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Hanzen Succeeds Kozer

TUNNEL FIRE IN CHICAGO FATAL TO 10

Newly Invented Smoke-Ejecting Device Saves Seventeen Others.

THREE FIREMEN AMONG THE DEAD

Blazing Sanitary District Tunnel Traps Many, But Most of Them Manage to Escape.

CHICAGO, Apr. 14 (AP) — Eleven firemen and six workmen emerged alive at 9 a. m. today from the blazing Sanitary district tunnel that had been a tomb for ten of their fellows during the night.

Led by Division Fire Marshal Patrick Pierce, the survivors crawled unaided to the surface through the shaft that had been an avenue to death for the ten firemen and tunnel workers trapped in lethal gas and unbearable heat.

They had saved their lives through twelve hours' imprisonment by sealing themselves in safety air chambers at one end of the new sewage disposal tunnel.

Smoke Ejected.

Heat that melted the rubber suit of a diver and fumes that choked and blinded the daring rescue squads had forestalled thorough search of the bore until a new smoke-ejecting device rushed here from Kenosha, Wis., was applied to the air shaft.

Its double-barreled pipes sucked the smoke from the chamber 50 feet underground and forced compressed air down, clearing a path to safety for the entombed men. Once on the surface, they were rushed to St. Anthony's hospital where 28 other firemen already were patients, suffering from injuries and the effects of gas.

In The Nick of Time.

The smoke ejector is the invention of Peter T. Pirsch, a Kenosha contractor, who hastened to complete his model at 3 a. m. today and sped here with his son to give the machine its baptismal test. Billows of smoke poured from the tunnel mouth as its pumps began functioning and fresh, cool air was driven into the flaming tube.

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MR. INLOW HAS PART IN MEET OF EDUCATORS

President H. E. Inlow, of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, is one of the discussion leaders at the University of Oregon at a meeting of education experts who have gathered from all schools of the Northwest to attend the first annual conference of higher education. The meetings opened yesterday and were continuing today. Among the four nationally known authorities present to take part in the discussions and make addresses are William J. Cooper, United States commissioner of education; Dr. George W. Zook, University of Arizona; Dr. Ben Wood, Columbia university; and Dr. Clifford Woody, University of Michigan.

Adjustments which must be made to meet the needs of able students are occupying the educators at the sessions, as well as personnel work, a field which is assuming greater importance in education every year. Tests as a means of determining student achievement and improvement, and the improvement in teaching which may be accomplished through student criticism were also discussed, and interesting experiments in testing among college students were being described.

Higher education enthusiasts from Willamette university, Salem; the University of Oregon; Reed College, Portland; Pacific university, Forest Grove; University of Puget Sound; Oregon State college, Corvallis; Ellensburg State Teachers college, Washington; Linfield college, McMinnville; Ashland Normal school; Oregon Normal, at Monmouth; Eastern Oregon Normal school; University of Washington; Bellingham State Teachers college, Bellingham, Wash.; Columbia university, Portland; and Albany college are attending the meetings.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, but unsettled in the Northwest portion tonight.

Local frosts in the east portion tonight.

Moderate northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—39 above.
Minimum: 35 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 49, minimum 36 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, rain .19 of an inch, thunder and hail.

WEATHER APR. 14, 1930

Maximum 52, minimum 43 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .13 of an inch.

Several Homes Burglarized In City Recently

Silverware Taken From Guild Home — Intruder Takes Banks Belonging to Davies Children.

An epidemic of burglaries throughout La Grande the last few weeks is causing property owners to take extra precautions to guard against intruders, according to the police, who urge residents to lock their doors when leaving their homes unoccupied.

Three new cases developed this weekend. The Frank Jackson house at 804 O avenue was broken into and ransacked while the owners were absent.

Mrs. W. H. Guild today offered a reward of $25 for the return of articles of value stolen from the Guild home at 702 O avenue one evening

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Hendrickson's Home on Alder Street Burned

Five thousand or more dollars loss was suffered by A. E. Hendrickson early today when his story and a half residence at 1612 Alder street was destroyed by fire. The house was insured, but the insurance will not take care of all of the loss, it is reported.

