

MEYER'S RESOLUTION REJECTED

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250 ATHLETES AT UNIVERSITY TRACK

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Nine La Grande high school athletes, accompanied by Coach Ira Woodie, were participating in the events in the Eugene relay this afternoon. Local hopes were not high that they would score heavily. Some places were expected to be taken, but a strong team showing was not indicated. This is La Grande's first participation in this meet.

The Observer requested the Associated Press to send final places made by La Grander as soon as the meet is completed, and the results will be posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Observer building when received.

More Than 250 Enter
EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—More than 250 high school athletes, representing 26 schools, gathered here today for the annual University of Oregon relay carnival. Vancouver High school had the only out-of-state team in the ideal weather prevailing, several track marks were expected to go by the boards.

Grant High school's spring medley team, consisting of Downing, and Miller, Downing and White, which broke the Oregon mark by two-fifths of a second at Vancouver, was expected to change old standards.

There were twelve events on the program, seven of them relay races. The other five were for individual stars. Four of these special events were field tests, and the other the 100-yard dash.

Included in the entries are the following: State schools—University of Oregon, Rogue River, La Grande, Grants Pass, Astoria, Bend, Salem, Cottage Grove, Beaverton, Silver Lake.

BOARD WANTS VIEWPOINT OF THE PUBLIC

Confronting many new problems, including the important one of readjusting activities to stay within available funds and of adjusting curricula, activities and policies of the five institutions of higher education, a federal survey and by Governor Julius L. Meier, members of the state board are particularly eager to determine the public's viewpoint, according to a statement made today by Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, member of the board.

"We feel that this is a matter of vital importance and one in which the public should be heard and heard," she said today, adding that she would be delighted to hear from those who have given the matter consideration. She will be at home tomorrow, she stated.

She also expressed the hope that newspapers that receive communications relative to the matter give them some prominence.

Mrs. Westenskow Dies Early Today

Mrs. Linda Westenskow passed away at a local hospital this morning following a month's illness. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Summerville chapel, with burial to follow in the family plot under the auspices of Snodgrass and Zimmerman.

Mrs. Westenskow was born in Montana May 1, 1881 and was 47 years, 11 months and 25 days of age. She leaves her husband, J. Lamar Westenskow, five children, her mother, Mrs. John J. Westenskow, and three sisters, Laura, of Oakland, Mamie and Esther, and a brother, Ed, all of Vader.

"Selling La Grande" Will Be Discussed

"Selling La Grande," and the methods will be discussed by the publicity committee of the Union county chamber of commerce when it meets on Tuesday for the weekly forum luncheon at 12:30 p. m. P. R. Finlay is chairman of the committee and will furnish part of the program on publicizing La Grande.

Other members of the committee will also furnish a part of the program with J. T. Longfellow, M. G. Swain, George H. Curry and Max Sarvis each speaking on a different phase of selling the Grande Ronde valley.

Home Is Entered; Pistol, Cash Taken

Returning from an out-of-town trip, Dr. Clarence Gilstrap yesterday found that his home had been entered during his absence and several things had been stolen. He lives at 692 N. avenue.

About \$15 was reported missing from the children's bank, also a 25-caliber automatic pistol and several minor articles, including tools.

Delegates From Eastern Oregon Save Aged Man

La Grande and Baker Christian Endeavors Have Thrilling Experience Near Albany.

MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 25 (Special)—A thrilling experience which they will never forget was encountered by the Baker, Ore., contingent of the Grande Ronde delegation to the state Christian Endeavor, en route here yesterday by auto, consisting of Rev. Frank B. Giogliotti, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city, Mildred Stoddard, of La Grande, Diana Trimble, Dolly Richards and Eugene (Bud) Blakely of Baker, says the Mail-Tribune. The Misses Stoddard and Trimble are social and intermediate superintendents, respectively, of the Grande Ronde C. E. Union.

The party visited both the Oregon State college and Albany college early yesterday forenoon, and about 10:30 were four miles out of Albany en route to Medford when they noticed fire on a farm house roof near the chimney. They rushed to the house and notified its only supposed occupant, the farmer's wife. Her husband was working in a field and their children were at school.

