

MURCHISON, SLATER NEW CANDIDATES

La Grande Attorney Enters Race For District Attorney Post.

VALLEY MAN RUNS FOR COMMISSIONER

J. E. Reynolds Completes His Filing; Voters Must Register Not Later Than Apr. 19.

J. H. BLUNT MAY RUN
J. H. Blunt, head of the social science department in La Grande High School, has been urged by several in this county to enter the race for the Republican nomination for county school superintendent, which was held this afternoon. He is a graduate of W. S. C. in educational supervision with the class of 1926 and completed his work for a master's degree in 1928. His wife was born and reared in Union county and taught at Elgin, Island City, Biscay, Ariz. and Walla Walla. Questioned today he said: "I have not definitely decided to make the race but will make a decision in a few days and let you know."

Two new developments occurred in the local political situation this weekend—the entrance of another Republican into the race for the nomination for county commissioner and the filing in Salem of J. D. Slater's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for district attorney.

News of Mr. Slater's action was carried to the Observer in an Associated Press dispatch from Salem listing the La Grande Democrat as the second to file at Salem for the position. "Three Republicans are seeking their party's nomination," Carl Helm, incumbent; Orval Millard and R. J. Kitchen.

Mr. Slater is a pioneer attorney in this county and has held offices in both county and city positions before. He is the only reported candidate for the Democratic nomination and in all likelihood will oppose the Republican winner in November.

J. J. MURCHISON FILES
Union, with two candidates for the Republican nomination for county commissioner—Commissioner W. W. Stevens and Merion Davis—will have some competition in the May primary election. It developed today, J. J. Murchison, Republican who lived between La Grande and Summerville, has filed his declaration of

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RECOMMENDS MODIFICATION OF PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (AP)—Asserting that conditions have changed since the improvement was first undertaken, the war department today recommended to Chairman Mansfield of the House Rivers and Harbors committee, a \$1,200,000 modification in the Umpqua river project.

"Lumber products now are transported in deeper draft vessels so that the market for lumber is deeper than it was when the project was first undertaken," said Major General Brown, chief of army engineers.

Brown recommended construction of a south jetty extending to a point about 1800 feet south of the outer end of the present north jetty, and suggested dredging to provide a usable channel 26 feet deep.

Two Hurt Friday But Not Seriously

Two persons were injured, but not seriously, in collisions here late Friday.

W. Driskell reported to police that his car hit a woman on Spruce street at 5:45 this morning. The woman, he said, was taken to the hospital, he said, but declined. His car was almost to a stop at the time of the accident, and he reported making every possible effort to avoid the accident. The name of the woman was not listed at the police station.

Donald Williams, riding a bicycle, was hit by a car driven by Russell Chandler at Fourth and D streets. Donald was slightly hurt. Mr. Chandler took him home to his parents.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably occasional light rain in the west; moderate temperature; moderate south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m. 36°
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 45, minimum 37 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
rain .01 of inch. Range—8 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 26, 1932
Maximum 41, minimum 30 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range—11 degrees.

District Winners Selected Friday In Three Towns

Declamatory Contest For County Will Be Held in La Grande Next Saturday Night.

District winners in the zone declamatory contests were selected last night in three Union county towns. Competition was held at Elgin, Island City and Union.

The winners are to compete at the Eastern Oregon Normal school in La Grande next Saturday night.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore., Mar. 26 (Special)—The district declamatory contest held at the gymnasium last night was well attended and 28 contestants competed in the interpretative speaking. The contestants seemed better prepared and competition was keener this year than last. Four winners were selected from division two and three to attend the next declamatory contest to be held at the Normal school in La Grande next Saturday night.

From division 3, which included grades 3, 4 and 5, Nola Drake, of North Powder, won in the humorous group with "Little Orphan Annie" while David Baum, of Union, took first in the non-humorous contest with "The Old Hickory" and Master Johnnie's Nextdoor Neighbor."

Division 2, including grades 6, 7 and 8 was won by Merlin Weighall, of High Valley, with his humorous "The Dutchman and His Dog" and by Betty Lillard, of North Powder, with a serious reading, "The Highwayman."

Two representatives are selected from the high schools without a preliminary contest. Those who will take part in the contest from the High School are Jean Baum, who will read "The Heart Old Hickory" and Irma Taylor, with a humorous reading.

