

LOCAL BRIEFS

Car Stolen—Arley Jennings reported to the police last night that some one stole his coupe from First and Adams about 9:30 o'clock.
In Nampa and Boise—Miss Sylvia Turan spent the past week in Boise and Nampa visiting friends.
Play Golf Here—Woodson L. Patterson, John A. Trotter, Dr. Roy E. Gate and John Stout, of Baker, were in La Grande Sunday and played golf at the country club course.
At Rippey Home—Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, Miss Carman Van Buskirk and Dr. Alpha Koester and daughter, of North Powder, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rippey.
Divorce—A divorce was granted to Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, of North Powder, from W. S. Sullivan, this morning by Judge J. W. Knowles in the circuit court.
In Salem—Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cochran are in Salem attending a state convention of various Masonic bodies, which opened yesterday morning.
To Enterprise—A. W. Nelson and daughter, Miss Lois Nelson, are spending today at Enterprise. Mr. Nelson is transacting business and Miss Nelson is visiting Mrs. Harry M. Bay. They expect to return this evening.

Sport Finals

BADE RUTH HITS 3 HOMERS PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 12 (AP)—Babe Ruth and Sam Byrd hit two home runs apiece and Lou Gehrig one as the New York Yanks slammed out an opening game victory over the Philadelphia Athletics 12-6.
National League
R. H. E.
Chicago 4 8 0
Cincinnati 5 10 2
Batteries, Root, Bush and Hartnett; Johnson, Benton and Lombardi.
Boston 8 12 1
Brooklyn 3 5 2
Batteries, Brant and Spohrer; Hoyt, Thurston, Helmach and Lopez.

NO TRACE OF ALFALFA BILL THIS MORNING

Alfalfa governor last night were dismayed when they learned that Murray had apparently dropped from sight. A large crowd had gathered at Klamath Falls to greet him this morning. No word of explanation of his absence had been received in that city early this afternoon.
Those who were with him last night said Murray seemed disappointed that detailed arrangements had not been made at places at which he expected to speak. He was told that if arrangements were not satisfactory it was because local Democrats were unable to obtain from the candidate an itinerary or schedule.
McDonald was reminded last night that Murray had an engagement in Klamath Falls this morning. In order to keep this appointment it would have been necessary for the governor to have left Portland on the 9:50 p. m. train. McDonald was asked if the governor expected to be in Klamath Falls for the speech. He is said to have replied that Murray "tries to keep all engagements." After a discussion McDonald told local Democratic state officials to telegraph Klamath Falls that the governor would be there.

BOY IS DENIED ADMITTANCE TO REFORM SCHOOL

Bailee was cleared by the welfare commission, making the investigation, of mistreating inmates. Since that time however Levey has been reported in constant trouble and at present is under arrest in Multnomah county on charge of car theft. It had been previously reported erroneously by some papers that Levey had been returned to the institution. The hearing to decide his fate however had not been completed in Portland Saturday and was continued until tomorrow.
Superintendent Sam Laughlin, of the training school, announced today he did not want Levey returned there and had recommended against it.
The board today awarded contracts to supply road oil to the state for this year to the Union Oil company at about \$140,000, considered the lowest price yet secured for oil.
Seven bids for gasoline for the year, opened today on the second call for bids, were considered by the board, but no action taken pending further study of prices. It was believed the low bid was that of the Associated Oil company at 10.30 cents per gallon.
Bids on approximately a million gallons of gasoline, previously submitted, were rejected. The lowest figure at that time was 12.5 of the Texaco company. Later a proposal that the state continue its present contract for the construction of a cell block within the penitentiary walls for housing criminally insane inmates.
The action resulted from the recent escape of two inmates of the ward at the state hospital. It was declared impracticable to house criminally insane at the insane institution. The state is now caring for about 30 criminally insane.
The board of control took no action upon the request of Greek letter fraternities at the University of Oregon to buy their supplies through the state purchasing agent. While no vote was taken it was indicated the board was opposed to such a move as the fraternities are private institutions and state purchasing facilities were not available to them.

