

NIGHT HIGH SCHOOLS ARE TO COMPETE

Success of Second Annual Music Tournament Already Assured.

TO BE SPONSORED APR. 16 BY E. O. N.

Three Divisions Will Provide For Representative Competition; Trophies To Be Given.

Music supervisors of Eastern Oregon have completed plans for the second Eastern Oregon high school music tournament, sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and which will be held on April 16. The conditions and regulations of the tournament are being sent to the high schools which already have decided to enter—La Grande, Pendleton, Baker, Union, Enterprise, Herndon, Athena and Irigoin. The advisory committee includes W. W. Musick, supervisor of music, La Grande high school, chairman; H. R. Grant, director of instrumental music, Baker high school; and Miss Alice A. Savok, supervisor of music, Pendleton high school. Miss Jennie Peterson, director of music at the Normal school, secretary, is also active in the work of promoting the tournament.

Three Divisions Planned High schools will be classified in three divisions for the purpose of competition, with Class A including schools of 300 or more students; Class B, 100 to 299 students; and Class C, all with a total enrollment under 100. Individual competitive events will be held in voice, violin, piano, piano accompanying and other solo instruments in which there are two or more entries. The classification does not apply to solo events but all compete in the same class, according to the rules. All students participating must be bona fide undergraduates of high school students and winners of first place in individual events of last year are barred from participation this year.

Group events must be entered by high school but solo events need not be. The rules show, and only one entrant from each school shall be permitted to enter each solo event.

A silver cup will be awarded to one school in each class scoring the highest total number of points, exclusive of solos, and a sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the school scoring the highest number of points, including solos. Both to be retained.

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MRS. PIERCE NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE RACE

SALEM, Jan. 23 (AP) — Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, former state librarian, intimidated here yesterday to determine the winning team Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Sacajawea Inn. C. H. Devine, who has been in charge of the tournament, has announced that every team will play every other team, after which the cards will be reversed with each team playing the hands formerly held by their opponents.

Those in the finals are Mrs. W. C. Sawyer and Mrs. Guy Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fitzgerald; Mrs. Don Rohan and Mrs. Walter Palmer; Mrs. Otis Palmer and Mrs. Erva Stevens.

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Spain Faces Move Of Soviet Nature

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan. 23 (AP) — Shops were closed, trolley cars stopped running and the streets of this city were deserted by all save soldiers and police today as a general strike was being held out for the day by the workers for disorders during the past few days in Catalonia.

The leaders described it as a prelude to a nationwide strike aimed at the establishment of a republic, soviet in character.

Boy, 5, Dangerously Wounds Woman, 19

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP) — Dangerously wounded by a shot fired by a five-year-old boy, Geraldine Woodward, 19, was in a hospital here today, a bullet through her left breast and arm.

The child, Robert Hugh Smythe, had found an automatic pistol in a bedroom. Miss Woodward, employed in the Smythe home, was in the bathroom when the boy entered, and she was struck by the bullet when she turned to see what he found, he said, and pulled the trigger.

Two Boys Drowned In Clackamas River

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP) — Earl Sandstrom, 14, and his brother, Ray, 10 years old, drowned in the Clackamas river near Gladstone today when a rowboat in which they were riding upset and threw them into the stream.

Earl lost his life in an attempt to rescue his younger brother. He was successful in reaching the boat, turned away, paddled to his side, and himself was unable to keep above the surface.

Baker High Wins Close-Checking Game 20 to 15

La Grande Loses Second Game of Season — Joseph High to Play Here at 8:30 Tonight.

In a game that was decided mostly by free throws, Baker high school turned back the Tiger quintet at Baker last night 20 to 15. It was the second defeat of the season for La Grande and the fourth consecutive victory for Baker. The Bulldogs defeated Pendleton 21 to 10 on a road trip into Unakilla county and won from North Powder at Baker.

The narrow Baker floor sloped up the offense of both teams, although the Tigers ahead, in the second quarter managed to slip through for two or three field goals, but La Grande — although getting an occasional shot — couldn't find the hoop.

York, was the outstanding player for the Bulldogs, and also high scorer of the game with nine points. Stoddard, La Grande forward, chalked up five to lead his team.

