

CHANDLER OF BAKER HEADS STOCK SHOW

Officers Elected at Meeting of Board of Directors Held Wednesday.

DINNER PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK

Legislators Will be Guests of Honor — Invitations Sent to Gov. Meier, Other Executives.

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(Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore., Mar. 26 (Special). — Permanent organization for the staging of the 1931 Eastern Oregon Livestock show here the second week of June, was completed Wednesday with the election of a president and other officers.

Eight of the nine directors elected Monday night were in attendance at the meeting, and Herbert Chandler, of Baker, was given the position of president. Mr. Chandler, breeder of purebred cattle and an exhibitor at the show and other Western shows for many years, has manifested a keen interest in the Union event for many years.

Other officers elected were: G. I. Hess, of Union, vice president; Tony D. Smith, of Union, secretary; and F. N. Fox, of Union, treasurer.

PRESENT PLAY AT HOTEL ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Sagunivria, the king of the south and the north, and a number of his royal subjects, will bring ancient history back to life again tomorrow evening when the dramatic society, under the sponsorship of the Neighborhood club, presents "And in the Tomb Were Found," a romance of ancient Egypt. The drama, in three acts, is a classical production in three acts, and educational because it is believed to reproduce history accurately. Miss Mabel Doty, chairman of the drama, has arranged to give a free ticket to each child who sells five tickets for the play.

Eight o'clock has been set as the time for the play to begin, and is being held in the large ball room of the La Grande hotel. The play was presented formerly at a meeting of the Young Women's Educational union and was so enthusiastically received that the board of directors of the Neighborhood club conceived the idea of presenting it again for the benefit of the La Grande public library, states Mrs. E. D. Towler, president of the Neighborhood club. The proceeds will be used to buy books for purchase of new books and to make repairs in the library.

WOMEN FINED, FAIL TO PAY; IN JAIL TODAY

Two women were fined in municipal court last night and the husband of one pleaded not guilty. Mrs. Wayne Taylor was sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 on a charge of disorderly conduct, and this morning she was not raised the money and was in jail.

J. H. Scott, Court Inspect Roads

J. H. Scott, state market road engineer with headquarters at Salem, was in La Grande Tuesday and made a survey of the county market roads accompanied by S. B. Morgan, county engineer, and members of the county court. The party examined the work that is now in progress on the Catherine Creek-Medical Springs market road, and on the Hilgard-Starkey road, and Mr. Scott expressed himself as being well pleased with the new developments as well as the general condition of the roads.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday. Freezing temperatures in the east and frosts in the west portion. Gentle changeable winds off-shore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—32 above.
Minimum: 30 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 42, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER MAR. 26, 1930
Maximum 63, minimum 44 above.
Condition: Clear.

O. S. C. BAND READY FOR CONCERT TONIGHT



Collegiate musicians on their 26th annual state trip are in La Grande today and this evening at 8 o'clock, will appear in concert at La Grande High. Their itinerary also included Union, Pendleton, Gresham, North Powder, Ontario, Baker, Enterprise, Arlington and The Dalles. The band, one of the oldest and most famous student musical groups in the west, is shown below in marching formation on O. S. C. Campus. Above is the saxophone quartet which plays special numbers. At the right are Captain H. L. Heard, veteran band leader, and Austin Dodge, student manager.

Board Re-elects School Principals And Supervisors

At the regular monthly meeting of the La Grande board of education which was held Monday evening all of the city school principals and supervisors were re-elected for another year. They are as follows: E. D. Towler, principal of the high school; Mrs. E. A. McEachran, principal of Central school; R. A. Wilkerson, principal of Greenwood school; Herbert Evans, principal of Riverside school; Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, principal of Willow school; Mrs. Gladys Douglas, supervisor of art and penmanship; and W. N. Nussbaum, supervisor of music.

