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RE-TRIAL OF FOWLER CASE DURING JUNE

Judge Hall S. Lusk, of Multnomah County, Assigned to Baker Court.

NO TRIAL BEFORE MIDDLE OF MONTH

In La Grande, Commission Plans to Attach Property and Seek Payment of $25,000 Bond.

SECOND TRIAL IN JUNE

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 30 (Special)—Judge Hall S. Lusk, of Multnomah county was assigned by the state supreme court Tuesday to hold court in Baker starting June 15, and the Emma Fowler case, which will be set as the last case during the June term.

Judge McCulloch will open court June 8 and remain here until June 14, when he will go to Portland to sit in place of Judge Lusk. The Baker jurist has four cases that he will be unable to try and asked the supreme court to assign Judge Lusk to his court.

The alleged shortage in the city treasury, reported to amount to $112,202.50, will be cut down by $25,000 and possibly some more if action started last night in the city commission meeting carries through successfully.

A. B. Cherry, city manager, first asked about the Emma Fowler property, and read an opinion which he interpreted as meaning that the former city treasurer's property may be attached on the grounds that she promised to pay the city any missing amount. He asked if the city commissioners wanted to take any action, announcing that some criticism is being heard from citizens of La Grande.

"Is there anything left to attach now?" queried Commissioner Fritz Lottes.

"I couldn't say," Mr. Cherry replied, "but I believe some of it has not been tied up as yet." He added that much of the property has been attached, however.

Commissioner William Condit moved that if any available property in her name is attachable, that the city attorney, Robert S. Eakin, be authorized to attach same. The motion carried.

Bond of $25,000 Discussed

Mr. Cherry then asked if the commission desires to make a demand on the bonding company for the $25,000 representing a bond Mrs. Fowler carried. He reported that the company's representative told him verbally that the city would receive a check for the full amount immedi-

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TROPHY WILL BE AT STAKE SUNDAY MORN

The annual trapshoot for the Hot Lake Sanatorium trophy, won last year by Roy G. Forrester, is announced for Sunday morning at the Lone Tree grounds, with all members of the La Grande Gun club eligible to shoot.

The competition will consist of a 100-bird event, the first 50 birds from the 16-yard line, and the last 50 from handicap, with the handicaps based on the first round. In case of a tie, 25 additional pigeons will leave the firing line. Shooting will commence at 9:30 o'clock.

The winner of the trophy, which is a handsome silver loving cup, will have possession of it for a year.

Price of Gasoline Two Cents Lower

Following reductions generally reported elsewhere on the Pacific coast, the price of gasoline at most stations dropped two cents today to 21 cents a gallon. The former price was 23 cents at most stations, with a slight variance at a few.

Coming before the weekend, the reduction was greeted with smiles by hundreds of motorists who plan to fill their tanks before the usual Saturday-Sunday outing.

PORTLAND PRICE DROPS

PORTLAND, Apr. 30 (AP)—Gasoline was selling for 11½ cents a gallon here today at most of the service stations in the city.

13½ CENTS IN SALEM

SALEM, April 30 (AP) — Gasoline prices at some stations in Salem today were reduced two cents, bringing the motor fuel costs down to 13½ cents, the low record for the year here. Some stations were still selling gasoline at 15½ cents, the prevailing price the past two months.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair and mild tonight and Friday but cloudy at times in the west portion and unsettled on the coast. Gentle changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 75, minimum 41 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—52 above.
Minimum: 41 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER APR. 30, 1930

Maximum 69, minimum 39 above.
Condition: Clear.

James Lewis Is Named Head Of Oregon Prison

Action Taken at Short Meeting of Board of Control Today—Dymitt is Promoted.

SALEM, Apr. 30 (AP)—James Lewis, warden at the state penitentiary was elected superintendent and warden of the prison effective tomorrow, by action of the board of control at a short meeting here today. The resignation of Henry Meyers, superintendent, was accepted as of tomorrow, with two weeks additional vacation time.