Remove Furniture
With the help of the Eastern Oregon party she at once began removing the furniture, the first article to be moved by her order being the piano. It was a time of great excitement and practically all the furniture had been moved out and by this time nearly all of the roof and the majority of a side of the twelve room structure was burning fast, when the woman suddenly called a halt and exclaimed:

"My God, my old blind father is in there. Hurry! Hurry!"

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Valley Pioneer, Mrs. Richards, Is Called Beyond

Mrs. Cora C. Richards, pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Conley, 1101 O avenue, following a short illness. Mrs. Richards, who had been staying at the home of her daughter for a couple of weeks ago, on a visit. Booth Lane was named after one of her relatives, and she was a resident of this county since the earlier days.

Friends wishing to view the body may do so at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary Sunday afternoon. Sunday night the body will be sent to Portland for cremation.

Mrs. Richards was born Aug. 5, 1869 and was 61 years eight months and 20 days of age. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Ethel Parks, of Portland; three sons, J. M. Booth, Santa Maria, Cal.; Roy and Earl Richards, of the city; and four grandchildren, Mrs. Beryl Conley, Alea Cummings, Betsy and Janice Booth, besides other relatives and friends.

Local Singers Stage Cantata In Baker Friday

BAKER, Apr. 25 (Special)—What was probably the largest and most finished group of singers appearing in Baker for many years was heard last night at the Methodist Episcopal church, where 45 La Grande singers, under the direction of Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson, appeared in a cantata, "The Greatest Love." The concert, which was sponsored here by the La Grande club, was given in La Grande as a part of the Easter services at the Presbyterian church.

The Ladies' Triad choir, which has furnished the vocal part of the program in circles for more than five years under Mrs. Richardson's leadership, sang Rubenstein's "Seraphic Song," and afterwards presented the cantata, augmented by male voices, which included many of the best talent in La Grande.

Three Youths Arrested On Charge Of Draining Gasoline From Auto

During the last several weeks, numerous cases of theft of gasoline from automobiles have been reported to the police. The three, all minors, had good previous records and for this reason their names are withheld from publication. The police, however, declare that such cases in the future will be thoroughly prosecuted.

Incidentally, it is known that a number of people who have suffered such losses have loaded guns, ranging from revolvers to shotguns, ready for use and some have threatened to "lookouts."

The three were taken to the city jail, and one was held there until taken against the trio as yet. Police Chief A. C. Haynes said this morning.

As a result of these thefts, citizens and police have re-doubled their efforts to catch the offenders, and last night three more were obtained. Three high school boys, all more or less prominent in athletics and regarded generally as excellent young men, were arrested. One of the boys, it is reported, was using a hose to siphon gasoline into a can, while the other two were nearby, apparently serving as "lookouts."

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Washington Fires Take Heavy Toll

SEATTLE, Apr. 25 (AP)—Western Washington fires during the past few days were estimated by fire association officials today to have blackened 20,000 acres and little hope remained that a rancher lost in Grays Harbor fire area since Tuesday would be found alive.

The search for Harold McGee, 23, Comptons rancher, who started on a fishing trip, in the Wishkah region Tuesday, the day high winds and low humidity started fires in nearly every county on the coast of the Cascades, was being continued today by posse.

Pacific Coast Business Is "Looking Up"

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 25 (AP)—Here are some of the signs of Pacific coast business "looking up":
Longview, Wash.—Weyerhaeuser interest will build \$5,000,000 pulp mill. Western Gas company building new plant.
Seattle—Two thousand men preparing to leave for Alaska fishing. Bremerton—Western Gas opens first fuel gas plant on Olympic peninsula. Portland—Bingham Pump company employing three shifts filling pump equipment order, said to be the largest of its kind ever given on the coast, for Weyerhaeuser plant. Bickenwald refrigerators producers purchase land for immediate doubling of plant's capacity.

Grants Pass, California Oregon Power starts preliminary work on extension into Illinois valley. Swede Basin Lumber company reopens mills. Marshfield—Golden Cloud sailed for Australia with 1,000,000 feet of lumber. New York loading 2,000,000 feet for Japan.