41 Members Of O. S. C. Band In This City Today

After playing in the rain in Gresham, in the snow at Enterprise, and in perfect spring weather at other cities, 41 youthful members of the Oregon State College band, almost the same 41 who were chosen for a trip to Chicago last fall, arrived in La Grande this morning and have been busily engaged in playing almost since their arrival. At a concert at the high school at 1:30 today, under the direction of Capt. H. L. Heard, conductor, they were enthusiastically applauded. Tickets for the concert to be held at the high school tonight at 8 o'clock have been selling well, and a large audience is anticipated, alumni of Oregon State college in La Grande stated this morning.

In spite of the fact that they were nearly washed off the highway in a downpour between Portland and Gresham and avoided a near collision in Baker, they arrived safely in La Grande, martially clad in black and brown suits, with capes, and Sam Brown belts, the costume which they will wear during their engagements, which include besides the concert, tonight at the high school a parade down Adams avenue at 5:15, and a dance to follow the concert, at about 6:15 at Zubor hall.

Explains Defeat Of Appropriation

PORTLAND, Mar. 26 (P)—A Marion county farmer-teacher whom he did not name, and a few crocodile tears, were held responsible for the defeat in the senate of the \$25,000 biennial appropriation for the Oregon state chamber of commerce, by W. G. Ide, manager, who spoke at the annual meeting of the chamber here today.

Timothy Healy Is Dead In Ireland

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, March 26 (P)—Timothy Healy, veteran Irish statesman and first governor of the Irish Free state, died here at 7:50 p. m. this evening.

HEAVY SNOW AT MEACHAM

PENDLETON, Ore., March 26 (P)—During a storm in the mountains yesterday about ten inches of snow fell around Meacham, making the Old Oregon Trail slippery. Snow was also reported from other sections of the mountains with a drop in temperature the past two days. Today was bright with warm sun.

ENROLLMENT AT E. O. N. AT 407

Nine New Students Enroll During First Three Days of Spring Term

Registration of nine new students during the first three days of the spring term at the Eastern Oregon Normal school brought the year's enrollment to 407. It was announced today by H. E. Inlow, president. The enrollment at the close of the winter term was 398.

EDDY RETURNS \$235 TO THE STATE TODAY

SALEM, March 26 (P)—Senator B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, recently appointed hydro-electric commissioner, today returned his \$235 received as expense money during the 1927 legislative session to the state treasury. He recently had that the expense money was authorized under an unconstitutional resolution, and therefore can be collected by the state.

Liquor Question Before Governor

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 26 (P)—The question whether Illinois is to abandon its prohibition enforcement laws today was put up to Governor Louis Emmerson.

Future Deliveries Of Spuds Higher

CHICAGO, March 26 (P)—Future deliveries of potatoes swept sharply upward today on the Chicago mercantile exchange, the April delivery of Idahoes climbing 15 cents per hundred pounds to \$1.90. Good support for the market and a firm tone in the cash trade were responsible for an improved demand.

POSTAL EMPLOYE NOT FOUND

ASTORIA, Ore., March 26 (P)—Although federal, state, county and city officers were continuing their search for H. P. Peacock, missing assistant postmaster here, no trace of the man had been found today, officials announced.

SHIP IN NO DANGER

LOS ANGELES, March 26 (P)—The lumber steamer El Capitain which sent out an S O S early today saying it was grounded off San Antonio Point, 320 miles south of here, later radioed it was on a clay bottom and in no immediate danger.

100 Compete In Annual Contest At L. D. S. Hall

About 100 contestants from Imbler, Union, Baker and the La Grande First and Second Wards of the M. L. A. gathered in La Grande at the recreational hall last night to compete for the privilege of attending the grand finale in the annual contest which are to be held in Salt Lake City in June. The contest, which includes drama, recited stories, dancing and music, is an annual event with competition in the wards for participating in state honor day, and interstate competition in Salt Lake City, for national recognition.