The fire apparently started in the kitchen, according to Chief C. T. Lindsay, and the flames had reached the roof before Mr. Hendrickson became aware of the blaze. He rescued his boy, Willard, the only other occupant of the house, and then some neighbor turned in the alarm, it is said.

Miss Mary Vaughn Hendrickson was not at home having left a few days ago for a visit with friends Boise, Ida.

The fire equipment reached the scene quickly but the flames had such a start that it was impossible to save the house. Absence of wind and recent rains gave the flames little opportunity to spread to adjoining houses before the firemen arrived.

Some Clothing Saved.

The alarm was turned in at 3 o'clock and the recall was sounded at 5:25 a. m. The garage, near the house, was saved. Mr. Hendrickson managed to save some clothing but the furniture was also lost.

It is reported that when Mr. Hendrickson became aware of the fire, it had progressed to such an extent that he was unable to reach his telephone to call for aid.

Mr. Hendrickson is an employe of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co.

Local Chamber Issues Warning

The following communication was presented to the Observer late yesterday:

To the public:

It is reported that a group of peddlers is in this territory selling stoves by the time-worn horse and buggy method—that of stopping at a farm home at meal time or near nightfall and asking for accommodations. At an opportune time these salesmen endeavor to make a sale.

Permit me to suggest that anyone so solicited should investigate carefully the value and quality as compared with stoves offered for sale at the local stores.

A similar method of selling was used here several years ago, and a considerable number of stoves sold, and a number of those who purchased were of the opinion that they had not received full value.

Very Truly Yours,
HAROLD BOONE,
Secretary, Union County Chamber of Commerce.

Close Sawmill; Inventories Too Heavy, Report

The Bowman-Hicks Lumber company sawmill will be closed down probably about the middle of next week in order to reduce inventories, it was announced today by H. N. Ashby, western manager, who returned last night from a trip to Kansas City.

Mr. Ashby stated that the cessation of operations was of a temporary nature, and that the time for reopening depended entirely on future sales of lumber.

Only the sawmill will be closed down, the shipping department and the planing mill to continue in operation.

Rally Will Begin With 6:30 Banquet

A Sunday school rally, starting with a banquet at 6:30, will be held Wednesday at the Christian church. Out-of-town speakers at the dinner are to be C. F. Swander, of Portland, state secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary society and state superintendent of Bible school for Christian churches; and W. G. Mosley, of Portland, regional director of religious education in the Northwest district of the Christian church. Delegates from Enterprise, Wallowa, and Elgin are expected to attend.

Discussion at the rally will be based on Bible school work and the two young people summer conferences which are held at Turner and at Wallowa during the summer.

SHAKE-UP IN GAME BUREAU STRIKES 124

All Employes of Department Are Requested to Write Resignations.

LOCAL WARDENS ALSO INCLUDED

Clean Sweep Not Indicated, as Some Reappointments Are Expected in Near Future.

LOCAL EMPLOYES INCLUDED

The list of employes of the state game commission whose resignations have been requested by the new commission, include the following: R. H. Bonney, Lena Bonney and L. P. Derby, employed at the Union fish hatchery; Jim Morelock, La Grande, special deputy game warden; George Rogers, Enterprise, game warden; C. C. Green, Wallowa, hatchery department; Charles H. McClees, Ontario, game warden; and 117 others. Mr. Bonney and Mr. Rogers both have been employed by the game commission for many years. Mr. Morelock is a new employe, succeeding Warren Cornell when he was transferred to Portland.

SALEM, Apr. 14 (AP)—The resignation of all employes of the state game department, numbering 124 men and women, was requested within the next 15 days by the new game commission as one of its first official acts following organization here late yesterday.

The decision to dismiss the entire personnel and select a new staff from the old list as well as from new applications, was taken at an executive session with Governor Julius L. Meier, and at which time Marshall Dana, Portland, was elected chairman of

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BAND WILL PLAY AT PARK SUNDAY

Program April 19 Will Inaugurate Spring and Summer Outdoor Season

Weather permitting, the municipal band will give the first outdoor concert of the spring and summer season next Sunday, April 19, at Riverside park. The concert is booked to start at 3 p. m. If inclement weather prevails at that time, the concert will be taken to the Methodist church at the same hour.