Not more than one field goal was made during the entire first half which ended Baker 8, La Grande 5. At only one time during the contest was the Tigers ahead, in the second quarter when they held a 5 to 4 lead. The game was a bit closer in the last half with Baker scoring 12 to La Grande's 10.

George Huff, of Baker, refereed, turning in a nice performance. Thirty-three personal fouls were called on the two teams but these were largely due to the eagerness of the players in their attempts to pierce the defenses.

Joseph Here Tonight Joseph High school, which held La Grande to 20 to 15 score at Joseph earlier this month, will meet the Tigers on the L. D. S. Recreational hall tonight, the game beginning at 8:30. Jack Lloyd and Leonard Roe will officiate. At 7:30 o'clock the sophomore and junior class teams will play.

Band Fund Goes Over The \$1000 Mark This Week

Several new contributions were made to the fund for the maintenance of the La Grande band during the coming year, according to reports today.

A few days ago the total stood at a little less than \$975 and now it is over a thousand dollars, which is two-thirds of the \$1500 sought by the organization and individuals sponsoring the campaign.

The Shell Oil company contributed \$250 this week, one of the largest contributions made this month. The Union Pacific Athletic club also made about \$10.

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HELIX QUINT TO PLAY OWLS HERE MONDAY

A game that will have a definite bearing on whether the Jack Allen Owls, local independent basketball team, will remain in the Eastern Oregon championship race, is to be played at the L. D. S. Recreational hall Monday night at 8, with the Helix Red Devils.

About a week ago the Owls lost at Helix 39 to 19 but have hopes of reversing the count in La Grande Monday. If the Red Devils lose the game here, the Owls will again be tied with them for the leadership.

Cost of Living Still 46 Per Cent Above National Figure For 1913

By J. H. Jenkins WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Living last year was cheaper by nearly ten per cent, for the country as a whole, than it was in 1930.

Every item in the cost of living tumbled down, even rents which are the steepest of all fixed costs to yield to the pressure of declining prices.

This was announced today by the bureau of labor statistics, based on a study of 32 representative cities, north, south, east and west. For all the drop, however, it still cost nearly 46 per cent more to live in 1931 than it did in 1913.

The actual figure for the year's average decline was 9.3 per cent, with an index figure of 145.8 for December, 1931, against 160.7 for December, 1930, and 100 for 1913.

SPAULDING TO STAY, MEIER SAYS TODAY.

Governor Does Not Expect Any Change in Highway Commission

RETRENCHMENT IN EXPENSES PLANNED

Commission Also Plans to Recommend Reduction in Cost of Automobile Licenses.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier today informed the Associated Press no immediate change in the present personnel of the state highway commission is contemplated.

Recurring reports that Charles K. Spaulding would not long continue on the commission prompted the Thursday afternoon announcement that a change was to be expected. In reply to a second inquiry, whether the governor would have anything to say on the personnel setup before he leaves for Washington, D. C., next Wednesday, Meier said "Not as far as I know now."

Absent at Meeting Commissioner Spaulding did not attend a meeting here Friday of the Governor, J. C. Ainsworth, chairman of the commission, and Commissioner William Hanley. The meeting was at Ainsworth's home, to which he is confined with a broken arm. Those who were there said the governor suggested the gathering when he arrived in Portland on other business and system Hanley was in the city.

Changes in policy involving retrenchment in the highway department were outlined at Friday's meeting. Four things were agreed upon. The first was to reduce the cost of the next meeting of the commission the administration expenses, including salaries, be reduced 30 per cent.

World Reducers Auto Licenses It was agreed that the commission should recommend to the next legislature a reduction of at least 25 per cent in cost of automobile licenses.

Meier's plan was expressed on the suggestion that during the depression no "super-highway" projects be undertaken.

The governor decided to make arrangements with the chief engineer of the federal highway department for a complete survey of the Oregon state highway department and its road system.

The governor is leaving for Washington, D. C., on Wednesday to appoint.

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PLEA OF GUILTY IS NOT ACCEPTED

District Attorney Refuses to Acquiesce to Second Degree Pleading.

John Owen, pale faced after his long confinement in the county jail, charged jointly with Keith Crosswhite with first degree murder of Amos "Spud" Helms, state policeman, faced Judge J. W. Knowles in the circuit court, yesterday afternoon to hear his request for a change of venue refused. Affidavits, sworn to by leading business men of the plot in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Kenney was born in Canada Oct. 2, 1882 and was 89 years, he had not been preaching regularly during the last several months.