Leo Dymitt, foreman at the penitentiary flax plant, was named in charge of that industry under Lewis, by the board. He succeeds Colonel W. B. Bartram, who leaves that position May 1.

Governor Julius L. Meier and Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss, met for a few moments today to dispose of pressing business. State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay, whose funeral will be held this afternoon, suffered a paralytic stroke at the last meeting of the board Tuesday. His chair was left vacant today.

Dymitt To Be Promoted

The motion to appoint Lewis superintendent and warden was made by Hoss, and seconded by the governor. It was understood that Dymitt would be placed in charge of the flax industry until such time as the board makes other changes contemplated in this industry.

Meyers' resignation, supplementary to the one issued early in the week, requested he be relieved of his duties May 1 and be granted a month's vacation. The vacation period was cut in half by the board. His former resignation, sent in following in vindication of charges of incompetency, was dated effective June 1. It was at the conclusion of discussion of this resignation that Kay collapsed.

Appoint Treasurer Soon

A few purchases which could not be put over, was the only other business transacted by the board. The regular monthly meeting of the board was set for Tuesday, at which time a new state treasurer will be present.

It was announced that the board is today advertising for bids for the construction of a three-story reinforced concrete ward, and a one-story concrete garage at the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. The bids will be opened May 18. Plans and specifications are being prepared by Architects Knighton & Howell, Portland.

The new wing to the main building will cost approximately $200,000 and will accommodate 250 patients.

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Local Children To Be Examined In Free Clinics

Hundreds of children, between the ages of four and six years, will receive free medical examinations tomorrow morning, during the annual Summer Roundup sponsored by the parent teacher associations of the county, according to Miss Alice Marquardt, chairman.

The examinations will be held as the local observance of Child Health day, and will take place from 9 a. m. to 12 M. Children residing in the Ackerman and Riveria districts will meet in the Sommer building; those from Central, Greenwood and Willow in the Foley building, and those from Island City, Imbler, Willowdale and Fruitdale above the Silverthorn-Wright drug store.

Merchants in La Grande are cooperating with the parent teacher associations by decorating their windows in a Child Health day motif, and the dairymen's association plans to hood all milk bottles tomorrow with an attractive paper giving a portion of President Hoover's Child Health day proclamation.

Special May day programs are being given in several schools over the county, including Cove and others.

Portland Club To Send Teams To La Grande

Pleased with La Grande's hospitality last year and eager to partake of it again, the Portland O.-W. Athletic club will again invade this city this spring for a day's competition with the local club.

A 16-man golf team, and an eight-woman golf team will be sent from Portland. Dr. Ray Murphy is in charge of the men's play and Mrh. John Theisen is chairman for the women. The tournaments will take place at the country club.

A baseball game will feature the afternoon and horseshoe pitching and trapshooting is scheduled for the morning. There will be no track competition this year.

The Portland people will arrive at 7:40 a. m. Sunday, May 17 and leave for Portland that night on No. 5, riding in special cars.

A. McAllister is chairman of trapshooting, D. W. Beck of horseshoes and Lowell Rennick of baseball.

Landscaping City Park This Week

Workmen are busily engaged this week landscaping the city park in the three-cornered lot between Fourth, Fifth and Depot streets and Spring avenue. Shrubbery has been planted, and other work is advancing rapidly.

When completed, the park board expects it to be one of the most beautiful parks of its kind in Eastern Oregon.

Sam Williamson Funeral Sunday

Funeral services for Sam Williamson, La Grande pioneer of 1862, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Burial will take place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The services will be in charge of Rev. H. I. Hansen and Rev. Mr. Hershey, of Island City.

EARTHQUAKE IN ARMENIA FATAL TO 400

Estimates Today Place the Number of Injured Persons at 2000.

PROPERTY DAMAGE AROUND A MILLION

Every House Destroyed in One Town—Shocks Followed by Subterranean Rumbling.

ERIVAN, Armenia, Apr. 30 (AP)—Nearly 400 persons were killed and 2000 injured in the earthquake which rocked Armenia on Monday, according to preliminary estimates, and property damage probably will reach $1,000,000.