Baker Girl Wins

The Gleaner Girl speeches are based on the M. L. A. slogan, which was chosen for this year, "We Stand for Loyalty, Adherence to Law, Day Saints Ideals." Neida Anderson of Baker Ward, received first place, speaking on "Prayer," Ida Nebeker, La Grande First Ward, second place, "Gathering Treasures of Truth," Stella Edvalson, Union, third place, "Intellectual Use of Leisure Time," Wilma Weimer, La Grande Second Ward, entered and spoke on "Making of a Home," and Mulla McClun, Imbler, spoke on the slogan.

Cent-a-Mile Rate Effective Easter

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 (P)—Competition among railroad lines, steamship companies and bus services will result in another "cent-a-mile" transportation rate for property owners during the Easter holidays, travel executives announced last night.

City Manager A. B. Cherry Scolds Office Seeker at Commission Meet

The city commission meeting last night was uneventful except for one short period—and during that time the "city dew" fell. It all happened when J. W. Ferdinand, who has been seeking the position of city inspector, now held by Fred Huffman, made some remark to the effect that City Manager A. B. Cherry treated him "unjustly" when he refused to hold a private conference with him away from the city office. Mr. Cherry, who was in the room, stated that it was not his business to be involved in his office and not somewhere else, and he further stated that if it wasn't city business, he didn't want to hear it. He informed him, however, that he was ready to give him a "pleasant hearing" at any time in his office.

MEIER URGES 70 PER CENT EXPENSE CUT

Letter Sent Out to All Heads of State Departments, Boards, Etc.

GOVERNOR ASKS STRICT ECONOMY

Padded Payrolls and Incompetent Employees Mentioned — Extravagant Expenses Listed.

SALEM, March 26 (P)—A 70 per cent reduction in the cost of operating the various state departments, boards, commissions and institutions was urged by Governor Julius L. Meier in a letter sent out last night to all official heads. Strict economy in the conduct of state business was the order stressed in the communication.

"The state has been confronted with a steadily increasing deficit for several years," the governor's letter stated. "By slashing expenditures to the bone we can accomplish much toward wiping out this deficiency. By applying business methods to the state's rigid economy, you can help to transfer the financial affairs of the state from the red to the black column of the ledger."

"According to the state budget commission, the state deficit now approximates \$3,000,000," the letter continued. "This represents a material increase over the preceding biennium and emphasizes the absolute need of retrenchment in state expenditures."

Figures prepared by the state budget commission disclose that the payroll for the state for the previous biennium totaled \$16,853,039. In addition to an apparent lack of uniformity in salaries paid, there are many instances where the payroll has been padded and employees are incompetent.

INVESTIGATION OF TELEPHONE CO. ORDERED

SALEM, March 26 (P)—Charles M. Taylor, utilities commissioner, last night ordered a full investigation of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Captain Is Killed When Auto Crashes

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 26 (P)—Captain M. Manning, of Spotswood, quartermasters corps, Port Worden, Port Townsend, Wash., was killed, his wife critically injured, and Isidor C. Diaz, Filipino merchant seaman, fatally injured in an automobile accident on the Pacific highway 40 miles south of here last night.

Two Occupants Of Crab Boat Drown

ASTORIA, Ore., March 26 (P)—Towing seas off the mouth of the Columbia river swamped a crab boat and drowned Alan Hendrickson, 42, and Fred Finnell, 25, its occupants. Both lived in Warrenton. Their bodies were found yesterday.

WORLD GRAIN CONFERENCE CONTINUING

Mussolini Says Under-Consumption to Blame, Not Over-Production.

SAYS LIMITATION AT PRESENT RASH

Forty-Six Nations Represented at Sessions in Rome—Sharp Controversy Wednesday.

ROME, March 26 (P)—The world's wheat crisis comes not so much from over-production but from under-consumption, Premier Mussolini told the inaugural meeting of the world grain conference here today.

"Therefore," he said, "it would be rash indeed to call for limitation of cultivation of cereals when in the world there are all too many people poverty-stricken and grievously distressed."

Bread, he said, has somewhat been replaced by more choice types of food with improved standards of life among the masses.