14 SCHOOLS TO COMPETE IN TOURNEY

under the general direction of Miss Jennie Peterson, director of music. Schools which have entered are La Grande, Pendleton, Baker, Athena, Hermiston, Enterprise, Irrigon, Union, Lostine, Willowa, Imbler, Muddy Creek, Heppner and Adams.
The tournament includes competition in band, orchestra, glee clubs and individual competition in instrumental and vocal solos. The high schools are divided into three classes according to size, and a silver cup will be presented to the winners in each class scoring highest total number of points, exclusive of solos, and a sweep stakes cup to the school with the highest number of points in any of the classes, inclusive of solos.
The advisory committee assisting Miss Peterson includes Miss Alysie A. Hayek, of Pendleton High school; H. R. Grant, of Baker High school; and W. W. Nussbaum, of La Grande, all directors of music in their high schools.
Solo Events in Morning
Soloists will compete in the morning, beginning at 9 o'clock, and at one o'clock in the afternoon the ensemble groups will compete. The competition will be completed at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
The cups which will be awarded in each of the classes have been donated by Adler's Music Co., in Class A; Normal school, Class B; Neighborhood club, Class C; and Miss Peterson, sweepstakes.
Numbers which have been selected for each of the events are:
CLASS A
Vocal Ensemble
Mixed chorus—"Dream Ship," Strickland.
Girls glee club—"Beauteous Morn," German.
Boys' glee club—"Song of the Volga Boatman," arranged by Wick.
Girls' quartet—"My Lady Chlo," Clough-Lighter.
Boys' quartet—"Lassie o' Mine," Walt.
Instrumental Ensemble
Orchestra—"Lyric Suite," Busch. I. Adoration. 2. Intermezzo. 4. March Joyeuse.
Band—"Urbana," Roberts.
Violin quartet—"Arrival," Op. 178, No. 2. Dancala.
Violin, cello and piano—"Andante Cantabile," Tchaikowsky.
CLASS B
Vocal Ensemble
Mixed chorus—"Goin' Home," Dvorak.
Girls' glee club—"To a Wild Rose," MacDowell.
Boys' glee club—"Over the Harbor Bar," Marks.
Girls' quartet—"Benedicemus Stream," Gatty.
Boys' quartet—"Ahi 'Tis a Dream," Lassen.
Instrumental Ensemble
Orchestra—"Sparkling Eyes," Bertoldi-Serey.
Band—"Trailing Arbutus," Barbett.
Violin quartet—"Arrival," Op. 178, No. 2. Dancala.
Violin cello and piano—"Andante Cantabile," Tchaikowsky.
CLASS C
Vocal Ensemble
Mixed chorus—"Neapolitan Nights," Kerr-Zamecnik.
Girls' glee club—"Slumber Boat," Gaynor.
Boys' glee club—"Over the Morning Sun," Wilson.
Girls' quartet—"Sundown," (London derry Air), arranged by Wilson.
Boys' quartet—"Gypsy John" Swift.
Instrumental Ensemble
Orchestra—"Homeless," Arthur-Serey.
Band—"Japanese Sunset," Deppen.
Violin quartet—"Arrival," Op. 178, No. 2. Dancala.
Violin, cello and piano—"Andante Cantabile," Tchaikowsky.
Solo Events
Girls' high voice—"A Bowl of Roses," Clark.
Girls' medium voice—"Daffodil Gold," Hodgson.
Girls' low voice—"The Sweetest Flower that Grows," Hawley.
Boys' high voice—"Brown Bird Singing," Wood.
Boys' medium voice—"Tommy Lad," Margatson.
Boys' low voice—"Flee as a Bird," Dana.
Violin—"Concertino Op. 25 D Major," Rieding. (First and second movements only. Allegro and Adagio).
Cello—"Beauce," Jocelyn, Godard.
Cornet or trumpet—"Aphrodite (Caprice)," Goldman.
Trombone—"Am Meer," Schubert.
Baritone—"Then You'll Remember Me," Balfe.
Flute—"Spring Song," Mendelssohn.
Horn—"The Palms," Faure.
Bass horn—"Asleep in the Deep," Petrie.
Clarinet—"Premier Amour," Verroust.
Saxophone—"La Caresse," Barrell.
Piano—"Waltz C sharp Minor" Op. 64, No. 2. Chopin.
A nominal fee is being charged for the evening concert.