A program picked with care and containing some splendid selections has been arranged for this concert. Many features have been arranged, the principal one of which will be the singing of excerpts from Romberg's "Desert Song" by La Faun Boylen and Paul Knautz. Mr. Boylen is one of the younger singers in La Grande and has a voice of exceptional purity of tone. Mr. Knautz' fine baritone voice is well known to La Grande audiences and his singing of the "One Alone" from this light opera will be an attraction to many.

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Power Wire Fatal To Vancouver Boy

VANCOUVER, Wash., Apr. 14 (AP)—Truman Vernon, 13, was fatally injured late yesterday near Lakeshore when he touched a power wire while climbing a tree.

The wire ran through the branches and as the boy came in contact with it he toppled downward through the limbs and landed in a crotch of the tree. An inhalator squad worked on him for an hour but could not revive him. A hand and a foot were badly burned.

NEW BUDGET DIRECTOR IS NAMED TODAY

Former Secretary of State's Resignation Effective April 15.

MOVE COMES AS SURPRISE TO ALL

Hanzen, Former Portland Newspaperman, Directed Governor Meier's 1930 Campaign.

SALEM, Ore. Apr. 14 (AP)—Governor Julius L Meier today announced the appointment of Henry Hanzen as state budget director to succeed Sam A. Kozer who resigned April 1. Kozer's resignation becomes effective April 15. The fact that the resignation had been tendered had not been known outside the governor's office.

Hanzen, former Portland newspaper man, directed Meier's campaign for the governorship. Kozer resigned his post as secretary of state to become budget director.

Kozer admitted today his resignation had been in the governor's office since April 1, but he had not made

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Presbyterial Is In Session Here; Banquet Tonight

With a large representation of women from Baker, La Grande and Enterprise attending, the annual meeting of the Grande Ronde Presbyterian began this morning at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. L. R. Stockman, of Baker, president, was in charge of the first meeting which included the transaction of executive business and the appointment of committees.

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Court of Honor An Event of Tonight

About 30 Boy scouts will receive merit badges at a court of honor tonight at the High school. Because of activities at the L. D. S. Recreational hall, the meeting place has been changed, according to an announcement made following the board of review held last night at the chamber of commerce. Following the court of honor, rally will be held with nine contest events.

John Piper, regional scout executive in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, is in La Grande and will meet with the local scout masters and council at the La Grande hotel at 6 o'clock for the purpose of discussing scout work. He will afterwards attend the court of honor and rally.

Inner Workings Of Rum Ring Exposed

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP)—The inner workings of what government operatives declare was one of the largest liquor rings ever to operate in the Pacific Northwest, were further exposed today by L. I. Moon, under-cover agent, who testified in the federal court trial of 18 defendants in the Booze-Brown liquor conspiracy case.

Joe Brown, alleged ring-leader of the syndicate, and Walter L. Booze, Jr., prominent Portland attorney, with 34 others were indicted in connection with the alleged conspiracy.

Committee Will Make Effort To Prolong the Visits of Tourists

Members of the chamber of commerce, with service station, tourist camp, hotel men, etc., as their guests, held a rousing "tourist" meeting at the Sacajawea Inn during the noon hour today. H. H. Richardson, chairman of the tourist committee, took charge and introduced a number of speakers, who discussed different phases of the campaign to be conducted with the aim of securing at least 25 per cent more "tourist stopovers" in this district in 1931.

In an introductory talk, Mr. Richardson said that this would result in a great financial benefit for this district, as well as opening new and fertile fields to tourists. He quoted a number of figures, which have been presented publicly in the last few months by his committee.

Before the meeting adjourned he said that a night meeting of service station, hotel, tourist camp men, etc., would be held soon as part of a tourist travel educational campaign.

Fred Hart, Eastern Oregon representative of the Oregon State Motor association, told of the good work being done already with tourist folders describing Union and Wallowa counties. J. S. Jenkins, of the tourist committee, urged all members and all La Granders to cooperate in the effort to attract tourists to over-night and week stops.

Oscar Warnock, another member of the committee, discussed hunting and fishing possibilities, pointing out that some streams already are clearing sufficiently to indicate fair fishing immediately.