Forty-six nations, including the United States, are represented at the conference, which has as its task the solution of the problem of the international wheat surplus. Among those attending are John A. Simpson, of Oklahoma City, president of the National Farmers' Union, and C. W. Crowder, of St. Albans, Vt., president of the American Wheat Growers' association.

Among the specific problems which the conference will attempt to solve are means for reducing world wheat production, stimulation of consumption, lowering the cost of transport and exchange, and the facilitation of agricultural credit.

OFFICERS ARREST SLAYER OF MANY

Prisoner is Fred Burke, Wanted for Many Crimes—Authorities Say.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 26 (P)—Fred H. Burke, notorious killer and robber indicted for the St. Valentine's day massacre of seven gangsters in Chicago in 1929, was arrested in a farm house near Milan, Mo., today and brought to St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 26 (P)—Detectives today arrested a man and woman, who they said had been identified through fingerprints as Fred Burke, long sought Chicago gangster. Officers said rewards totaling \$60,000 had been offered for Burke's apprehension.

A dozen murders and robberies totaling nearly a million dollars are charged against Burke by various police departments. Some of the crimes with which he is charged are:

Ransom kidnappings in Detroit over a period of eight years, \$220,000.

Bank robbery, Toledo, Ohio, \$200,000.

Bank robbery, Peru, Ind., \$60,000.

Bank robbery, Jefferson, Wis., \$32,000.

St. Valentine's day massacre, Chicago, seven men slain.

Apartment killing, Detroit, two slain.

Bank cashier wounded in Louisville, Ky., robbery.

Slaying of Parmesan Charles Skelly, St. Joseph, Mich.

Guardsmen, Cold Breezes Drive Crowd to Homes

Nine Negroes Held For an Alleged Attack on Two White Girls "Bumming" Way on Freight.

SCOTTSDORO, Ala., March 26 (P)—Cold breezes from the mountains, about 70 national guardsmen and the sheriff, his nine deputies and several citizens today preserved quiet around the jail here where nine negroes are held for an alleged attack on two white girls who were "bumming" their way from home on a freight car. A mob that varied from 100 to 300—including local citizens and mountaineers who came to town astride mules and in automobiles—menaced the jail last night and the guardsmen were called. The crowd lingered for some time, but as the cold of a mountain night increased all but a score dispersed to more comfortable places.

Former Oregon Girl Slain; Man May Surrender

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 26 (P)—Elliott R. Hathaway, of Fall River, sought for the murder of Verna Russell, student nurse, in Tiverton Tuesday, surrendered to Attorney General Benjamin M. McManis here today.

Russell's body, badly battered, was found in a ditch early Wednesday morning.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 26 (P)—District Attorney William O. Crowley said today that he had been notified by the family of Elliott R. Hathaway, charged with the slaying of Verna Russell, that he had been in the Providence hospital, that Hathaway would probably surrender to the Rhode Island authorities some time today.

Mrs. Louis E. Hathaway, mother of Elliott, said that her son, called Dr. Louis Hathaway, his brother, by telephone early today and that the doctor had left to join his brother. She said that she did not know where Elliott was.

Vernon V. Galvin, a Fall River friend of Hathaway, was released from jail at Newport on \$5,000 bond, and told police that Hathaway had come to him with a story of a holdup in which Miss Russell was attacked while they were out riding.

"Police found the student nurse's body in a Tiverton lane Tuesday morning after Galvin had told them Hathaway's story."

BORN IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 26 (P)—Miss Verna Russell, slain Newport, R. I.

Ruth McCormick To Wed, Rumors Say

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 26 (P)—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, former Illinois congresswoman, refused today to either affirm or deny reports that she and former Representative Albert Simms of New Mexico were engaged to be married.

"I am not engaged," she said, "and will neither affirm nor deny the report," she said. "I will make no statements."

Coyle Elected, Is Re-count Verdict

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., March 27 (P)—The contest over the election of a congressman in the 30th Pennsylvania district was decided today in favor of William R. Coyle, Republican, who was declared elected last November and so certified to Washington. The contest was brought by Everett Kent, Democrat, who was defeated on the face of the official returns by 882 majority.