San Francisco—Produce and poultry markets active. Alaska ports arrived in March, compared with 302 in February and 345 in March, 1930. Country districts show active construction of small buildings.

Los Angeles—Motion picture studios working practically at capacity. Transcontinental & Western Air announces coast-to-coast 24-hours express service.

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PREPARE PROGRAM FOR MUSIC WEEK

Seven Days to be Devoted Locally to Observing National Event.

The general program for local observance of music week, which is becoming a national institution, has been prepared. It is announced today by the Neighborhood club, which actively sponsors the observance annually as a community activity. Mrs. Arnold L. Grapp is general chairman.

The week begins May 3 and ends May 10.

The program, in general, follows:
Sunday—Music featured in church services.
Monday evening—Program of American Indian music, music week committee arranging this program.

Tuesday evening—Municipal band concert at high school.

Wednesday evening—Double quartet from Baker will give excerpts from the earlier days.

Thursday evening—Program of "Music of Many Nations" arranged by Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

Friday evening—Musical symposium on "The Value of Music to the Community" (men, women, children participating in program which will include a 12 N. band or orchestra and L. H. S. band).

Saturday afternoon—Organ music by Mrs. H. N. Ashby.

Other organizations in town have endorsed and are co-operating with the Neighborhood club committee's work and indications point to an unusually successful observance.

Programs are so arranged that it is believed they will appeal in whole or part to practically all members of the community.

Other organizations, which are sponsoring national music week and who are officially represented on the executive committee by their presidents are American Federation of Labor, American Federation of Musicians, American Legion, Camp Fire Girls, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, National Education association, National Federation of Music Clubs, American Country Life association, American Farm Bureau association, American Guild of Organists, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Boy Scouts of America, Federal Council of Churches, Knights of Columbus, Music Supervisors' National conference, Music Teachers' Association.

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ZAMORA TO SPEAK SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Apr. 25 (AP)—Provisional President Alcala Zamora of Spain will be heard speaking from Madrid at 12 noon (EST) tomorrow over the WJZ and WEAB networks. The president is scheduled to speak for seven minutes.

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ROSEBURG, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—Federal officers, armed with warrants for the arrest of E. H. Best and Emory Davis, alleged leaders of an attempt to colonize the Fish Creek burn in the Umpqua national forest, were met with armed resistance, according to manager details received over a forest telephone line by the Umpqua national forest headquarters here today.

Best was reported in the custody of Deputy Marshals L. C. Cochran and M. C. Vorelsand. Davis, however, was declared to have held the officers away at the point of a gun after taking refuge in a tent with a woman and child. The officers said they were threatened if they approached.

Davis, they said, agreed to come to Roseburg voluntarily, but refused to submit to arrest.

Militant State Police Plan Is Butler's Choice

QUANTICO, Va., Apr. 25 (AP)—A militant group of state police units, organized by Major General Smedley Butler here yesterday, was announced by his plans to assist in the organization of the force.

He has, he said, evolved a definite plan of how state police units should be organized and conducted.

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INVENTOR SHOWS NEW "AIR FLIVVER"



It's an air flivver, and William B. Stout, inventor, at the controls, hopes this tiny new plane will have a vogue like the original flivver of the highway. Post controls are similar to those in a popular light car, the general arrangement is like a coupe and the propeller pushes from behind. Designed to make the car driver feel at home in the air, it was shown at the Detroit air show.

INTEREST KEEN IN WELLS AND MINES

Drillers Attract Crowds at Unity; Other Developments Are Reported.

NEW YORK, Apr. 25 (AP)—Watches and clocks of millions of persons will be an hour fast for five months, beginning tomorrow. At that hour up-to-the-minute clocks, in theory at least, should register 3 o'clock.

Daylight time will be observed in New York City and 177 other communities in the state under local option. Of the larger cities of the state, two, Rochester and Syracuse, will continue on standard time. At least all communities in New Jersey will advance the clocks, as will many in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Transportation companies in most cases will adhere to standard time but change schedules in some respects.