He is survived by his widow, Susan Kenney, and three granddaughters and three grandsons.

Hoover is Opposed To Naval Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Direct opposition by President Hoover to a naval building program was reported today by Representative Britten, Republican, Illinois, at a conference with the chief executive.

SUGAR PRICE EFFECTIVE PORTLAND, Jan. 23 (AP) — Announcement is made by the California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp. that a change in differential which has lowered the package price as compared with the sacks. The former differential between sacks and bales has been 25c to 10c which are now down to 15c while 5c which formerly showed a differential of 50c are now 25c.

House Democratic Tariff is Opposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Administration opposition to the house Democratic tariff bill was renewed today in testimony by Ogden Mills, undersecretary of the treasury, before the senate finance committee.

Mills said the bill was "calculated to delay action on needed tariff changes" by restoring the flexible power to congress.

He also contended a "very serious danger would result in placing tariff revision 'indefinitely' before congress.

Garner Explains His Tax Beliefs WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Speaker Garner today told a representative group of congressmen that he favored raising additional revenue on a few articles of general consumption.

The speaker made clear his opposition to a general sales tax but indicated a few sales levies were under consideration by the house majority.

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11 JAPANESE SHIPS ANCHOR AT SHANGHAI

Authorities Plan to Occupy With Troops all Chinese Barracks

DEMANDS MADE TO CHINESE NOT MET

U. S. Consul General Demands That He Had Issued Warning to Japanese Against Action.

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (AP) — Japanese authorities here have decided to occupy with troops all Chinese barracks, fortresses and other military establishments in the Shanghai district in China unless the Chinese authorities there meet Japanese demands.

The foreign office and naval authorities were working together today watching developments at Shanghai with grave concern. It was estimated here that, with the arrival late today of additional warships, Japan has a landing force of approximately 1700 at Shanghai to protect Japanese subjects in case of emergency.

The edicts of the Japanese consul general at Shanghai independent organizations are largely responsible for the boycott against Japanese goods and the cessation of what Japan considers other provocative steps sponsored by these societies which, it is contended here, the Chinese government never seriously attempted to prevent.

Martin, Oregon, Fights Bill To Merge Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — A man who was a soldier for 40 years today told the house expenditures committee another war is likely and said the efficiency of the army and navy would be endangered by consolidation.

The witness — once a major-general and assistant chief of staff of the army, but now retired as a colonel (D. Ore.) — expressed unqualified opposition to pending bills for the merging of the war and navy departments into a department of national defense.

The proposals have the support of Democratic leaders in the house including Speaker Garner.

Plays for Efficiency Martin said he was unfortunate the committee had heard economy as a primary argument for the consolidation.

Efficiency must be paramount; a cheap and navy are the most costly things in the world," he said. "This consolidation is fundamentally unsound."

He said conditions go on as they are in the world today, those things will lead to war, adding that the World War proved the American army and navy could function satisfactorily as they are.

Representative Byrns, (D. Tenn.), chairman of the committee has told the committee the merger would not harm efficiency but would save money.

Minister, Civil War Veteran Is Dead At Elgin

Rev. James P. Kenney, a Methodist minister for the last 60 years and one of the few remaining Civil War veterans residing in Union county, died at his home at Elgin about 3 o'clock this morning.

Funeral services will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary Monday at 2 p. m. with interment in the Masonic cemetery.

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He is survived by his widow, Susan Kenney, and three granddaughters and three grandsons.

PORTLAND GAS WAR CONTINUES; PRICE AT 14c

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP) — Competitive prices again ruled among Portland's gasoline retailers. Many 12c signs were displayed by dealers here today, following a cut to 14 cents a gallon announced earlier in the week by a large producer.

Before the general 14-cent price was established motor fuel was selling at what appeared to be a common price of 16 cents.

RECOVERING

Herbert Hoover III, four-year-old grandson of the president, recovering from a sinus operation at Pasadena, Cal. He was critically ill for a day or two. The lad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover Jr., and is generally known as "Peter."

Gruesome Day In Phoenix Court; Mrs. Judd Calm

Police Officials Describe Bodies of the Two Women Defendant Confessed to Killing.

