

LOCAL BRIEFS

Poisoned—Line Shepherd dog, belonging to H. S. Ball, of 1903 Twelfth street, was poisoned yesterday, according to reports. The dog was in the yard, it is said, and the owner believes someone came along and tossed something containing strychnine to the pet. A large number of dogs, many of them strays and other pets of children, have been poisoned during recent months in La Grande.

To Get Grades—Grades for the work of the past six weeks are in process of preparation at the High school, and will be given to the students next week.

Nominate Officers—An assembly was held at the High school at 9 o'clock this morning. A short play entitled "Soil," presented by the expression class, was followed by the expression class, followed by public nominations for student body officers. Elections will be held next Tuesday. Letters were awarded this morning to all members of the first and second basketball teams who had earned them during the past season. The assembly was concluded with a brief pep program.

To Attend Meet—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McKinney, of Miltona, arrived in La Grande this morning to attend the Eastern Oregon music tournament which is being held at the Normal school tomorrow.

Called to La Grande—Mrs. B. F. Toney, of Canton, Ill., daughter of W. W. Kinzie, and a former resident of La Grande during her early girlhood, is in La Grande now, having been called here by the illness of her father. She arrived here Monday evening and was with her father at the time of his death.

To Portland—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Horstman will spend this weekend in Portland.

First Limit Catch—Who made the first limit catch of fish when the season opened on Wednesday, April 15? Rubie and Nate Zweifel believe that they are the champions, having caught them and fish since they brought in 30 fish, having caught them and returned to town by 10:30 Wednesday morning. The fish were placed on display.

Entertainers Elks—Patrick Dalton, of Columbus, Neb., was a visitor at the meeting of the Elks last night at the temple. Mr. Dalton is a genuine entertainer, having at one time been a show man, and he presented a program of jokes, songs, dance and banjo solos. The Blue Mountain Wranglers furnished the music for the program. A clam feed was another feature of the evening. The house committee appointed by Sherwood Williams, exalted ruler, is Julian S. Ash, Clyde Zimmerman, Harry Mohr, Lester Kingsley and George H. Barnhart.

Dr. Gilstrap Leaves—Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Gilstrap and family left this morning for Portland for a visit with Dr. Gilstrap's parents. They plan to remain for a few days to transact business, fish for salmon in the Columbia river and to attend the first game of the baseball season which opens in Portland on Tuesday.

From Lower Cove—William Miller, one of the prominent farmers of Lower Cove, spent today in La Grande transacting business.

Returns From North—Jack Wright, local theatre manager, returned last night from Walla Walla, Wash., after visiting there for the past week.

Music Week—Final plans for the observance of Music week in La Grande are to be completed this weekend by Mrs. Arnold L. Gralapp, chairman of the committee. Music week is a national event observed throughout the United States from May 3 to 9.

To Baker—Harry McKinlay spent Thursday in Baker transacting business. He is president of the Union county chamber of commerce.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Jack Barnes and Mrs. Jack Neve, of Nampa, are visiting with Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Mrs. Elmer McManus and Mrs. George Walker for a few days. They arrived in La Grande Wednesday evening and plan to leave this afternoon.

Regular Meeting—A regular business meeting devoted to lodge business and making plans for the May day ball was held last night by the Eagles lodge at the hall. The May day ball, an annual affair, is to be held on May 5.

L. D. S. Church—Services at the L. D. S. church Sunday include: Sunday school at 10 o'clock; the monthly priesthood meeting at 2:15 at which time all the officers of the auxiliary organizations

In Union and Baker counties meet to discuss their problems. The sacrament meeting at 7:30 of the regular church service is to be held under the direction of A. L. Stoddard, bishop.

JOSEPH PERSONALS

By Mrs. Maida L. Stevenson (Observer Correspondent) JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)—Waldo Chase returned Saturday from National City, Cal. He spends the winter there with friends.

Mrs. Robert Williams made a trip to Wallowa Tuesday to visit her father, Thos. Bales, who is a patient at the hospital. Mr. Bales is recovering from a recent operation and soon will be able to return home.