A. W. Nelson touched upon the romantic and historical angle, discussing Old Chief Joseph, Young Chief Joseph and Madame Dorion, three Indians whose histories are linked with the history of Union county and Eastern Oregon. He said that Young Chief Joseph was the greatest Indian in all history.

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PRESIDENT'S TOSS OPENS BASEBALL SEASON

President Hoover, whose pitching form is shown above, was to pitch the first ball today when Connie Mack (right) sent his world's champion Philadelphia Athletics against the Walter Johnson-led Washington Senators, in the first game of the season at the capital.

Weather Dampens Outlook For Some Anglers

Unless the weather improves mazingly before tomorrow morning, it is doubtful if the usual rush of anglers to the banks of their favorite streams and lakes will assume ordinary opening-day proportions.

Rainy weather and high and muddy waters haven't brightened the outlook in some sections where trout are known to exist, and disciples of Sir Izaak Walton are doing some frettin' and fumin' as a result.

In spite of the weather, however, a certain number of dyed-in-the-wool fishermen are certain to go out and, furthermore, some of them are sure to bring back sizeable catches of finny treasures. It always happens, even in the worst of weather, and there is no reason to believe it won't happen tomorrow, local sportsmen assert.

Tomorrow morning, of course, marks the opening of the regular fishing season in this state, the season to continue until in November.

Seven Schools To Compete In Music Tourney

Seven high schools in Eastern Oregon have entered the Eastern Oregon High School Music tournament to be held at the Eastern Oregon Normal school on April 18, according to H. E. Inlow, president of the normal school. Schools entered thus far are La Grande, Baker, McLoughlin at Milton-Freewater, Athena, Lostine, Union and Irrigon.

A feature of the tournament which is creating interest is the proposed concert which is to be held in the Normal school auditorium following the contest in which the winner will participate. The concert is being presented in order that La Grande people may be afforded an opportunity of hearing the best musical talent from the high schools of Eastern Oregon, and to help defray the expenses of the tounament.

Many different types of ensembles, both vocal and instrumental, as well as solo numbers are among the events on the program. The tournament is divided into three classes according to the size of the enrollment of the high school. Class A includes schools of over 300 students; class B, 100-200; and class C, under 100. In each class are band, orchestra, boys' and girls glee clubs, mixed glee clubs. In addition there will be individual solo competition in voice and instruments, and in any event in which there are two entries there will be competition.

The instrumental competition will be rated on the basis of tone, technique, rhythm, phrasing, stage conduct and general appearance. The same basis will be used for the vocal performances except that diction, rather than technique, will be graded. In each event every entry plays the same composition in order that the judges, who will be announced later, will have a basis for judging.

Insane Man Kills Wife, Son, Himself

WEST SALEM, O., Apr. 14 (AP) — Suddenly going insane, James McGregor, 65, poured gasoline on his wife and stepson and set them afire at his home near here early today, fatally stabbing a boarder, and then committed suicide. Mrs. McGregor and her son died later in a hospital. McGregor's body was found in a shed in the rear. He had hanged himself with a log chain.

High School Boy Commits Suicide

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP)—Hanging from a rope in the back yard of his home, the body of Kenneth Varney, 17, a high school student, was found last night. He had been living with his mother, Mrs. J. Vineyard, and his stepfather. Young Varney was known as an excellent student but friends say he was given to moodiness and despondency.

MAJOR LEAGUES PLAY BALL TODAY

Chuck Klein Celebrates With Two Homers — Hoover Tosses Out Ball

By the Associated Press

"Play ball" was heard once more on major league diamonds as the 1931 pennant races shot away from the mark in eight Eastern and Midwestern cities this afternoon.

A beaming sun in New York City insured a crowd of possibly 70,000 fans, and it may have inspired Babe Ruth, who opened his season auspiciously by hitting a home run in the seventh inning. Ed Durham was pitching for the Boston Red Sox and the Babe was the first up. The circuit clout gave the Yankees a 6 to 1 lead.

Hoover on the Job

In Washington, fair, and warm weather greeted President Hoover and the 25,000 to 28,000 fans who watched the Senators and the world champion Athletics battle after the chief executive threw out the first ball.