Farmers to Plant Less Wheat, Report

WASHINGTON, March 26 (P)—Farmers were reported by the department of agriculture today as intending to plant this year 4.9 per cent more acreage of corn, 23.9 per cent less acreage of durum wheat, and 12.9 per cent less acreage of other spring wheat than was grown for harvest last year.

DIES OF SHOCK

WINNIPEG, Man., March 26 (P)—Morton Fisher, of Cleveland, Ohio, died from shock following derailment last night of a Canadian Pacific train 16 miles west of Swift Current, Sask., railway officials said today.

ELMER E. CROWLEY ELECTED MERCHANT FLEET PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 26 (P)—Elmer E. Crowley, of New York, today was elected president of the Merchant Fleet corporation, a position carrying a salary of \$18,000 a year.

BOWLES USED KNIFE, STATE TELLS JURY

District Attorney, in Arguments, Accused Miss Loucks of Assisting.

TRIAL NEARING THE END TODAY

Defense Ready to Follow Prosecution With Arguments Designed to Refute Charges.

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 26 (P)—The definite charge that Nelson C. Bowles, Portland millionaire, plunged a long-bladed knife into the heart of his wife while his former secretary, Miss Irma Loucks, held the prominent society matron, was shouted at the jury in the murder trial today by Lotus L. Langley, district attorney of Multnomah county.

The jurymen, solemn-faced and attentive to the point of eagerness, heard the state of Oregon demand that they convict on a murder charge a millionaire and his former secretary for the slaying of the millionaire's young and attractive wife.

And as the state demanded a penalty be exacted, Bowles, the capitalist, and Miss Loucks, the secretary, sat behind their battery of brilliant attorneys while the many eyes in the crowded courtroom sought them out as the prosecution in bitter terms renounced them as responsible for the knife death of Mrs. Leone Bowles.

Later in the day defense attorneys were to advance their concluding arguments in an attempt to prove to the jury that Mrs. Bowles took her own life—thus making the slaying a suicide. The defense attorneys took the knife death of Mrs. Loucks' apartment last Nov. 12.

The state contends Mrs. Bowles was murdered—killed because she stood in the way of continued association of the millionaire and the secretary.

The defense argues the woman took her own life in a fit of despair and anger after discovering the extent of her husband's intimacies with the young and not unattractive secretary.

"We represent not only the state but the deceased woman," Langley declared. "We are here in her behalf and in behalf of her two children who have a right to know if their mother left them voluntarily or involuntarily."

"These children must know whether their father is directly or indirectly responsible for her death," he said.

Langley then reviewed in detail the intimate association of the millionaire and the girl, admitted by the defendants themselves when they took the witness stand in their defense.

"They were constantly informed," the district attorney continued, "at how they were being attracted, this woman—the mother of his children—and they continued to go on."

"One of these people held the woman while the other used the knife," Langley shouted.

REBELS FALL INTO AMBUSH; SEVERAL DIE

RANGOON, Burma, March 26 (P)—A charmed bull elephant led a band of Burmese rebels who trusted his leadership implicitly, into an ambush of death near Insein, on the road to Mandalay.

The band of 100 insurgents, following the wake of the charging lumbering pachyderm, ran head on into a well-planned ambush under a Burmese officer at Kindpaik. The police shot the riders of the elephant and the rebels became demoralized.

They fled into the jungle, carrying the first rush of the 1931 domestic wheat harvest were current owing to likelihood of an abnormal premium for old wheat at the end of the season in June.

Wheat closed irregular, 1/4 cents lower to 1/2 higher, corn 1/4 to 1/2 down, oats unchanged to 1/4 up, and provisions at 5 to 12 cents decline.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 26 (P)—Sudden tightening-up of prices for July delivery of wheat rallied all grains late today from early downturns. Closing of spreads between July and September wheat, as well as between wheat and corn and between Chicago and other cities, accompanied the rise.