Ralph Felt, Glenn Sprague and Aubrey Estes made a trip to Imnaha Friday Wednesday.

Mrs. Dudley Peal is now a patient in the hospital at Wallowa. She will undergo an operation.

Ruth DuBois was a weekend guest of Mrs. Elmer Hogoboom at her home south of town.

Mrs. Donohue, who operates the local creamery, is in La Grande under the care of a physician. Mrs. Donohue fell and dislocated a vertebra in her spine.

Assessor George Richard was in Joseph this week doing assessment work. A new method of assessment is being tried—measuring the houses, listing the number of rooms, modern or not modern, etc. If this method proves good in town it will be used in the country next year.

HOT LAKE PERSONALS

By Mrs. G. W. Wilde (Observer Correspondent) HOT LAKE (Special)—Irene Baxter returned to Hot Lake Thursday evening after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Lovhaug, and other relatives at Logan, Utah.

Hot Lake sanatorium has rented several acres of land from the Earl Davis place on Catherine creek for the planting of beets for the dairy herd.

Allan Kohler has been staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Jacob Kohler, in Union doing chores during the ten days absence of his grandfather, who has been attending the L. D. S. church April conference in Salt Lake City.

John Peterson moved his sheep to the spring range back of Telocast last week. Al Mays is herding again this year.

Ray Jordan and his outfit have shared the Lindsay and Aerial Bean sheep this last week. The outfit will leave for Idaho for the shearing there and then come back here later in the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilde and family were business visitors in La Grande Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fisher have been moving their farm equipment and household things to their new home in this vicinity. The Fishers' home from Cove and have bought the Townley place of some 700 acres.

Grace Halling has been re-elected to teach the Willowdale school for next year. Margaret Bauman of Joseph and a former pupil of Willowdale, was a visitor at the school Monday.

Mrs. S. H. Weimer, of Cove, is a patient at Hot Lake. She had a tonsil operation.

John Peterson and A. L. McClellan were in La Grande on business Tuesday.

MEIER HURLS CHARGES AT PRISON HEAD

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taken from the penitentiary warehouse. He also charged Meyers with conducting a court for punishment of prisoners within the penitentiary.

The governor praised the work of Warden James Lewis.

Early in the meeting Governor Meier charged that an order written by himself calling upon employees at the penitentiary to present themselves at the hearing to give testimony had been countermanded by Superintendent Meyers, and the governor asked the authority of the board to summon these witnesses.

Explains Order.—With the understanding that the men are to be called one at a time, so as not to disrupt the working organization at the prison, Kay and Hoss agreed to the governor's request, Hoss explaining that Meyers order countermanding the subpoenas of the governor had been made to prevent disruption of the prison routine.

Under the direct examination of Veatch, M. B. Walker, first witness, testified that prior to his discharge from the penitentiary he had prepared specifications for a flax pulling machine to be manufactured at the prison for sale, he said he was told by Colonel Bartram, the Russian government.

Bartram, Walker said, had told him that an order for these machines was expected from the Russian government. He also said that following a visit of the Russian commissioner here Colonel Bartram had talked with him (Walker) regarding a proposition to go to Russia to accept employment in the development of the Russian flax industry.

Under questioning by Mr. Kay it was admitted by Walker that none of the flax machines had been sold to the Russian government, and he said that the price at which they were to have been sold was \$1200 each.

"How much does it cost to make these machines?" Kay asked.

"About 3000 each," Walker replied. "Then that meant a profit of about \$500 on each?"

"No, not that much," said Walker. "You would also have to charge up such items as guard hire, power and light and other expenses."

Walker was asked why he thought it wrong to sell these flax machines to Russia and he replied that he did not think it was right when so many men were out of work to make the machines with convict labor in the prison. In reply to a question from Kay he said that these machines are not manufactured anywhere else in the world, but said that he would be glad to get a contract to manufacture them.

To the governor's interposition that he objected to the state of Oregon building these machines and selling them to Russia to help build up the flax industry in that country, Kay asked the executive if it was not a fact that 75 per cent of the flax grown in the world now is produced in Russia.