The St. Louis Cardinals, champions of the National league, defeated the lowly Cincinnati Reds in the Reds' home park. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	7	10	0
Cincinnati	3	9	2

Rhem, Lindsay and Wilson; Benton, Kolp and Sukeforth.

Chuck Klein Celebrates

Chuck Klein, hard hitting Philadelphia outfielder, celebrated with two home runs, one over the right field fence in the third with out on base, and a second homer in the fifth. His homers gave the Phillies

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ESTELLE WILL FILE SUIT IF DEMPSEY DOES

LOS ANGELES, April 14 (AP) — If Jack Dempsey files suit for divorce from his film actress wife, Estelle Taylor, she will beat him to the draw by filing a counter suit in Los Angeles, their legal residence.

This she told newspapermen in her home in Hollywood last night after a lengthy conference with her attorney, Joseph Scott, at which she said the matter of a counter-suit had been discussed.

"I'm waiting to hear from Jack," she said. "I haven't heard a word from him about this—except what I've seen in the papers. Why should I dignify his accusations by answering them, unless it becomes necessary to go to the courts with them?

"I don't like to battle Jack Dempsey. We've been together six years, and I've always been fighting with him, never against him. I'd rather be fighting with him still. I don't want to seem sentimental or maudlin but honestly that's the way I feel. I feel like saying, 'come on, Jack, get out of Reno—you are doing an ungallant thing that will hurt the public's opinion of you'."

She professed herself "surprised and hurt" that Dempsey should make accusations such as those reported from Reno against her, especially as their parting, after a quarrel over a matter "too trivial to discuss" was friendly.

She added that she felt that if Dempsey had been contemplating divorce when he left he should have informed her of his plans.

Shouse Predicts Democratic Win

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 14 (AP)—Prediction that the Democratic party would win the next presidency, made by Chairman Jouett Shouse of the Democratic national executive committee, resounded through California today.

This statement, and a general denunciation of the Republican administration were the high lights of Shouse's address here last night at a Jefferson day dinner.

Bank Robber Is Shot To Death At Ashland, Ore.

ASHLAND, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP) — J. R. Albright, 35, farm hand, lay dead with a bullet in his heart here today while a posse sought his companion in the robbery of the Ashland state bank yesterday.

Albright, who was felled by a rifle bullet fired by Hugh Bates, was identified last night by P. J. Hollis, gas company manager.

The sheriff's posse later found an abandoned coupe, registered to Albright, in the Grizzly mountains five miles east of here. The officers said the engine was still warm when they found it and they believed the fugitive was hiding in the mountains toward Klamath Falls.

The robbers entered the bank about three o'clock yesterday afternoon and locked the front door behind them. Commanding the bank employes to stay where they were they scooped up what money was in sight and dashed out the bank door as the bank's burglar alarm sounded.

Bates, clerk in the nearby drug store, heard the alarm. He seized a rifle and ran into the alley.

Albright opened fire and one of the bullets hit Eric Warren, postoffice employe, who also had come out to see what was the trouble. Then Bates fired and Albright fell dead.

His companion ran across a vacant lot and disappeared into a canyon before the pursuers had a chance to shoot again.

The robbers obtained $100 in silver and $250 in bills. The silver was scattered about the street and part of it was found on Albright but late last night the $250 in currency had not been recovered.

Four Americans Dead, 3 Missing; Marines to Land

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—Four Americans today were reported killed in and around Puerta Cabezas, Nicaragua, and three reported missing as a result of attacks by insurgents in the past 48 hours.

The state department announced that orders had been dispatched to the commander of the gunboat Asheville to land forces to protect 300 American citizens at Puerta Cabezas.

Navy department reports said the insurgents threatening Puerta Cabezas are much stronger than at first believed.

They are of the same insurgent forces that have been operating in Northwestern Nicaragua, under Sandino, Blandon and Perdon. These forces apparently are moving in large bodies across Northern Nicaragua, converging on Puerta Cabezas.