The shocks were felt generally throughout Armenia but were most severe in the southwest near Nakhichevan, where the longest shock lasted about a minute and was followed by terrifying subterranean rumbling.

One Village Destroyed

The flimsy native huts collapsed in a dozen villages, and at the little town of Sision every house was destroyed. The villages of Gerusin and Megrin also suffered heavily.

The ogpu (secret police) have seized hundreds of tons of grain consigned to Baku and relief committees organized in the neighboring soviet republics are sending money and supplies to the points where they are needed most. The government at Moscow has sent 2,000,000 rubles and some of the larger newspapers also have contributed large sums.

20,000 Homeless

Twenty thousand peasants are said to be homeless in the Kfance district, living in the open. A heavy rainfall is adding to their misery and food is scarce.

In the Gerusin district nine villages were wiped out with more than 100 killed, and at Sisian the death toll was even higher.

All wire communications and electric lighting systems were badly damaged.

The epicenter of the quake seemed to be in the vicinity of Zangezure.

STARVATION TAKES HUNDREDS

JERUSALEM, Apr. 30 (AP) — Hundreds of shepherd tribesmen and their flocks are reported dying of thirst and starvation in the deserts of Southern Syria and Central Arabia where a winter drouth killed off vegetation and dried up wells.

EIGHT TEAMS TO COMPETE IN MEET

Annual Eastern Oregon Event Eagerly Awaited by Cinder Path Artists

Every school in Eastern Oregon that has track talent is awaiting with eager anticipation the annual field day to be held at the La Grande High school cinder path Saturday of this week. Already a number of the schools, including the "big five" of Northeastern Oregon, have their eyes fixed on either the team title or individual events.

Pre-season dope, giving La Grande the edge over Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Ontario and Baker, is reasonably strong, but in track and field events, "chickens cannot be counted before they hatch." A sprained tendon in a race, a bad takeoff in a jump, or one of several possibilities, may upset the whole procedure and lose enough points to allow some other team to breeze home with the bacon. And for that reason, Coach Ira Woodie's Tigers are not figuring the meet as in the bag, but are rounding out their last week of training at present with the earnest hopes that all goes well.

Large Crowd Likely

With some of the best talent in the racing events in years to perform, indications are that the meet will lure a thousand or more spectators to the High school field.

Preliminaries are to begin at 10 o'clock and will include the 100 and 220-yard dashes, the broad jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, javelin, shotput, 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles and possibly the 440 if there are enough contestants in this event to require preliminaries. Finals are to begin at 2 o'clock with the 100-yard dash, the mile run, the pole vault.

Crews of high school boys, under

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200 KILLED, BADLY HURT IN EXPLOSION

Naval Laboratory at Nichtheroy, Brazil Scene of Tragedy.

ACCURATE COUNT IMPOSSIBLE YET

Blast, Originating Apparently in Torpedo-Loading Room — Takes Half of Workers.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Apr. 30 (AP)—Half of the four hundred employes in the naval laboratory at Nichtheroy were reported killed or injured today when an explosion wrecked the plant.

As soon as they could get near the place rescuers began removing the mutilated bodies of the dead and carrying out the injured.

The hospital at Nichtheroy was quickly filled and many of the victims were brought here.

The explosion which was believed to have occurred in the torpedo-loading room wrecked that building and an adjoining three story structure.

Nichtheroy is just across the bay from Rio De Janeiro and the injured who could not be accomodated there were carried across in launches.

The ministry of marine said it was impossible to estimate the number of dead and injured accurately but it was virtually certain that at least 200 had been killed or badly hurt.

70TH YEAR IN STORE BRINGS MAN HONORS

NEW YORK, April 30 (AP)—President Hoover, Calvin Coolidge and other notables today congratulated William C. Creamer, who has been in the employ of a New York department store for 70 years and who used to wait on Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

Seventy years ago today Mr. Creamer started to work in the Arnold Constable & Co., store, at the age of 10, as a cash boy. His salary was $1 a week, paid in gold.