Islands Are Ecuador's

The Galapagos islands belong to the republic of Ecuador. Officially these form the Colon archipelago. There are 15 larger and about 40 smaller islands. They lie about 580 miles west of the coast of South America, and have a total land area of about 2,870 square miles. The largest island is Isabella, covering approximately 1,050 square miles.

Early French Presidents

Louis Napoleon, the first President of the second republic, 1818, was the first President of France. The first President of the third and present republic was Louis Adolphe Thiers, who succeeded in 1871.

Record Cypress Tree?

A giant cypress cut down in the marshes of the Amite river in Louisiana recently was said by the extension forester of Louisiana State university to have been more than 1,300 years old. Its stump was 92 inches in diameter.

Burdens of Small Cares

The pain tree grows beneath a ponderosa man, and even so the character of man. The petty pang of small daily cares have often bent the character of men, but great misfortunes seldom.—Kossuth.

Gave Name to Phrase

The humorous phrase, "to hant," for doting with the purpose of losing weight originated in the making of a verb from the name Banting. Banting was the advocate of such a system, which bears his name.

Europe's Oldest Kingdom

Few travelers know that the oldest kingdom in Europe is Denmark, land of the midnight sun and some of Shakespeare's famous characters. Copenhagen, its capital, is the leading port of northern Europe.

High Arabic Title

The word "admiral" came from the Arabic "Emil el Bagh," or lord of the sea.

Time's Changes

A globe trotter was standing at the bar of a tavern in a tropic land when a young and handsome Pijian walked in. "Didn't I leave my walking stick here?" he said. "Jove, I'd hate to lose it. It's not the intrinsic value of the thing, but the principle of forgetting it in a pub!" This stickler for the conventions was Ratu Pope Senileo, grandson of the cannibal king, Cakoban, who strangled his father's five wives.—Exchange.

No One Before Washington

Before Washington became President, the Continental congress had elected one of its members each year to preside over its meetings. In 1781, John Hanson was elected presiding officer with the title of "President of the United States in Congress Assembled." He was not President or Acting President, no proviso having been made for a President before March, 1789.

Longest Term Security

The longest term security is a non-recallable railroad bond issued in 1885 and due to mature in 2031—a period of 47 years. When called, the interest paid will be about 19 times larger than the principal of \$50,000,000, or approximately \$950,000,000.—Collier's.

And Snoring

A deacon from Dunkirk, shocked by hearing a Manhattan congregation applaud their preacher, asks the New York American: "no New Yorkers condone such sacrilege?" "Well," replies the editor, "approval in church may be inappropriate, but many indicate their approval of the sermon by nodding."

Really Great

It is always a sign of poverty of mind, where men are ever aiming to appear great; for they who are really great never seem to know it.

Like Skating

Jud Tunkins says a man taking office is like a feller puttin' on snowshoes for the first time. He thinks it's goin' to be easy to go perfectly straight and all of a sudden his feet get twisted.—Washington Star.

Indian Music

The American Indians had various drums; a flute, with a scale of seven notes; a whistle, with a scale of five notes, and a rattle, made of dry gourds loaded with sand or pebbles.

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Mythological Scylla In mythology, Scylla was a six-headed, twelve-armed she-monster, surrounded by barking dogs, who lived on the rock Scylla, a promontory very dangerous to navigation. It was on the Italian side of the straits of Messina, opposite but close to Charybdis, a whirlpool on the coast of Italy.

Many Feed on Acorns The acorn crop is appreciated not only by small animals but by bears and deer as well.

Handles Publicity No woman ever makes a fool of a man. She merely does the publicity work for the completed job.—Los Angeles Times.

