

OLSON SAYS EAST OREGON HAS OIL, GAS

Speaks at Meeting of Chamber of Commerce at Noon Today.

TO BEGIN SURVEY OF THIS COUNTY

Predicts One of Great Oil Fields of West Will Be Developed Within 100 Miles of Baker.

Predicting that one of the greatest oil and gas fields in the west would some day be developed within a 100-mile radius of Baker, Ore., Dr. D. E. Olson delivered an interesting address as today's guest speaker at the chamber of commerce luncheon at the Sackajaw Inn. Dr. Olson will begin an oil survey of Union county in the near future, a survey that will be sponsored by several La Grande men.

Oregon would have as great oil fields today as any other states were it not for overproduction in other places, he said. He believes that this state has the best reason for "going to fight to develop them as long as I live, because I believe I'm right."

Similar Conditions Here

He pointed out that the same conditions exist in Eastern Oregon as in other producing sections, and challenged any man to meet him in debate, promising to give a hunting reason why there should be oil and gas to match one reason to the contrary.

Remarkable on the hot springs in this district, Dr. Olson said, this condition would favor rather than oppose the probability of oil deposits. He said that as yet he had no spot to give for drilling with a prospect of the one now in operation at Unity. Incidentally, he said that the drill at Unity passed through 105 feet of carbon and paraffine, one of the largest known deposits in the world.

"There's gas and oil all around us," he said, giving this as one indication that there should be deposits in this section.

No Failures, He Says

Concerning his record, he said that at no time when a well was drilled to the depth he recommended, did it fail to produce. "If you will drill as deep as I recommend, you'll get what I tell you," he added, adding "I'm on record that this will be one of the biggest

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ROE FUNERAL WEDNESDAY AT TEN AT UNION

Funeral services for Mrs. C. D. Roe, La Grande pioneer, will be held at the Cook Brothers undertaking parlors at Union tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Burial will take place in the Union cemetery.

Mrs. Roe, who passed away at the home of her son in Portland, Ore., where she went in January to visit with her sons and a daughter, was 70 years and nine months of age. She came to the Grande Ronde valley 27 years ago, crossing the plains from Kansas.

She is survived by the following children: Jasper, James, Scott, of Payette; Horace, Stanford, Karl, King and Jewel, of La Grande; Maud Conyers and Hattie Gabhart, of Payette; also several grandchildren.

Corvallis Man's Suit Dismissed

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 7 (AP)—The suit of Silas A. Lazarus, Corvallis, Ore., sprinkling cart driver, for a son's share of the \$2,000,000 estate of the late Sam Lazarus who died here Mar. 6, 1926, was dismissed in federal court today after Lazarus' attorney read a statement in which the plaintiff admitted he was not the illegitimate son of the former railroad executive.

Attorneys for Lazarus and for the defendants, the widow and daughter of Sam Lazarus, said no settlement had been made.

Portland Reports Huge Earth Slide

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7 (AP)—Damage amounting to several thousand dollars resulted today when a huge earth slide swept down from the bluffs back of St. Vincent's hospital and piled up against the rear of the building.

The lava-like flow of yellow clay took out trees, fences and shrubbery. Firemen were standing by against the possibility of fire from the part of the basement of the hospital.

Tons of earth were crowding close to the front door of J. C. Herling. An automobile across the street from his house was caught in the slide and damaged.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, except in the northwest portion unsettled, probably with showers. Cooler in the south and east portions tonight. Moderate west to northwest winds off shore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—45 above.
Minimum: 43 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 62, minimum 45 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER APR. 7, 1930

Maximum 73, minimum 46 above.
Condition: cloudy, 13 of an inch of rain.

School Winners To Compete Here Friday, Apr. 10

County Declaratory Contest Will Be Held at 7:30 O'clock at Eastern Oregon Normal.

Union county is to have a declaratory contest this year for the first time, according to announcement received from county school superintendent E. A. Sayre. Many other counties in the state have been holding such contests for several years, and have found them interesting and worth while.