By Ralph O. Brown COURT HOUSE, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 23 (AP) — The appearances of death were sealed, Judge Howard C. Spackman's courtroom today as Los Angeles police officials described the bodies of the two women Winnie Ruth Judd confessed she slew, and identified the containers in which they found them.

The pungent odor of antiseptic fluids rose to the close little room's beamed ceiling as trunks which once contained the bodies of Agnes Leroi and Hedvig Samuelson, were opened before the 12 men who will decide whether Mrs. Judd shall be hanged for the two slayings of October 10.

Woman Overcome A woman on one of the close packed benches in the restricted spectators' space, overcome by the graphic description by Lieutenant Frank Ryan of the Los Angeles police department and by the sanguine associations of the physical evidence

Bandaging and unbandaging her left hand with her handkerchief — an action almost constant with her during the past two days — the slim waisted woman whom witnesses pointed out as owner of the gruesome baggage found in Los Angeles October 10 gave no sign when a bloodstained piece of carpet was produced. It lay on the clerk's desk within three feet of her. She ignored its presence.

Snappers of an automatic pistol also found in the baggage she shipped from Phoenix October 18 — failed to startle her into turning her head.

Lieutenant Ryan identified two trunks and described what he found in them when he was called to the Los Angeles Southern Pacific station late in the afternoon of October 19, by B. Anderson, district baggage agent.

Tells of Bodies Dr. A. F. Wagner, Los Angeles autopsy surgeon, brought to him as "Jane Doe number 11" was "considerably decomposed, but with no evidence of injury except a gunshot wound and acute superficial abscesses which have been made by handling of the body."

"The gunshot wound was in the head, the course through the lower hemisphere of the brain," the doctor told the jury. "The bullet entered from the smaller trunk and the eutaxide, Dr. Wagner said, 'had been severed through the abdomen, and there was a large hole in the right leg. The legs had been severed at the knee joint. There was a gunshot wound in the head, a superficial round puncture wound in the left side of the neck, a bullet wound in the left chest, ranging upward, penetrating only superficial tissues, a lacerating wound on the ring finger of the left hand, and penetrating wound in the right hand."

"From your examination what would you say was the cause of death?" the bullet wound in the head." "At what distance would you say the shot was fired?" "In my opinion the gun was close to the head."

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RAILROADS WILL RESTORE RATES

I. C. C. Today Authorizes Return to Grain Charges Lowered August 1.

UNIONS STATE POSITION CHICAGO, Jan. 23 (AP) — The railroad presidents today that employees should not be called upon to contribute ten per cent of their meager earnings for the benefit of other interests in the railroad industry.

David Robertson, chairman of the labor protest, said at a conference in presenting a rebuttal to the railroad executives' plea for a ten per cent voluntary wage cut this afternoon asserted that in any consideration of wage reductions the management "should at least be zealous in furnishing additional employment, and relieving unemployment distress as in solving their own financial problems."

Thus far neither side has advanced a significant point in the discussions of wage reductions and employment stabilization.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — The interstate commerce commission today authorized the railroads to restore freight rates on grain which were ordered lowered Aug. 1.

The rates are to be restored on ten days' notice.

The decision of the commission on the application of the carriers was a divided one. Chairman Porter and Commissioner McManamy voted against the restoration of rates, favoring requiring the railroads to give the statutory 30 days' notice.

The action was taken as a result of the recent supreme court decision which held the commission should have granted western railroads a rehearing before compelling them to reduce rates in accordance with the Hoeh-Smith resolution.

The application was filed under the section of the interstate commerce act which permits the commission to authorize reductions or increases in rates on short notice.

LONG CHANCE TO BE TAKEN TO SAVE MIND

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP) — An attempt to spare 13-month-old Diana Moore from a life of ineffectuality may be made next week, with the chances for the success of the operation one in a thousand. The child is suffering from a brain condition called cerebospastic.

Mrs. Lillian Moore, her 18-year-old mother, is willing that her daughter risk the chance of the operation. "I am going to have the operation performed even though there is only one chance in a thousand of Diana surviving," Mrs. Moore said. "Whatever happens may baby cannot lose. There is no life before her if she is to be an idiot. And through an operation there is at least a faint chance that she will be normal. I am willing to take that chance."