The president of the store gave a luncheon in his honor today.

Mr. Creamer remembers Mrs. Lincoln. As "a small plainly dressed woman, somewhat finicky and far from extravagant."

He sold silks to Mrs. Roosevelt for 18 years, and he recalls often seeing Theodore Roosevelt as a child, brought to the store by his mother.

He also remembers Mark Twain as "a silent, glum person whom you'd never have guessed was a humorist."

After the luncheon was over Mr. Creamer went back to his counter.

Supreme Court To Meet in Pendleton

SALEM, Ore. Apr. 30 (AP)—All other members of the supreme court except Justice George Rossman expect to leave this weekend for Pendleton to hold a term of court in Eastern Oregon next week. Fifteen cases have been set for the Pendleton term. Of these three each are appealed from Baker and Malheur counties; two each from Union and Wasco counties, and one from Wallowa, Wheeler, Harney, Deschutes and Umatilla.

Justice Rossman expects to leave here today for Washington, D. C., where he will represent the court at the American law institute. All courts of the nation are represented at this annual session.

Older Boys Will Meet In Enterprise

Several boys will leave here directly after the East Oregon track meet here Saturday afternoon to attend the banquet and session of the Older Boys Conference being held in Enterprise at that time. For the benefit of those young men who wish to attend the track meet, the conference committee has postponed the serving time. Churches, schools, and Y. M. C. A. organizations will be represented at the conference which continues through Sunday, with many towns in Eastern Oregon represented.

Several business men interested in the undertaking have been encouraging local boys to attend the conference at which they receive many interesting ideas for semi-religious organizations to work out in La Grande through an exchange of ideas with other schools in this part of the state.

La Grande School Children Making Ready For Track and Field Day

La Grande schools are preparing for the sixth annual grade school track and field day which is to be held on Friday, May 15. The track and field contests will be staged on the High school athletic field immediately following a parade, which will begin at 1 o'clock.

The parade promises to be better than ever this year, with each school planning an interesting project. School will be dismissed at 11:30 Friday morning, and the children will be expected to report back at the schools at 12:30 in order to get everything in readiness for the parade in which all school children and teachers will participate. Detailed plans will be announced later.

Boys and Girls Compete

The field meet will consist of mass contests and individual contests, for boys and for girls. The boys' group contests will include a tug-of-war, over-the-top race, leap-frog race, slap-obstacle race, and in-and-out race. Individual contests will be for boys of three classes, those under 12, those between 12 and 15 and those over 15, and will include dashes of various distances, the broad jump and the high jump.

Girls' mass contests will be in five classes—fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades—and will include an over-the-top race, punt-relay race, slap-obstacle race, and in-and-out race. The girls' individual contest rules and age limits for the three classes are the same as for the respective classes in the boys' individual contests, and their events will consist of dashes, a relay and the basketball throw.

Mass Games First

The mass games will be held first, and will be followed by the dashes, field events, and relays in order named. The school receiving the greatest number of points will be declared winner of the meet. It is required that all contestants do satisfactory work in all their school subjects, and that they shall have con-

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QUEEN OF BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Queen Charlotte I, who is Miss Charlotte Farley, Lewiston High senior in everyday life, will reign over the royal court of the third annual Lewiston-Clarkston cherry blossom festival May 8 and 9. Her court will consist of about 20 princesses and attendants from towns near Lewiston.

Boy, 2, Drowned In Baker River Late Yesterday

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 30—Baker was shocked last evening when news of the drowning of little Richard Knutson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knutson of 588 Resort street, spread through the city.

The Knutson boy was reported lost about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the police were notified at 6:20. Officers McGovern and Linville rushed to the neighborhood. Linfield took the little boy's older sister in the police car and started a search throughout the district. McGovern went immediately to the river and directed several small boys who were playing nearby to run along both sides of the bank. Shortly Officer McGovern took the lost boy's father and two or three other boys to the dam, which is approximately 400 yards north of the Knutson home. There one of the boys scurried down to the water's edge.