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Quilts Will Be Displayed Here On Wednesday

Quilts of every pattern and hue will be exhibited at the quilt and rug contest sponsored by the Altar society of St. Peter's Episcopal church next Wednesday at Noonan hall. The exhibit will open at 2 o'clock and the doors will remain open until 10, with a musical program presented during the evening. The public is invited and admission will be charged, 15 cents.

The Blue Mountain Wranglers will be the main feature of the musical program, appearing at 8:30. Mrs. Fred Buffman also will present a group of piano solos during the evening. Mrs. J. E. Reynolds is chairman of the program committee.

Three judges have been procured to judge the quilt and rug show. They are the quilt and rug show. They are from out of town, and the quilts will be judged on the basis of color and general effect, 50 per cent; pattern, 35 per cent, and workmanship, 15 per cent. Three prizes will be presented in the quilt division for quality and another will be presented for the oldest quilt on exhibit. Free quilts will be given to the winners.

People interested in entering quilts are requested to call Mrs. G. N. Tarkington, Mrs. C. C. Bull or Mrs. Guy Ellis.

Every care will be taken of the exhibits throughout the entire day. A tea will be served and candy and a cheese chest will be features of the event.

Proceeds from the exhibit and contest will be turned into the general fund of the church.

Guardsmen Will Stand Inspection Monday Evening
After a series of 48 drills during the past year, Company E, 18th Infantry, Oregon national guard, is ready for the annual federal inspection. Captain Walter A. Bean announced this morning. The army has undergone a thorough "house-cleaning" and everything is in readiness for the visit of Colonel Hubert A. Allen and Sergeant Fred Anderson, who will conduct the inspection Monday evening at 7:30 at the armory.

Sergeant Anderson is a former La Grande resident but is now with the instructor's office in Portland. Colonel Allen also will be accompanied by Mrs. Allen, who has traveled with her husband during his 30 years of service in the United States army. Inspection will be held on everything which is covered in the training school schedule since July 1. Captain Bean states, including close order drill by squad, platoons and the company, military courtesy and customs of the service, personal hygiene and first aid, riot duty, bayonet training, combat principles of the platoon and company, extended order drill, visual signalism, scouting and patrolling.

Monday afternoon Colonel Allen and his staff will inspect the supply rooms. Tuesday evening he will inspect the Baker company and on Wednesday evening he will go to Union.

Captain Bean is assisted in directing the company by Lieutenants Jesse V. Anderson and W. M. Houghan. Company E has a good record for the past year, with a total of 60 enlisted men, 22 of whom have been less than one year's service. During the past 12 months, an average of 52.9 of the 60 men have attended the drills, or nearly 90 per cent.

Enterprise Pool Hall Is Entered

La Grande officers were notified by telephone this morning in a call from Sheriff Miller at Enterprise that an Enterprise pool hall was entered and robbed last night. Apparently the intruders found nothing of interest there with the exception of tobacco. The missing articles included a large quantity of cigars, 40 boxes of cigars and two cases of smoking tobacco.

WORLD READY FOR ARRIVAL OF EASTER

Weatherman's Forecast of Gloomy Day Will Not Cloud Observance.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

Annual Parade of New Spring Outfits and Easter Egg Hunts For Children Scheduled.

In spite of the "cloudy and unsettled weather" forecast for the weekend, Easter promises to serve as the formal introduction of spring, with elaborate and impressive services planned at the local churches, both in the morning and in the evening. Umbrellas may have to serve to keep the raindrops off the new Easter bonnet, but according to the forecast, the smiling face will come forth tomorrow morning dressed in new spring apparel—rain or no rain.

Holy week services at the Protestant churches, which have been sponsored during the week by the La Grande Ministerial association, closed last night with services at the Methodist church, and all attention is directed to the observance of the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.

Protestant churches all have planned special services at 11 o'clock. St. Peter's Episcopal church will hold a communion service at 8 o'clock and

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STUDENT GROUP IS TURNED BACK

"Invasion" of Kentucky Mine Fields Meets With No Success

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 26 (AP)—The college students who went over the Cumberland mountains to see what they could see in the Kentucky mine fields have returned here rebuffed, indignant and undecided whether to try to force their "sociological research."

It was a fruitless trip that meted out to the members of the National Students League, little more than a view of the scenery on the Kentucky slopes.