Several Hurt In Toboggan Accident

By Wilda O'Neil (Observer Correspondent) FERRY, Jan. 23 (Special) — One boy suffered a broken leg and several other children were injured less seriously when a toboggan overturned near here about 8 o'clock last night.

Buster Vermillion was the most seriously hurt, with a leg fracture. The others were Milton Smith, Leo Lockman, Larry Lyle and Ted, Joe and Lois Matson.

TWO RELIEF BILLS GIVEN

HOOVER O. K. President Signs Federal Land Bank and Credit Relief Measures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — The house today passed without debate the \$500,000,000 appropriation to provide capital for the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — President Hoover took another step today in his economic program to the aid of the Reconstruction Finance federal land bank bill, which adds \$125,000,000 to the capital of the land banks and is designed to ease the strain upon mortgage burdened farmers.

Bearing the badge of legal authority, but lacking a few of the essentials necessary to carry out its duties, the Reconstruction corporation was about ready today to lend the president's program.

Two Things Still Necessary Two things are necessary to start the Reconstruction corporation functioning. The \$500,000,000 capital must be appropriated and the directorate must be appointed. A measure to supply the capital is being worked by the house appropriations committee for immediate introduction. To this \$500,000,000 of federal capital will be added \$1,500,000,000 of additional funds to be raised by the corporation itself, on securities underwritten by the federal government.

The president has before him many names from which to choose with three directors yet to be appointed. Under the measure, these are to be Democrats, and he conferred last night with congressional Democratic leaders.

Four Already Named Already designated for service are Charles Gates Dawes, as president; Eugene Meyer, governor of the federal reserve board, as chairman of the board; and two other members, Secretary Mellon, who may be represented by Undersecretary Mills of the treasury, and Paul Beator, former Iowa congressman.

Undersecretary Mills called at the White House early today. Later he talked with Dawes and Meyer. Dawes said he did not know when the set-up of the corporation would be completed. He has received many applications for jobs, as have Mills and Meyer.

The board is to decide upon methods of making loans. In a statement, issued as he signed

Kidnaped Denver Man Pleads With Wife For Ransom

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 23 (AP) — "For God's sake send \$50,000 immediately if you will give me my son," was the desperate appeal today to his wife by Benjamin P. Bower, kidnaped Denver baker, being held for ransom.

The letter was made public early today by Chief of Police Albert T. Clark, who said Mrs. Bower had received the letter Friday morning, but had kept it secret.

The letter which Mrs. Bower identified as written by her husband said he was alive and unharmed. It designated a rendezvous on a road west of Denver and instructed Mrs. Bower how to handle the money.

"Make a bundle of all cash," the letter said, "and wrap it in an old newspaper and cover it with red cloth." The money was to be given to men who would meet her, the letter added, two miles from Golden, a town about 15 miles west of Denver.

Chief Clark would not reveal the time designated. The letter was postmarked Thursday evening.

Bower was kidnaped Tuesday night about 9 o'clock by two men.

Portland Official Indicted by Jury

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP) — An indictment accusing him by larceny by baillee was returned by the Multnomah county grand jury last night against the city's public works commissioner. He was released on his own recognizance.

The indictment accused him of larceny by baillee of personal property of the city to the value of \$65. This property was listed as an electric motor and a starting board Mann is charged with having removed to his residence. For the past two months Mann has been under fire by a group demanding grand jury hearings of allegations of misconduct in office.

Ashland Artillery Unit Winner of Cup

SALEM, Jan. 23 (AP) — The coast artillery unit at Ashland, with a rating of 99.7 per cent, led all units of the Oregon coast artillery in first position and the annual attendance trophy, it was announced today by Major General George A. White, commander of the national guard.

The Klamath Falls unit, which had taken first place during the past three years, fell to second place.

Oregon still maintains the national lead in drill attendance. General White announced. No unit in the state fell below 75 per cent, while the state average was 86.3, four points higher than the national average. The presentation of the trophy was made by the Oregonian, will be made next spring.

Wisconsin Group Favors Roosevelt

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Jan. 23 (AP) — The committee on resolutions of the Democratic state conference this afternoon endorsed Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York as a candidate for president.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat lost 1 1/2c bushel despite the fact that grain cost not be purchased at the former price. Sales of futures Saturday totaled 400 bushels May.