussed at the meeting. He called on Fred C. Hart, secretary of the chamber, to read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce of Oregon, who stated as follows: "I was at Pendleton last Thursday and heard a travelling man say that in the future he intended to stay away from Pendleton, Ore., because of the undue activity of the traffic officers in arresting visitors."

H. E. Coolidge followed with a statement that the Chamber of Commerce had discussed and there seemed to be something wrong in the present system. He said a list had been made showing that for the month from Feb. 7 to Mar. 7 there had been a total of 76 arrests for traffic violations, and of that number about 25 were visitors. In commenting on this Mr. Coolidge said: "We must have better regulations and we must have folks who know what they are, but we have spent considerable money in building up goodwill and this kind of advertising is not desirable."

Harley Richardson stated: "All towns are trying to encourage tourist travel. And any disparaging news regarding La Grande's treatment of tourists travels away from the city. Information should be available to the tourist. It would also be well to secure the assistance of those in charge of gas service stations in giving information that will be helpful to the tourist. A real estimate indicates that last year tourists spent upwards of \$300,000.00 in La Grande."

A. W. Nelson made the point that the Chamber of Commerce is in a position to make a proposition, and that the state traffic department in Oregon is trying to prevent the necessity of making arrests. He also called attention to the organized weekly bulletins that are issued by various large interests giving conditions of roads in all parts of the country, and also incorporating the names of "trap" towns which they suggested should be avoided.

E. P. McFadden stated that a traveling representative who has been spending considerable time in La Grande at regular intervals was (Continued on Page Five)

\$58,000 Due State On Inheritance Tax

PORTLAND, Mar. 10 (AP)—The state treasury should be \$58,019.84 richer in inheritance tax and interest, it was contended yesterday in an action filed in circuit court by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, against the Spaulding company and 14 heirs of the late T. S. Spaulding.

The Spaulding estate of the Spaulding building here, the Perkins hotel, and other downtown property said to have an aggregate value of \$1,829,000, died in 1927 in California, his estate being automatically divided among five children and nine grandchildren according to terms of a trust entered into in 1909.

Kay's brief contends the taxable estate amounted to \$814,000, and beginning in 1928, inheritance tax due the state amounted to 46,540, with interest at 8 per cent. The interest at the time of filing the suit was \$11,470.

Lumber Industry More Optimistic

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10 (AP)—Commerce on the Pacific coast made progress on the whole last week, new and important centers of trade reporting significant improvements.

San Francisco and tributary areas showed greater activity in building, with wholesale and retail trade responding to the improvement in employment with gains in various spots, though on the whole business remained rather sluggish.

Portland dispatches to the Bradstreet company here noted betterment in the lumber trade. Brightening of the industry's outlook, the barometer of the Northwest, was the source of optimism for Oregonians. Wholesale and retail trade made "fair" progress in Portland during the last week.

Inscription Tells Of King of Judah

JERUSALEM (Palestine), March 10 (AP)—The first inscription ever found containing mention of the tomb of any king of Judah, tribe of Israel, has been discovered by Dr. W. Sukenik, archaeologist at the Hebrew university.

It is on a limestone slab found in a collection of antiquities belonging to the Russian ecclesiastical mission. The four line Aramaic inscription refers to the burial place of "Jehoiachin, king of Judah," from 779 to 739 B. C.

Mutilated Body Of Brooks Girl Found In Sack

Ten Year Old Girl Had Been Missing Three Weeks—Evidently Slain by Fiend.

SAN DIEGO, March 10 (AP)—Apparently kidnapped and slain by a fiend, the body of Virginia Brooks, 10-year-old East San Diego girl, missing since February 11, when she vanished while on the way to school, was found, in an isolated section of Camp Kearny Mesa today virtually hacked to pieces. When found by a sheepherder the body was wrapped in burlap.

Deputy Sheriff Blake Mason, who was sent to the scene as soon as news was received that a body had been found, telephoned the sheriff's office that the girl had been decapitated and that both legs cut off. Mason also in formed the office that the girl apparently had been dead four weeks, but that the body had not been in the place where it was found for more than 24 hours.

The remains were in a burlap sack with found by the sheepherder. The herder told Deputy Sheriff Mason that he was certain the body was not there yesterday for he passed the scene and would have noticed it.

The Mesa is some fifteen miles north of San Diego, lying in an isolated section, little frequented.

Investigators were making a careful search to ascertain whether the body had been deposited from an automobile in hopes of finding clues to the slayer.

The girl disappeared the morning of February 11 en route to a grade school some distance from her home which was located on the outskirts of the city.

An intensive search was begun and produced dozens of clues in which the girl was reported to have been seen in most of the larger cities of Southern California.