Officers turned the students back when they tried to enter Bell county, Kentucky, to investigate conditions among coal miners and the entire group returned to Knoxville without a halt as the Kentuckians warned that Claiborne county, on the Tennessee line, would permit no stop.

No Pause for Food
The party did not even pause for food on the return trip and last night conferred with Dr. John R. Neal, Knoxville, Monday, on what they try to get a federal court order to force Bell county to permit them to go on with their contemplated study of mine field conditions. The conference was adjourned early today without a decision.

After the meeting, the students, through Bob Hall, of Mobile, Ala., Columbia university economics student, chairman of the steering committee, issued a statement charging that during the ride back to the state line, "one of the guards brutally twisted the arm of one of the girls, and a revolver" when students protested.

Charges of a "reign of terror in Bell county" and that the "constitution of the United States and Kentucky" had been violated, the statement contended, "have been substantiated."

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De Valera Refuses To Weaken Stand

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Mar. 26 (AP)—Eamon De Valera, president of the Irish Free State, reiterated today in an interview his government's intention to remove from the Free State constitution the oath of allegiance to the British crown.

"I must go at all costs," he said. "For it is an offensive oath which the Irish people cannot tolerate."

He said his government would not reply before Tuesday to the note from the British government concerning the oath, and that the British view is the oath is an integral part of the treaty which established the Free State, and the Irish government is bound to continue payment of the land annuities.

Speakers for the Allied Forces of Prohibition, now engaged in a nationwide campaign to crystallize sentiment for the 18th amendment, will visit this city and hold a two-day series of mass meetings in La Grande according to an announcement made here today.

That the city has been placed on the schedule of the Allied Campaigners was made known by Rev. Paul de P. Mortimore, who is to serve as general chairman of the committee organizing for the meetings here. Members of a group of committees that will assist him are being chosen now.

The meeting planned here are part of the most extensive effort that has yet been made to marshal the strength of the dry forces. Led by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, of New York, and with Raymond Robins and other well known speakers on the firing line, the Allied Forces are carrying on a speaking campaign in behalf of prohibition which will reach more than 500 cities and towns and cover 48 states.

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TARIFF LEY VOTED INTO HOUSE BILL

Crisp Amendment Adopted By Angry, Disorderly Congressmen.

RAINEY PLEADS AGAINST TARIFFS

Republican Minority Gives Fresh Assurance of Willingness to Aid in Balancing Budget.

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—The Crisp amendment to the revenue bill providing excise taxes on imported and lubricating oil, coal, wool, malt and grape concentrates was adopted today by an angry, disorderly house. The vote was 185 to 14.

The house voted an excise tax of ten cents per hundred pounds on imported coal and coke, and voted to retain the tax on oil imports.

Representative Rainey (D., Ill.), proposed an import tax on flour of \$3 a ton but his amendment was defeated 92 to 42.

Crisp Deplores Action
After adoption of the amendment, Crisp walked to the well of the chamber and deplored the action. He declared that if Democrats continued to write tariff laws into the bill he would vote against it.

The Republicans cheered. Representative Hawley, of Oregon, ranking Republican on ways and means committee, joined the plea for a cessation of tariff amendments with the assertion "we ought not endanger the passage of the bill in any way."

Representative La Guardia (N. Y.), who was a leader among the sales tax opponents told the house "we've got to stand by the committee and bring out a bill to raise revenue."

"I appeal to my friends who joined in opposing the sales tax to show now that we can arise to the occasion and help the committee bring out a sensible bill," he said.

Representative Schechter (R., Mich.) charged the "house was beyond the control of its responsible leadership," and urged that rules be invoked to "put an end to this orgy."

Democratic leadership had brought in the bill under general rules of the house to permit free consideration with the understanding that the bill would be taken up under the gag rules of the Republicans.

"I am wondering if I can depend on the Democratic side of this house to understand this isn't a tariff bill," he said, urging a more tariff proposal be submitted.

Representative Pulmer (D., S. C.) proposed a graduated tax on kute imports, claiming it would keep the balance of trade so that between two to three million bales of cotton produced in this country could be sold in its place. His proposal was lost.

Pleas Against Tariffs
Representative Rankin (D., Miss.) who helped lead the fight against the bill, said he would vote against it.