The County School Declaratory contest will be held in the auditorium of the Eastern Oregon Normal school next Friday evening, April 10, at 7:30. There will be no charge for admission, and the public is cordially invited to witness the contest.

The list of entrants is as follows:

Lower grades, non-humorous: "The Dollys, Bazar," Betty Dolan, Island City; "The Last Leaf," Maurice Clyde, Riverview; "Little Boy Blue," Mildred Hardy, Elgin.

Lower grades, humorous: "Sain't Things," Jack Cummins, Imbler; "Her Reflection: After the Ball," Violet Wells, Valeria; "Counting Eggs," Phyllis Courtwright, Riverview.

Upper grades, non-humorous: "Tramp Soldier," Billy Duncan, Cove; "The House by the Side of the Road," Jean Salkeld, Fruitdale; "The Highwayman," Ruth Merritt, Elgin.

Upper grades, humorous: "Old Chums," Bert Niel, Island City; "Long or Short," Merrill Orton, Cove; "Daisy's Dream," His Flying Machine," Lyle Coe, Imbler.

High school, dramatic: "The Fiddle Told," Kathryn Green, Union; "Nydia, the Blind Girl of Pompey," Lillian Lillard, New Powder; "The Settler's Story," Robert Duncan, Cove; "The Drowning Sinner," Olive Gorman, North Powder.

High school, humorous: "Stage Manager Calls a Rehearsal," Howard Pottratz, Imbler; "The Little Black and White Kitty," Larry McCool, Cove; "A Similiar Case," William Lillard, New Powder; "Alvin Jones Studies Geography," Fawn Geerten.

Gold medals are to be furnished by the Union county chamber of commerce and will be presented to the winners at the close of the contest. The judges will be members of the La Grande High school faculty.

Those winning first places in this contest will go to Arlington on April 18 to meet the winners of similar contests in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Cherry Wine Is Tested And Man Is Fined \$50.00

Scientific experiment proved to be too much for the alleged non-alcoholic content of Robert Lutton's cherry wine and Mr. Lutton, who lives at the north end of Birch street, was fined \$50 and costs by Justice I. Denham as a result. The experiment was conducted by Miss Mary Druley, science instructor at the high school, and Elmo Stevenson, of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, after the wine had been taken from the Lutton home.

When federal prohibition enforcement officers called on Mr. Lutton and found the wine Mr. Lutton declared it was only fruit juice with no alcoholic content. After examining the wine the prohibition enforcement officers found that it had reached a high alcoholic percentage, about 12 or 14 per cent, and had stopped "working."

Because of the syrupy consistency of the wine a hydrometer could not make the test, and it was, at this point, through the co-operation of Miss Druley and Mr. Stevenson, that officers were able to prove the wine was of the confiscated wine.

A small distilling outfit, the property of the high school, was set up and some of the alcohol distilled out, and when a lighted match was touched to the little pool of alcohol it burst out in a blue flame.

This was Mr. Lutton's first offense.

Prairie Provinces Consider Mr. Legge

WINNIPEG, Apr. 7 (AP)—The Manitoba Press today says:

Among those prominently mentioned for the prairie provinces to represent the prairie provinces of the royal commission inquiry into futures trading on grain exchanges is Alexander Legge, recently federal minister of the interior, and a member of the federal farm board.

Mr. Legge has failed so far to confirm or deny such an offer being made, it was learned here.

Identify Suicide As Missing Husband

YUMA, Ariz., April 7 (AP)—Mrs. Helen Bell, of Los Angeles, today identified the body of a man known here as William A. Lee, publisher-editor of the Yuma Sentinel, as that of her missing husband, Hutton Bell, who disappeared from Altus, Okla., more than a year ago. Bell committed suicide by sending a bullet through his brain yesterday.

"I am positive that is my husband," Mrs. Bell said after viewing the body.

She revealed an investigation of Lee had been going on here for about a week although yesterday was the first she knew of it.