Summing It Up A chip on the shoulder spoils many a promising career.

Rest in a Nutshell Don't rest upon your laurels—they make a poor mattress.

Song Is Old The original version of the song, "Comin' Through the Rye," was entered in Stationers' hall, London, June 20, 1706, and sung by Mrs. Henley at the Royal Circus in a pantomime called "Harlequin Mariner."

Baffled by the Lowest There is not so contemptible a plant or animal that does not confound the most enlarged understanding.—Locke.

More Time Coming Home Maybe the old-timer wasn't efficient, but it didn't take him three hours in a buggy to tell a girl good night.—Los Angeles Times.

"Whitewash Special" The Great Western railway in England runs what is termed the "whitewash special." The train carries no passengers, but is equipped to note every jolt on the track and a splash of whitewash is dropped to mark the spot for repair crews.—Pathfinder Magazine.

"Tom Thumb" an American The real name of "Tom Thumb" was Charles Sherwood Stratton. He was born in 1828 at Bridgeport, Conn. He died in 1883.

Ancient Form of Music Glass basins or goblets producing musical sounds by rubbing the edges with moistened fingers constituted a popular form of entertainment as early as the middle of the Seventeenth century.

Splendid Memorial It is said that the \$500,000 Harding memorial at Marion, Ohio, is among the finest of its kind in the world. It is a circular building 102 feet in diameter and 57 feet high, set in a 10-acre landscape park. There is no roof, but 24 doric columns, each containing 53 tons of marble, mark the outer circumference. Twenty-two fluted ionic columns constitute an inner circle, wherein rest the bodies of President and Mrs. Harding.

Union Pacific railroad officials today were trying to verify a report that Murray took the Portland Rose limited out of Portland at 9:30 p. m. last night, bound for Oklahoma City via Salt Lake City.

At the hotel here where the Murray party stopped it was said McDonald checked out Murray and his baggage shortly after last night's meeting. Hotel attendants understood the governor was to take the 9:50 o'clock train. Others in the hotel, however, believed it was nearly 11 o'clock before Murray left the lobby.

Oswald West was one of the last to see Murray before the Oklahoma governor dropped from sight. West said McDonald had called a cab to the Lincoln high school auditorium where Murray spoke, and that he accompanied McDonald and Murray to the cab.

"We'll see you later," McDonald is said to have remarked as he and the governor entered the cab and drove away. West, Gar C. Donaghy and others in the group understood the two were going to their hotel, and followed a few minutes later.

At the hotel it was found the Oklahomans had checked out. So the local Democrats proceeded to the Union station to meet them. They arrived about 20 minutes before train time but neither the governor nor McDonald was there. The party searched through the train but they were not there.

At Klamath Falls this morning the Pullman porters declared the governor had not boarded the train.

Nothing Known Here A check-up today with local railroad men and local Democrats revealed that none had any knowledge of whether Governor Murray passed through La Grande early this morning on the Portland Rose.

Islands' Formation The Hermudans are principally composed of neolan limestone, consisting mainly of blown shell dust very irregularly stratified. The reefs are ridges of limestone porous and other calcareous organisms. The atolls are incrustated with concoluted tubes of serpulide and vermetus, together with barnacles, mussels, corals, and some true incrusting corals. They probably rest upon foundations of neolan rock.

Unfortunate Armada The Armada which sailed from Spain to attack England consisted of 130 ships, most of which were Spanish, but some of which were Portuguese and some Italian. The flagship was El Capitana and other capital ships were the San Martin, Santa Ana, Senora de la Rosa, Raba Coronada, San Juan and San Pedro. In each ship six choir boys sang "Buena Dias" each morning and "Ava Maria" each evening.

Mountain Is "Tabu" Superstition mountain is on the road to Apache trail and Roosevelt dam in Arizona. The Indians believed that if they touched this mountain they would die. Once there was a bloody massacre there by the Apaches, so frightful that it made the mountain tabu. Indian maidens of great beauty were thought to inhabit the mountain top. Other superstitions were coupled with it also.