Emergency Brake On; Carnera Drives

RIDGEFIELD, N. J., Apr. 14 (AP) — Primo Carnera is a mighty driver of a motor car. The emergency brake was on when he started for New York. It stayed on. However much his mighty foot went down on the gas, the car would go no faster than eight miles an hour toward Paterson, N. J. The journey was interrupted at Ridgefield by fire. Dirt thrown on the brake linings saved Primo for fistdom.

Luna Park Bathing Pavilion Destroyed

SEATTLE, Apr. 14 (AP)—Luna park bathing pavilion, a popular beach resort in West Seattle, was burned down this morning. First estimates placed the loss at more than $50,000.

STOLEN RIDE PROVES FATAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP) — A stolen ride on a freight train ended fatally last night for Byard Sheldon, 17, of Marietta, Wash. He slipped from a box car and fell under the wheels of the moving train.

MONARCHY IS DISSOLVED BY REPUBLICANS

Last of the Bourbons Steps Down From Throne Early This Evening.

ALCALA ZAMORA HOLDS THE REINS

Ultimatum Sent to the King's Ministers This Afternoon — Republicans Take Charge.

By Clarence Dubose
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MADRID, Apr. 14 (AP) — King Alfonso, the last of the Bourbons, abdicated at six o'clock this evening (1 p. m. E.S.T.)

The monarch who was born a king and had reigned in the ancient Spanish capital more than a quarter of a century, this afternoon bowed to the sweeping demands for a republic that his subjects voiced last Sunday, and stepped out.

Niceto Alcala Zamora, Republican leader, who not so many weeks ago was in jail for his activities, is provisional president.

Although the king's abdication has been an unquestioned outcome of the political crisis for the past few days, it was not until the last moment that he stepped from power.

At 4:45 p. m. Alcala Zamora had found it necessary to send an ultimatum to the king's ministers saying that unless a republic were formally accepted within an hour, the Republicans would not be responsible for the consequences.

The hour went by and then just fifteen minutes after the ultimatum had expired, the abdication of the king became a reality.

A republican government, with Alcala Zamora as president, took charge immediately.

A report was current that a representative of the royal household drew large sums of money from a bank today, presumably in preparation for the departure of the royal family from Spain.

Simultaneously with the staccato events in Madrid another republic was being proclaimed at Barcelona where Francisco Macia, Catalan independent leader, marched from the city hall to the provincial palace, taking over in the name of himself as president of a Catalan republic.

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OREGON ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT MEYERS

PORTLAND, Apr. 14 (AP)—Assembled for the 71st annual convocation, Royal Arch Masons of Oregon late yesterday elected Milton L. Meyers of Salem grand high priest of the grand chapter.

The elections opened the four-day session for the three divisions of the York Rite of Masonry.

Other officers included: D. Bruce Stuart, Corvallis, grand king; Percy R. Kelly, Albany, grand scribe; Herbert L. Toney, McMinnville, treasurer; D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, secretary; Carl W. Evertsen, Marshfield, captain of host; Lloyd L. Scott, Portland, principal sojourner; Ernest P. Rands, Oregon City, royal arch captain; Lewis M. Snow, Portland, master of the third veil; Hugh R. Holman, Portland, master second veil; Clarence R. Wheeler, Baker, master first veil; Emanuel Northrup, McMinnville, chaplain; Frank A. French, The Dalles, sentinel.

George T. Cochran, La Grande, retiring high priest, presided.

Approximately 150 representatives of the 48 chapters in the state were present.

Electric Charge Kills Power Head

EUGENE, Apr. 14 (AP) — After having escaped death by a narrow margin two weeks ago when he was saved from drowning, W. D. Pearson, 36, president of the Cascade Utilities company power plant at Oakridge, was fatally injured late yesterday when an electric charge surged through his body as he was working on a pole.

The shock hurled him from the pole, 25 feet to the ground. He received a crushed chest and died an hour or so later.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 14 —Fickleness of a market dominated by weather was illustrated by sudden breaks in wheat prices late today on news of sprinkles of rain in Canada. Falling off in transatlantic demand for wheat was an additional bearish factor. There was comment too, that price setbacks were natural owing to about 4 cents a bushel advance in wheat compared with last week's bottom level.

Wheat closed nervous, unchanged to ¾ cents lower, corn unchanged to ¼ off, oats at ⅛ decline to ¼ advance, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents down.