Umatilla's First White Child Dead

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 7 (AP)—Richard I. Stewart, 81, mining man, said to have been the first white child born in Umatilla county, died in his sleep last night from a heart attack.

Stewart was born at Meacham in 1850. He lived near Pendleton and Ukiah for several years, but for the past 28 years had resided at Susanville, Grant county. He came here in February. A daughter, Mrs. Edna Mann of Tacoma, survives him.

NEW SENATOR



He's the new United States senator from Vermont, Warren H. Austin, above, running as the Republican candidate, won the special election to fill the seat held by the late Senator Frank L. Greene. Austin, a prominent attorney and former state legislator, defeated his Democratic opponent, Stephen M. Driscoll, by a majority of almost two to one.

EDUCATORS WILL MEET IN SPOKANE

Many From La Grande In Attendance—Students Play in Orchestra.

Classes at the Eastern Oregon Normal school adjourned this afternoon until next Monday morning in order to allow members of the faculty to attend the annual convention of the Inland Empire Education association which is to open in Spokane tomorrow morning, and continue through next Friday.

Among those who will make the trip are Miss Esther Mickelson, Mrs. Elmo Stevenson, Miss Jennie Peterson, Miss Caroline Williams, Miss Stevenson, Miss Amanda Zabel, Ed. Ward Daniel, Miss Lena Foley, Miss Madeline Larson, R. L. Sken and Miss Kate House.

High school classes will continue as usual, though Superintendent J. T. Longfellow, Principal E. D. Towler, and the board of directors are attending the convention. Mr. McEachran is acting principal in the absence of Mr. Towler and Miss Winona Lewis is substituting for Mr. Grapner.

Biggest Meet of Season

The Inland Empire meeting is the biggest education event of the year. It is predicted that 1,000 or more school officials from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Some of the most prominent authorities in national education circles are among the speakers. Several other education organizations hold meetings at the same time.

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COURT DENIES INJUNCTION TO OUST PICKETS

SALEM, April 7 (AP)—The Oregon supreme court today denied a temporary injunction against picketing theatres pending an appeal from Multnomah county for a permanent injunction against the trade union.

The case is a joint one brought by the theatre, the Grand Opera house, the Morland theatre and the Dunn company of Portland against the Portland Moving Picture Machine Operators Protective Union. The original complaint charges the union of instituting picketing campaigns against them and of maintaining these campaigns for months. The theatres request a permanent injunction stating the strike period had run its course long enough, and that pickets are doing irreparable damage to their business. The Dunn company since has dropped from the case because of change in ownership, and motion to withdraw was granted.

Catholic Clergy Celebrate Today

THE DALLES, Ore., April 7 (AP)—Catholic clergy from many sections of Oregon and Washington were here today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Edw. O'D Hynes, the first priest ordained in the Baker diocese.

Bishop McGrath, of Baker, and Bishop Kelly of the Boise diocese, the latter the first native son of this diocese and member of a pioneer family here, were present for the service. Bishop McGrath delivered the sermon.

\$52,356,395 Federal Aid Contracts Let

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—The bureau of public roads today reported to the president's emergency employment committee that \$52,356,395 in federal aid highway contracts were let during March.

In addition, Thomas H. MacDonald, bureau chief, reported that \$1,860,197 of federal primary road contracts and \$81,300 of federal park road contracts were awarded.

The highway aid contracts for the month were \$39,247,631 larger than the corresponding month of 1930.

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NEA Los Angeles Bureau

MICHIGAN TURNS DOWN DEATH BILL

Capital Punishment Rejected Overwhelmingly at Yesterday's Election.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Apr. 7 (AP)—Meager unofficial returns this afternoon showed a two to one lead for C. J. Blinn over J. C. Walton, ousted Governor, in the mayoral election. Complete returns from 50 out of 170 precincts gave Blinn 3,401 votes; Walton 1,375. Even in the Walton wards Blinn was neck and neck with his opponent.