Chicago Complex A certain family from Chicago were visiting at a Virginia farm not many miles from Washington. It was their first night there. "I'll wake you up in time to feed the chickens," said the fond mother in bidding her youngest good night. Bright and early the next morning that parent awoke to find her young hopeful sitting up in bed, rubbing his eyes. "Muvver," he called over to her, "what time do the chickens get up?"—Pathfinder Magazine.

Legend of Starved Rock Starved Rock, which is a pinnacle on the south side of the valley between Utica and Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois, derived its name from the fact that the last stand of the Illini Indians was made at this place. They were besieged by invading Iroquois Indians and held the rock until their supplies gave out, when they were exterminated.

Implying Compliment T. I. means a compliment and is the abbreviation of the words "trade last." These words acquired this significance from the playful custom of one person saying to one of the opposite sex, "I have a trade last for you," meaning that "if you will tell me something nice that you heard about me, I will tell you a compliment I heard about you."

Another Abdication The dethronement of man is the cause of the breakdown of the American home, says some one. You are right; a man said it.—Los Angeles Times.

STOCK EXCHANGE LEADER DEFENDS ITS OPERATIONS (Continued From Page One) of April 7 as 3,849,895 shares, a decrease of 214,033 from the previous market day. Between the opening of Apr. 1 and of Apr. 7, "during which period a very drastic decline had taken place," he stated, "there has been a reduction in the short account of 429,503 shares."

Claude Branch, of Providence, R. I., the committee's counsel, said it did not seem to him "at the present time worth while to go into detail into previous short accounts."

"You merely desire the firms in which short accounts reside at the present time?" asked Whitney. Branch replied it was agreeable to him. He asked if a chart submitted yesterday by Whitney did not show that generally an increase in prices was accompanied by a decrease in short interest.

"No," Whitney said, "usually a decline in prices was accompanied by a decline in the short interest. Whitney agreed that during June, 1931, the market went up, while there was a great decline in the short interest. He pointed out, however, that the moratorium announcement came June 20.

Much Liquidation of Late The chart showed a very marked increase in the total short interest since November, while the liquidation has been continuous, except for short periods. Branch said he felt it would be "better to defer most of the examination until the statistics called for in the subpoena are forthcoming."

Whitney has told the committee that will take several days. "Undoubtedly there will be further statistics, not mentioned in the subpoena that will be required," Branch said.

Branch began questioning Whitney closely concerning specialists—persons who deal in only one group of the stocks on the exchange—and whether they have given information improperly.

"There might be a very serious situation, might there not," the attorney asked, "if a specialist improperly divulged information concerning stop orders?"

"There might be," Whitney replied. "Do you know whether any specialist has divulged such information improperly?" Branch pursued. Whitney replied he believed there have been such cases in the past but there have been no specific charges of such violations recently.

"There have been rumors," he said. "There are rumors about everything."

Then he added, "We haven't had that lately, that was in the early days of the decline."

Whitney explained there is a special committee responsible for seeing that information is not given improperly. New Restrictions Discussed The new restrictions on loaning stock which went into effect April first had increased rather than decreased the supply of stock for loans, he said, and the new rule has shown no effect on the amount of short selling.

"I never was intended to have any effect on short selling," he added. Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, questioned Whitney about agreements between customers and brokers regarding the loan of stock. "I understand," Couzens said, "it is quite possible for a broker to use a customer's stock to depress the price of the customer's stocks."

"I deny that," Whitney said. "Deny what?" Couzens asked. "That a broker may use a customer's stock to depress the market. That is absolutely a violation of our rules."

"How do you prevent it, when it happens?" "When it happens?" returned Whitney. "Oh, yes," Couzens said, "there is no reason for being so innocent, it does happen."

Recalls One Instance Whitney said the last time he heard of it happening was in 1929 or 1931 when E. W. Wagner and company of Chicago was expelled from the exchange for an action which he said "was nothing less than a bucket shop operation."

"Since then," Couzens said, "you have been able to obscure all such operations?" "I don't think they have taken place," Whitney rejoined.

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