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INDIAN RAJA WILL BE GUEST OF THIS STATE

SALEM, March 26 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today has received word from the department of state at Washington, D. C., today that Raja Bhagat Chandra Bahadur, C. S. I., Rajah of Jubbal, India, would visit Oregon May 29, and requesting official Oregon extend him courtesies.

The message stated the Raja was making a tour of the world and would arrive in Seattle May 28 from Honolulu, and would be in Portland the next day and would go to San Francisco May 30. He will be accompanied by the Rani Lilabala of Jubbal and by his secretary, Babu Dula Ram.

The British ambassador through the department of state. It was suggested in the information that the Raja "was not entitled to a salute of guns, but that any courtesies accorded him will be appreciated."

DEBATE TEAM IN CONTEST AT CALDWELL, IDA.

Three women debaters of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, before the state college and university debate team, met at Caldwell yesterday and met a team from the College of Idaho. The outcome of the meeting is not known in La Grande yet. The debaters are expected to return late today.

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FIRST TELEPHOTO FROM STORM AREA



This first picture, rushed by plane from the storm area to Atlanta and transmitted by telephoto to San Francisco and thence north to the Observer, shows the havoc wrought by a tornado at Newport, Ala. It is typical of the appearance of a number of towns in the storm area, where nearly 400 persons were either killed or fatally injured.

Morgenthau Is Confident That U. S. Will Emerge

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (AP)—Henry Morgenthau, former United States ambassador to Turkey, told the Eastern Commercial Teachers association today that America will emerge from its present economic difficulties "still stronger."

Although this country is confronted with the greatest task of readjustment that it has ever faced," he said, "it is not a hopeless one and the inherent strength and indomitable will, and the unlimited industry of the American people will surely extricate them out of their present difficulties."

"You can't crush 125,000,000 Americans. Quite the contrary, the self-denial they are now practicing, the realization of their errors, the tremendous incentive to regain their status of 1914 or better is going to make of them a still stronger and an almost unconquerable people."

"Grand Old Man" Of Auto Industry Dies

DETROIT, Mar. 26 (AP)—Henry M. Leland, the "grand old man" of the automobile industry, died at 5:30 p.m. today at his home in Detroit, where he had been ill for several weeks. He was 89 years old.

Leland was active up until a short time before he entered the hospital on Feb. 25. He frequently recalled with pride that he had manufactured rifles for soldiers in the Civil war and airplane motors during the World War.

He was president of the Cadillac Motor company from 1902 until 1917 when it became part of the General Motors group. At the age of 24, Leland organized the Lincoln Motor Co., now a subsidiary of the Ford Motor company. After the World War the Lincoln company became involved in financial difficulties and finally was taken over by Henry Ford.

Death Takes Sir Horace Plunkett

WEYBRIDGE, Surrey, England, Mar. 26 (AP)—Sir Horace Plunkett, Irish industrialist, died here tonight. He was 77 years old.

Grange Is Opposed To Radio Station

SILVERTON, Mar. 26 (AP)—Members of the executive committee of the Oregon State Grange meeting here Friday adopted resolutions protesting against the continuance of radio station KOAC at the state college on the grounds that the service rendered is not in proportion with the expense of operation. The station cannot be heard in large parts of Eastern and Southern Oregon. It was stated.

Another resolution reiterated the recommendation adopted at the last state meeting of the grange in Medford that the compulsory military training be abolished in all state institutions of higher learning.

Embodied in resolutions concerning the state college and university was a recommendation to the state board of higher education that present student expenses at both institutions be reduced, so that students be free from all solicitation for student body fees or assessments.

Circus Owners In Optimistic Frame Of Mind This Year

CHICAGO, Mar. 26 (AP)—It's "big top" time again—with circus owners in an optimistic frame of mind. At Peru, Ind., up in Baraboo, Wis., and down in Sarasota, Fla., the main parties of the big show, the animals and men are coming out of their quarters.

The first of the large shows to take the trail opens Sunday in Baldwin Park, Cal. Another "big top" will come to New York April 8. The season opens in Chicago April 15. Another entourage will get under way in Kentucky in May.

The larger shows have not reduced their personnel. Agents of John Ringling, head of the American Circus corporation, said today they were importing as many acts from Europe as usual.

TO MARKET WOOL IN NEW CHANNELS

Hold-over Mohair to be Disposed of Outside the Regular Trade