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Kid McCoy Asks Pardon; Notables Sign Application

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., April 7 (AP)—An application for a full pardon, allegedly signed by men prominent in national affairs, was in the making or in official hands today, and Norman Selby, known in the fight world as Kid McCoy, the applicant, awaited action in his prison cell here.

McCoy, who has been in this prison since April 11, 1925, following a conviction for manslaughter, is a Los Angeles sweetheart December 29, 1924, yesterday announced he had applied to Governor James Rolph Jr., for a full pardon. But the governor's office declined to take McCoy's application, saying it was not in McCoy's hands.

The former pugilist said the movement for parole was started by John Vincent Lucas, Washington, D. C., magazine editor and that the application was signed by thirty-seven persons, including the noted signers, he said, were Al Smith, Senators Royal S. Copeland and Robert F. Wagner, New York, and Mayor James Walker of New York City and Asa Keyes, his prison mate, who as Los Angeles' district attorney convicted the former pugilist of the murder of Mrs. Theresa Moers. He has written letters to Governor Rolph urging the pardon.

In his application the former boxer stated he had received numerous offers of employment, one from Henry Ford, which he would accept if the pardon is granted. Another offer, he said, came from Bernard McFadden, magazine publisher and physical culture exponent, whom Selby said wanted him to write a series of articles. William Muldoon, New York boxing commissioner, offered further employment, he said.

Selby's parole application is due to be heard on the June calendar when he will have served a total of twenty-five year sentence. He declared in the application that Mrs. Moers killed herself. She was to have become his ninth wife at the time of the slaying.

Indian Wizards To Die For Sacrifice

PATNA, India, April 7 (AP)—Two local wizards today were sentenced to death for having made a living sacrifice of a young boy in the practice of their black magic.

Evidence showed that the sorcerers first kidnapped the boy, an unusually handsome fellow, and then murdered him on Bharti night, which is considered auspicious for sacrifices.

The head of the boy was severed with one strike of the knife, as in the case in a goat sacrifice. The remaining part of the body was then thrown in a well.

Admits Wrecking Passenger Train

HENRYETTA, Okla., April 7 (AP)—George Darnell, 38, discharged section hand, yesterday pleaded guilty in superior court to wrecking a passenger train here August 18, 1929, in which thirteen persons were killed. Darnell was arrested last night in Parsons, Kans.

Judge J. Harry Swan said he would pass sentence this afternoon. Darnell pleaded guilty to murder charges. Confronted with pictures of the wreck, Darnell broke down and wept. He told the court he had been discharged the day before and thought if he could wreck a freight train by "cocking" a switch he could secure the discharge of his foreman.

To Release Woman Held For Slaying

NICE, France, April 7 (AP)—Magistrate Vachier said today that Mrs. Charlotte Nixon—Nirdlinger of St. Louis, Mo., will be temporarily released within five days on the charge of slaying her husband, Fred Nixon—Nirdlinger, Philadelphia theater owner.

Boards to Meet In Salem; Meier Reports Today

Governor Sees No Reason Why Sessions Ordinarily Should Be Held in Other Cities.

SALEM, April 7 (AP)—The meetings of all state boards and commissions coming within the jurisdiction of the executive office will hereafter be held in Salem, except in extreme cases where the application for such a local police would work undue hardship or impair the efficiency and increase operating expenses of particular departments, Governor Meier told the Capitol Journal in commenting upon his action in summoning the newly appointed members of the game commission to meet here for organization purposes next Monday.

At the same time the governor announced that to the extent of available facilities for housing them, where the advantages of such centralization are not preponderated by other economic considerations, the offices of all boards and commissions subject to his control will be centralized in the Capitol, the new state office building and the newly acquired building adjoining the state house grounds.

Behind the governor's announcement should not be held in Salem, except in unusual instances where such meetings might work a particular hardship and result in increased expense to the state," said Governor Meier.

The offices of the executive department and the secretary of state and the state treasurer, with which all of these boards and commissions have to do business, are all located in the Capitol. It costs unnecessary money to have secretaries, clerks, auditors and other employees of the departments, board and commissions chasing back and forth and up and down the state highways, the business they have with other departments.