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Carriers Seek To Put Damper On Rate Change

CHICAGO, April 30 (AP) — A suit was on file today in the United States district court seeking to enjoin the interstate commerce commission from putting into effect new rates on grain and grain products scheduled to become effective June 1. It was filed in behalf of all class 1 carriers in the western district.

Declaring that the new rates would cause them an average loss of 10 per cent, the petition estimated the loss to all railroads at $20,000,000. Among the railroads named are the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad which has estimated its probable loss under the new rates at $3,000,000; and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific

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Another Victim Of Gusher Fire Dies

GLADEWATER, Tex., Apr. 30 (AP)—Plans were laid today for blowing out a flaming gusher which burned eight men fatally Tuesday night.

M. M. and Harry Kinley, veteran oil blaze fighters of Tulsa, Okla., decided following an aerial inspection the work would require more than 100 quarts of nitroglycerine mixture.

The well claimed its eighth victim last night when John Keys, oil worker from Oklahoma City, died in a hospital at Longview, Tex. Frank Flouck, 35, of Woodfield, Okla., was near death.

Rent Bees To Tree Growers In East

TRENTON, N. J., April 30 (AP) — Bees in New Jersey this spring have become the hired help of the fruit grower and bee-renting has developed into a good-sized business.

Besides making honey, millions of bees have been employed to assist the wind and wild insects in pollinating fruit blossoms.

Tiny specks of polen which adhere to the fuzzy legs of the bee as it explores one blossom for nectars to be made into honey, drop off when the bee delves into the heart of another. This polen provides the fertilization necessary to the germinating of the fruit.

Sometimes the bee keepers charge as high as $5 or $10 a hive for the bees' services. It's not a bad bargain for the apiarist, considering that he also gets the honey.

BUTLER TO HEAD WEST ON MAY 13

Fiery U. S. Marines General Will Leave Washington For Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (AP)—General Smedley D. Butler, fiery marine, will leave Washington Wednesday, May 13 for Oregon where he will assist in drawing up plans for the organization and operation of that state's recently authorized state constabulary. The general will be in Oregon about two weeks.

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Real Competition Develops In Milk War in California

WILLITS, Cal., Apr. 30 (AP)—A chain grocery store here yesterday hung out signs reading:

"Free milk with every 25 cent purchase."

Half an hour later a competing store came out with "Milk given away free to anybody and one cent for carrying it away."

Bids Opened For Three Bridges

PORTLAND, Apr. 30 (AP) — Low bids opened by the state highway commission here today for construction of three bridges were entered by O. N. Pierce, Portland, $11,805 for a bridge over Weatherly creek in Douglas county; R. H. Jones, Baker, $15,125, Malheur river near Harper in Malheur county; and Roberts and Horstkotte, Portland, $16,044, South Yamhall river near Grande Ronde in Polk county.

Acceptances will be announced from Salem within two or three days.

The meeting was adjourned at noon, and members returned to Salem immediately to attend the funeral of Thomas B. Kay.

The next meeting will be held May 14.

Baseball Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	1	10	0
Brooklyn	6	10	0

J. Elliott, Shields, Schesler, Fallenstein and Davis; Phelps and Lopez.

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	6	3
Pittsburgh	8	9	1

Rixey, Kolp, Bysong and Sukeforth; Meine and Phillips.

Chicago at St. Louis postponed, rain.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	2	0
New York	2	10	1

Zachary, Cantwell and Spohrer; Fitzsimmons and Hogan.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington at Boston postponed, cold. Double header Saturday.

	R.	H.	E.
New York	7	8	3
Philadelphia	2	6	1

Johnson and Dickey; Walberg, McDonald and Cochrane.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	4	6	3
Detroit	9	12	0

Hudlin, Miller, Craghead and Sewell, Berg; Hoyt and Schang.