Governor Replies.—"I don't know. I'm not up on the statistics, but I think we should pay more attention to our own business and less to what the rest of the world is doing," said Governor Meier.

Walker told of Colonel Bartram's professed statement to him that \$100,000 had been borrowed from the United States National bank in Portland to help pay for the flax crop of 1929. He said that Bartram told him that Governor Patterson had refused to call the emergency board to grant an emergency appropriation and that the loan had been secured by pledging collateral of the state flax industry and of the Oregon linen mill.

Veatch brought out the statement by Walker that two small copper shell boxes and one sink box for a blind at the private duck pond maintained by Superintendent Meyers and Roy Bremner near Turner had been built by convicts in the prison shops out of state materials.

Under cross-examination by Carson he admitted that the copper for the shell boxes had been furnished by Bremner.

"Do you deny that you were told by Superintendent Meyers to take the lumber for the sink box out of the scrap pile and bill it to him?" Carson asked Walker.

"I don't remember."

"You have a pretty good memory?" "Yes, I think I have."

"Then you deny that Mr. Meyers told you this?"

"No, I wouldn't deny it. But I don't remember," Walker said.

Burke Takes Stand.—A. C. Burke, dismissed guard of the penitentiary, was the second witness placed on the stand by the governor.

He stated he was discharged April 4 by Meyers after having been employed as guard in various posts since July.

Burke testified regarding the duck pond, which he declared was used exclusively by Meyers, Warren "Shorty" Edwards and Roy Bremner, and sometimes guests. He said the convicts hauled gravel repairing the road to the pond.

The matter of delivery of turkeys to state officials by Meyers was asked of the witness by Veatch. Burke stated he believed the turkeys were taken from the farm, as they were dressed and wrapped by the commissary department and delivered. He said about 14 were delivered.

"Who received the turkeys," Veatch asked.

"I don't know all of them but I know Tom Kay, Hal Hoss, Governor Norblad, Carl Abrams, and Edwards' grandfathers received one each."

In the cross examination by Carson, Burke admitted he believed the duck pond was under lease to Roy Bremner, and not owned by the state. Superintendent Meyers answered the question, declaring James Lewis and Bremner leased the pond, and that he was a guest. Carson also produced a receipt, showing that duck feed taken from the penitentiary had been purchased by the lessee.

Bringing in the name of Lewis was protested by the governor, as he said he was not on trial. Carson stated he brought his name to show there was no conspiracy in the case. Hoss asked Carson to proceed, as he wanted to know what connection the penitentiary had with the duck pond.

Burke, under cross-examination, admitted he had a feeling of resentment against the penitentiary officials for his discharge. When asked why he was discharged, he said to "cut down expenses, but a new man to take his place had been hired prior to that time."

Interest in the proposed summer camp of the La Grande Camp Fire organization is being fostered through a series of hikes and picnics given within the different circles. Miss Madeline Larson, camp fire council head, stated. Last summer the camp was held in July at the Episcopal camp grounds at Cove, and it is believed that the girls will go again this year to Cove, although plans are

being worked out at present in the squads.

Discussions within the squads will be taken up at a meeting of the council of Camp Fire guardians Monday evening at the La Grande hotel, and plans will then be turned over to the board of sponsors for final arrangements to be made.

The Camp Fire Girls are very enthusiastic about their work since their birthday anniversary in March, and a big summer camp is expected, Miss Larson adds.

Miniature Wedding Cast Is Selected

A miniature wedding is to be staged by the Pathfinder class May 15 at the Methodist church, and is to have all the requisites of a real wedding including the flower girls, the bride and bridegroom, and the minister, but the participants are to be children between the ages of four and six years.

Little Jacqueline Burnett, the bride, will be dressed in a veil and wedding gown to be married to Richard Miller, the bridegroom. Best man will be Dickie Fuller, while Janice Farley is the maid of honor. Dickie Burnett will be the minister. Flower girls who will strew the path of

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Advertisement for a Free Lecture on Christian Science, titled "Christian Science; The Science of Divine Healing," by a member of the Board of Lecturership of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. The lecture is held at the La Grande Hotel Ball Room on Monday Evening, April 20th at 8 o'clock.