"Salem is designated as the state capital," he said, "and the capital and other buildings, including the state departments and there is no reason why they should not be so used."

The governor's announcement is also understood to be a determination to keep the executive offices in closer touch with the departments for which he is responsible and to make department heads accessible.

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GAME HEADS TAKEN FROM COMMISSION

Governor Meier Appoints Five New Members For Positions.

MEET IN SALEM MONDAY, REPORT

Action in Line With His Recent Promise to Make a "Clean Sweep" of Several Groups.

SALEM, April 7 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today appointed five new members to the state game commission, wiping out the entire old commission with one sweep. The new appointments are effective today, and the new officials have scheduled a meeting in Salem next Monday at which time organization will be effected, with possible appointments to warden positions. What changes, if any, are contemplated in the warden list could not be ascertained.

The new commission members are: Marshall Dana, Portland; Dr. J. C. Vandervort, Bend; M. P. Corrigan, McMinnville; Irving Vining, Astoria; and Carl Silvan, Baker. Corrigan was a former member of the commission under the late Governor L. L. Patterson, but was removed by Governor A. W. Norblad. The terms of the new commission members had not yet been designated today.

The commissioners removed by the executive action today are J. E. Cullison, Portland; Wilfred Allen, Grants Pass; David Evans, Eugene; Harry Pool, Klamath Falls, and S. R. Thompson, Pendleton.

The governor did not make any comments in the appointments. No reasons for the removal of the old commission were given. The governor intimated he was following his policy of naming business men on the boards and commission wherever he deemed a change advisable. Other changes in the force are also expected.

Dana is a member of the Oregon Journal editorial staff, while Vining was formerly president of the state chamber of commerce. Corrigan is well known, formerly being a member of the commission, removed by Norblad to place David Evans on the board. Vandervort is a physician at Bend while Silvan owns a laundry and has other business interests at Baker.

Dana draws the long term, succeeding Allen on the commission.

MURDER RING SUSPECTED BY POLICE HEADS

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 7 (AP)—With three of his countrymen in jail accused of slaying Naikawai Watanabe, a Japanese, police strove today to learn whether the slaying was related to the mysterious deaths of 20 other members of the Japanese colony as the work of a murder syndicate.

Watanabe was slain with an axe, which police said they had recovered at the bottom of a water-hole, to which they were directed by one of the suspects.

The authorities are working on the theory that the suspected murder ring operated to collect insurance on the lives of its victims. Insurance company representatives are taking part in the investigation.

Among the deaths to be investigated are several which occurred in a private hospital. Three of the deaths occurred in one family.

Distinguished Men Talk About Weather

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Two distinguished men talked today to the weather long enough today to delay the president's cabinet meeting.

After a fifteen minute visit with President Hoover, Governor Norman of the Bank of England said: "We talked about this blizzard. Can you imagine talking about anything else?"

He stood for a moment in the rain and snow while photographers made his picture.

Arabs Arrested For Killing Jews

HAFIA, Palestine, April 7 (AP)—A number of Arabs in villages near Yaghour, not far from here, have been arrested by officers investigating the slaying of three Jews and wounding of four more Sunday night.

Then thousand Jews followed the coffins of those killed to the cemetery.

All Palestine has been shaken by the slaying. The three Jews were returning peacefully to their homes when attacked. Jewish colonists are again feeling insecure.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 7 (AP)—Sympathizing with weakness of securities, grains declined today, going almost to the season's lowest price level in corn and outdoing the bottom record in oats.

Wheat, closed heavy, unchanged to 1 cent lower, corn 3/4¢ off, oats 3/4¢ off, and provisions at 2¢ to 12¢ decline.

To Release Woman Held For Slaying

NICE, France, April 7 (AP)—Magistrate Vachier said today that Mrs. Charlotte Nixon—Nirdlinger of St. Louis, Mo., will be temporarily released within five days on the charge of slaying her husband, Fred Nixon—Nirdlinger, Philadelphia theater owner.