Boy Hero Sees Reception For King and Queen

Bryan Untiedt's Stay at the White House May Be Longer Than He First Expected.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (AP) —Bryan Untiedt entered the second day of his visit to President and Mrs. Hoover with the pleasant prospect that his stay may be longer than he first expected.

So impressed was the president with the bearing of the boy he invited here to spend a day and night because of his heroism when left in charge of a snowbound Colorado school bus, that he let it be known he wanted Bryan to remain in Washingtdn until he had seen all a 19-year-old should see.

Sees Formal Reception.

Bryan already has had one experience of which few grownups outside the government service can boast. Through a door which purposely had been left ajar he watched the reception that preceded the formal dinner last night in honor of the king and queen of Siam.

The boy was not able to attend the dinner because it was a highly official function for officials only. But in the children's room on the third floor of the executive mansion he ate the same kind of food that was served to King Prajadhipok and Queen Rambai Barni in the panelled state dining room.

The boy arrived in Washington early yesterday. Everybody connected with the White house started out to see that he had a good time, and when he went to bed in the blue room he had pretty well exhausted all the nearby sights, as well as himself.

First of all he saw and talked with President and Mrs. Hoover and long before he could get over that he watched the brilliant ceremonial attending the formal reception yesterday morning of the king and queen.

Sightseeing Trip Enjoyed.

A sightseeing trip to Washington's monument followed and then an informal, pleasant family luncheon with the president regaling the table with amusing stories. After lunch there was a session with photographers followed shortly by a visit to the navy yard with Captain Joel Boone, White House physician.

The visit to the White house came near ending when the boy was shown the gun room of the navy yard. Dr.

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Educator, Friend Of Mr. Wilson, Is Dead In Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 30 (AP)—Dr. Erwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia for 27 years, died last night on his way to Urbana, Ill., where he was to take part in the induction of Dr. Harry W. Chase into the presidency of the University of Illinois.

A few hours after the train left Washington, he was stricken by apolexy and at Connellsville, Penn., was removed to the state hospital. He died there a short time later. He was 69 years old. The funeral will be at Charlottesville Saturday with burial in the university cemetery.

His close association with Woodrow Wilson as personal friend and professionally led congress in 1924 to invite him to deliver the address at a session honoring the war president. There he defended Wilson's idealism. "He sought," said Dr. Alderman, "to give the twentieth century a faith to inspire it and to justify the sacrifice of millions of lives, and if there was a failure, it was humanity's failure."

Dr. Alderman was a graduate and later president of the University of North Carolina, the state of his birth.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Bessie Green Hearn of New Orleans, and a son, Edwin A. Alderman Jr., of New York.

Oregon Lumber To Be Used On Dam

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 30 (AP) — Douglas fir from the Oregon woods will be used in building the Hoover dam at Las Vegan, Nev., it was revealed today when appointment of the Chapman Lumber company, Portland, as lumber purchasing agents for Six Companies, Inc., builders of the dam, was announced.

The first order for two million ties, to be used in building railroad lines to the dam site, already has been received, and will be followed immediately by more orders.

Police Prepare To Suppress Disorders

LONDON, Apr. 30 (AP) — Police in many cities of the world today made preparations to suppress disorders and maintain order during wide-spread observance tomorrow, May day, of International Labor day.

In England May day celebrations have gone somewhat out of fashion and little beyond some soap box oratory and a few small processions was expected in London, but elsewhere in Europe and in Spanish America observance presented a more serious problem.

Kansas Man Will Come to Oregon

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (AP)—Secretary Wilbur today announced the appointment of Clyde M. Blair, of Kansas, supervisor of Indian education, as superintendent of the Klamath Indian agency in Oregon to succeed Le Roy D. Arnold, who has been appointed assistant director of forestry in the Indian service with headquarters in Washington.

Tornado Sweeps Through Clinton

ENID, Okla., Apr. 30 (AP)—Telephone company officials here were informed this afternoon that a tornado had swept through the edge of Clinton, Okla. No details were available. Several persons were killed by a tornado at Clinton several weeks ago.