The system will remain in effect until the last Sunday in September, when the hour lost in sleep tomorrow will be picked up again. Advocates of daylight time argue that it provides cool morning working hours, decreases eye strain, and gives an hour more of recreation in the evening.

Interest in mining and in oil and gas has received new impetus in Eastern Oregon with the drilling of two wells—one near Unity and the other near Union—and the decision to re-open several gold mines in Baker county.

According to newspaper reports from Baker and North Powder, considerable progress is being made in several instances.

Oil, Showing at Unity
BAKER, Ore., Apr. 25 (Special)—"There is every evidence that we will drill into oil very, very soon," declared William Griffith, who is drilling in the Unity district and who has reached a depth of 650 feet. Samples of the cap rock, a hard gray rock, which Mr. Griffith brought to Baker this week showed unmistakable signs of crude oil, and it is Mr. Griffith's opinion that immediately under this hard capping lies the oil sands for which he is drilling.

Interest in the operation at Unity is gaining daily and large crowds of

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CITY, BEAVERS MEET IN TILT IN COURTROOM

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—The Portland baseball club and the city government clashed Friday in the opening tilt of a crucial legal series that will determine if a street is to be cut through the coast league ball park.

The municipality contended it can and will run Wilson street right through the ballgrounds—diamond, right field, bleachers and all—because the club went back on its agreement to build a \$250,000 grandstand.

The ball club three years ago agreed to build the stand if the city would vacate Wilson street, and the city agreed to vacate on condition the \$250,000 stand was constructed by May 1, this year. It hasn't been.

Now the city wants to run the street through the park. But attorneys for the club declare the street vacation of three years ago cannot be revoked.

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HOSS VOTES FOR MEYERS, PRISON HEAD

Secretary of State and Treasurer Kay Defeat Executive's Demand.

SALEM, April 25 (AP)—Superintendent Henry W. Meyers will remain as head of the Oregon penitentiary. Governor Julius L. Meier's resolution calling for the immediate dismissal of the superintendent was rejected by the majority members of the board of control. Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss and State Treasurer Tom Kay today voted against the resolution.

The resolution was offered during the recent three-day hearing of charges brought against Meyers by the governor.

Hoss, after a lengthy statement setting forth his reasons against the dismissal of Meyers, moved the governor's request be rejected and that the board accept his statement. Both Kay and Hoss voted for the motion.

Hoss stated that the governor failed to prove the charges he brought against Meyers and that the Oregon penitentiary has been conducted and managed in an efficient and highly satisfactory manner.

MEYERS VOICES APPRECIATION
SALEM, Apr. 25 (AP)—Supt. Henry W. Meyers, of the Oregon penitentiary, today voiced his "deep appreciation of the confidence" of the majority of the board of control in voting against his dismissal on the grounds that charges against him had not been substantiated by evidence submitted. The governor's resolution to dismiss Meyers was rejected by the other two members of the board.

In a brief statement Meyers said: "I am deeply appreciative of the confidence of my superior officers, and I hope to continue to merit their confidence." This statement was issued from a penitentiary where Meyers was located following the action of the board.

Relative to reports circulated that Meyers would resign shortly after he had been vindicated, the superintendent stated he had not outlined his future course of action. He stated that from the evidence submitted he was not apprehensive as to the outcome of the hearing, but that he was

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DEMONSTRATING MOB QUIETED BY MUSSOLINI

ROME, April 25 (AP)—Premier Mussolini, appearing personally before a great crowd of students demonstrating at the Venezia Palace this noon, quieted their protests against anti-Fascist demonstrations in Brussels with a pledge of Fascist alertness against its enemies.

The Italy of this students is always on its toes to defend the revolutionary regime and Fascism against the stupid calumnies of anti-Fascists," he said.

When Premier Mussolini had concluded his brief appearance before the mass of shouting humanity most of them dispersed but a number of groups with flags marched toward the Bolzano embassy.

They were stopped by large squads of soldiers and police who were stationed at every corner within a quarter mile radius of the embassy.

Veterans Get Civil Service Preference

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—President Hoover issued an executive order to amending civil service rules relating to veterans preference.