Only one definite clue was culled out of these. A neighbor said he had seen an elderly man, dressed as a "hermit," take the girl to school in a car on several days preceding her disappearance but the morning she dropped from sight he did not apparently saw her after she left her home.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks, told officers, the family had no enemies and the belief was accorded that the girl had been a victim of a fiend. Brooks was a railroad worker and there is one other child in the family. He recently came here from Portland, Ore.

The body reminded officers of another brutal crime, carried out in a similar way in Los Angeles in December, 1927, when the body of Marion Parker, daughter of a banker, was abducted near her school and slain by William Edward Hickman. The killer was captured some weeks later and is now in the state penitentiary.

TAX MEASURE IS VETOED BY MEIER TODAY

Signs Intangibles Tax Bill Arranging For Re- fund of Taxes.

REDUCES SOME APPROPRIATIONS

Legislation Will Cause Three Amendments to Be Submitted at Next Election.

SALEM, March 10 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today vetoed one of the tax measures, that providing for a tax collector in counties outside of Multnomah, and reduced the sum appropriated for the Waverly baby home in Portland from \$40,000 to \$35,000. The bill taking off restrictions relating to veterans of Indian wars gaining admission to the old soldiers' home at Roseburg was also vetoed.

Included in the 16 bills signed today were the intangibles tax bill, the general refund of taxes in the event they are collected under unconstitutional laws and the return of the intangibles tax money collected under the 1929 act, following appeal to the U. S. supreme court of the lower court. The senate bill reducing the personnel of the ways and means committee from 20 to 14 members was also signed by the governor.

The vetoed tax collector bill was introduced by Representative J. E. Norton, Clatsop county, and others, and provided for the appointment of either the sheriff of a county or a special tax collector to secure back taxes payable. The governor stated the bill was vetoed as "legislation which unnecessarily creates a new office at this time."

Declaring that the customary course of vetoing the entire bill or items in a measure, Meier reduced the appropriation for the Waverly baby home, which was introduced as a lump sum of \$40,000. He approved \$35,000 of the sum but vetoed \$15,000.

Other bills signed by the governor included the bill giving to justice courts power of parole and the bill permitting motor vehicles to operate exclusively within boundaries of cities and within three miles of such boundaries without pneumatic tires until July 1, 1933.

To Consider Amendments

Three amendments to the state constitution will be submitted to the people at the next general election as the result of legislative action, a review of resolutions passed by the two houses revealed.

House joint resolution 5, introduced by Representative B. F. Nichols, of Douglas county, and Senator Eberhard, of Clatsop county, provides that those voting upon questions of levying special taxes or issuing public bonds shall be taxed.

House joint resolution 9, introduced by Representative A. W. Schaupp of Klamath Falls and Senator Jay Upson, of Clatsop county, proposed to amend the constitution by providing that by restricting taxing bodies from levying, without specific authorization, a greater amount of tax in any year than the amount of bond redemption or interest, than the amount levied in any one of three years immediately preceding plus six per cent.

The existing provisions of the constitution limiting the amount of tax to the year immediately preceding. The proposed amendment does not increase the levying power of any taxing authority but it assigns in the interest of tax reduction by permitting taxing bodies to take advantage of reduced levies for two years without affecting the base upon which subsequent levies can be made.

Senate joint resolution 4, introduced by Senator James Crawford, Multnomah, provides that any accused person in other than capital criminal cases, with the consent of the trial judge may elect to waive trial by jury and consent to be tried by the judge of the court alone.

Trumped An Ace; Goes Into Court

CHICAGO, March 10 (AP)—Perhaps the storm that piled snow drifts high and kept folks indoors was to blame. Anyway Mrs. Hattie Clout and Miss Adeline Healy were playing bridge during the storm. Mrs. Clout, accused of throwing a glass at Miss Healy, cutting her so badly she had to be taken to a hospital, told Judge Lean Edelman about it when she appeared and was admitted to probation.

"What," asked the court, "was the cause of the trouble?"

"I," said Mrs. Clout, "trumped an ace."

TEN COLONELS FOR GOVERNOR

SACRAMENTO, Cal. (AP)—Gov. James Rolph had received the consent of having a military staff, including 10 colonels. It will be the first time in California in 30 years that a military staff was appointed.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 10 (AP)—Grain prices tumbled back late today, led by corn. Selling broadened out after an early advance, and buying proved inadequate to absorb the increase, largely the result of attempts to realize profits. Wheat gave way with corn and on talk that before the new wheat crop commenced to move great efforts would be needed to relieve the market of old stocks.

Corn closed higher 3/8¢, cents lower, wheat unchanged to 1/4¢ down, and provisions unchanged to 47 cents setback.