ANTI-TRUST LAW CHANGE AGAIN URGED

Business Leaders Address U. S. Chamber of Commerce Session.

FEAR OF FEDERAL COMPETITION HIGH

Railroad President Says Knowledge of Government's Plans Would be Desirable.

By J. R. Brackett
(Associated Press Business Writer)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Apr. 30 (AP) —Modification of the anti-trust law, and a watchful guard against encroachment by the federal government on the field of private business were urged today by business leaders addressing the United States chamber of commerce.

Fred M. Sargent, president of the Chicago and Northwestern railway, while agreeing with many businessmen here that forces appear to be shaping themselves for a return to stability, emphasized that American business cannot fully succeed if it is constantly subject to the fear of government competition.

The main sources of prosperity would be dried up, he said, if the public feared the government would destroy investments by entering private competition.

Would Inspire Confidence.

"No single thing could happen," he said, "which would give more courage and inspiration looking to revival of prosperity, than to know the government intended to maintain a sacred regard for the rights of private property, as those rights have heretofore been supposed to be protected."

The anti-trust laws and their effects upon business was the general theme of the morning session of the chamber's annual convention. Other speakers were William S. Bennett, vice president of the Edward Hines Lumber company of Chicago, and G. Carroll Todd, former assistant attorney general.

Laws Badly Balanced.

Bennett said the anti-trust laws were badly balanced, because "they make violations of the provisions of the statutes misdemeanors." He advocated repeal of the criminal penalties, declaring the proper remedy was a civil one. The criminal penalties, he said, do not deter the real criminal but discourage honorable business men from going ahead with perfectly legal propositions.

"The spirit of the anti-trust laws is right," Bennett said. "There ought not to be a monopoly. The strong ought not to have the right to oppress the weak. If price fixing and

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SHERIFF GIVES ADULT SON A GOOD LICKIN'

HIWASSEE, Ga., Apr. 30 (AP) —Doyle Gregory is "free, white, 21, and married," but so far as his father, Sheriff J. R. Gregory, is concerned the rule of "spare the rod and spoil the child" still applies.

Doyle was recovering today from a severe spanking administered by the elder Gregory for intoxication.

"He decided to pitch one because I was out of town," Sheriff Gregory said in a public announcement. "So when I returned I said to him, 'son, I have been getting after other folks for doing this thing and here you are making a fool of yourself. I'll just teach you a lesson you won't forget.'"

The lesson followed and, in addition, Doyle was placed in jail a day "to think it over."

George Washington's Letter Brings $375

CHICAGO, April 30 (AP) — A letter in which George Washington warned the colonel of one of his regiments to keep his officers away from the temptations of Philadelphia, was sold at auction last night for $375.

The letter, written from Washington's headquarters at Morristown, N. J., in 1777, to Colonel Alexander Spotswood, said in part:

"And let me also entreat you to charge your recruiting officers in explicit and positive terms to be exceedingly attentive to that duty, as idleness and dissipation will not meet with the smallest countenance. Your other officers are to attend the regiment closely and not suffer under various excuses, to be idling their time away in Philadelphia or elsewhere."

ONE NEAR DEATH

PORTLAND, Apr. 30 (AP)—Delphin Cardero, 24, a Filipino, is near death in a hospital here and Frank Carino, 24, a countryman, is held by police, as the result of a shooting affair that ended a private numblety-peg game in the hallway of a hotel. Carino stated that Cardero attacked him and he was shot in self defense. Cardero was wounded in the neck and jaw and was in a critical condition.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 30 (AP) — Wheat prices bulged late today, influenced by apparent likelihood that France would further enlarge the amount of foreign wheat allowed for mixture with home grown wheat. Some United States wheat was reported purchased by France. For the first time since last August, no Russian exports of wheat were announced.

Wheat closed irregular, ⅛ off 1⅛-1¾ up, corn ⅛-1½ advanced, oats at ⅛-¼ decline to ¼ gain, and provisions varying from 30 cents setback to a rise of 2 cents.