

## 200 COMPETE SATURDAY IN MUSIC MEET

Thirteen Schools to Have Entrants in Tournament at E. O. N.

## ENSEMBLE, SOLO NUMBERS PLANNED

Contests to Begin at 9 a. m.—Concert Scheduled for 8 O'clock Saturday Night.

Two hundred high school musicians from 13 high schools of Eastern Oregon will participate in the second annual Eastern Oregon High School Music tournament, which will be sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Normal school Saturday in La Grande. The leading music talent from the high schools is selected to compete for the Eastern Oregon titles, and the tournament is one of the important musical events of the year among the high schools.

The public is invited to attend the competition during the day and the concert in the evening at 8 o'clock, at which time the winners in various events will appear in the auditorium. A nominal fee will be charged to defray the expenses, announced Miss Jennie Peterson, head of the music department at the Normal school and director of the tournament.

Soloists Compete in Morning

The tournament will open at 9 o'clock in the morning, when the soloists will compete. The ensemble groups will vie for the titles in the afternoon, beginning at one o'clock.

The high schools are divided into three classes, according to their size, competition is held in each class and awards are made to the school having the highest number of points. A sweepstakes cup will be given to the school in any class having the highest number of points inclusive of solos.

The winners of the tournament will be announced at the closing ceremony at 8 o'clock in the evening.

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## Bodies of Two Wreck Victims Taken to Baker

Wiley Dalton, of North Powder, Will Recover From Car Smash at Telocast Yesterday.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill (Observer's Correspondent)  
UNION, Ore., Apr. 14 (Special)—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. James Dalton, prominent former North Powder couple, were taken to Baker last night. Earl West, of Baker, formerly a business partner of Mr. Dalton, was here in connection with the forwarding of the two.

The three were at Union yesterday forenoon and had visited a service station and the bank just a short time previous to the accident. There was no witness to the accident but Carl Eddy and Noy Cox, who were returning to Union from their work on the state highway beyond North Powder, arrived at the scene of the wreck at 11:30, almost immediately after the accident happened.

Mr. Dalton and Wiley had crawled from the wreckage but Mrs. Dalton was still sitting in the front seat. They removed her and placed her on a cushion and sent a passing motorist to Telocast to summon an ambulance from Union. Mrs. Dalton was in a very critical condition with practically every bone in her body broken, and never knew what struck her. Mr. Dalton and Wiley were both conscious but so dazed that they were unable to talk.

Wind and Dust Blamed

A careful examination of the car tracks showed no swerving of the car, a high-powered sedan, for it seemed to come up to the Telocast viaduct and head straight for the cement approach. The wind was blowing hard and a sudden gust of wind and dust had struck the car, which might have caused Mr. Dalton to become confused in his directions. This has been offered as the most plausible explanation of the cause of the accident.

The car was demolished. There was a large head wind hole in the heavy unbreakable windshield, where Mrs. Dalton's head had struck. The rubber on the steering gear was twisted and bent and other parts of the car were jammed showing the terrific impact with which the car struck.

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## City Dads Make Decision on Pay For Volunteers

Difficulties that existed in the ranks of the volunteer fire department apparently were solved by a "soothing application" last night when the city commission passed an ordinance determining the rate of pay for fire calls.

The ordinance provides that the rate of pay for fire calls shall be \$1.00 per hour for the first hour of attendance at any fire, and \$1 an hour for each succeeding hour. During the last season a controversy was in effect, finally culminating in the resignation of eight of the 18 members of the department, and the subsequent appointing of seven new members and the reinstatement of one of the men who resigned.

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## MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN COLUMBUS

Six Known Dead and Others Reported Buried Under Heavy Stones.

## LARGE SECTION OF WALL BLOWN OUT

Assistant Safety Director Darrell Jones, of the Columbus police department, said he believed at least 30 men had been caught under the falling wall and killed.

Some of those injured were working inside the structure while others were laborers employed on a nearby boulevard. The blast, centering in the basement of the building, blew out 200 feet of the west wall facing the Scott river. The wall for a height of 35 feet was carried out.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene and within a short time 30 men had been admitted to hospitals. Contractors, who viewed the structure, estimated the damage would cost as high as \$1,000,000. The cost of the structure was \$6,000,000. Erection of the structure, which is a section of the city civic center at the corner of Broad street and Front street, was interrupted many times by labor troubles. At least a dozen strikes occurred while the building was being erected. The fire started on the third floor where Mrs. Esther Skok, was cleaning with benzine. Her son, William, struck a match, the blazing head of which dropped into the fluid. Flames leaped to the ceiling. Mrs. Skok's son, William, was killed. She and her son, 10 years old, escaped down the stairway.

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## FIRE DESTROYS COCHRAN HOME

Storm Causes Break-down in Alarm System; First Call Not Received.

A wind and rain storm that swept La Grande early last night was the indirect cause of the destruction of a La Grande residence and its contents shortly before 2 a. m. The storm caused a break-down in the alarm system and the break could not be repaired last night. As a result, when a box alarm was attempted, the fire department did not receive the call, and it was some time later when it was learned by telephone of the blaze.

By that time the fire had consumed much of the house and its contents, and it was impossible to save the remainder of the building.

The home was of five or six rooms, located at 1615 Spruce street, and was the property of Harry Cochran. The Cochran family went into Wallowa county a few days ago for a visit and no member was in town.

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## GOOD FISHING YEAR LIKELY OVER OREGON

PORTLAND, Apr. 14 (AP)—Record sales of licenses for angling indicate that the opening of the six inch trout season tomorrow will cause the greatest exodus of fishermen to streams and the subsequent opening of the Willamette watershed as well as those of the Cascade range and Eastern Oregon will draw many tomorrow.

Coastal streams will have preference where limit catches of the larger trout and salmon have been reported for the last week, but streams of the Willamette watershed as well as those of the Cascade range and Eastern Oregon will draw many tomorrow.

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## 14 Persons Die In Fires In New York, Altoona

Eight Die in Home Fire in Pennsylvania—Teneament in Metropolis is Destroyed.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 14 (AP)—Seven children and a woman are dead, victims of a fire which shortly before midnight destroyed the home of Michael Dillon at Hensheyton, near here.

The flames wrecked the house while Mrs. Dillon, with her baby was visiting in Bellwood, a nearby community. A neighbor, Mrs. Goldie Krutner, 52, with her two infants was spending the night in the house with five Dillon children.

No one in the house was saved. The dead children are Roy Charles Krutner, 2-weeks-old; Levi Krutner, 3-years-old; Anna Dillon, 10; Lillian Pearl Dillon, 8; Edna Grace Dillon 6; John Lawrence Dillon, 5 and Minnie Debra, 3.

The flames were discovered by a motorist driving on a highway that passed the burned dwelling. Other motorists joined in efforts to enter the house but the flames thwarted rescue efforts.

The Altoona and Tyrone fire departments arrived but were unable to extinguish the fire.

Mrs. Dillon reached home about half an hour after the fire was discovered. She collapsed and is under the care of a physician. Mr. Dillon, an employe of the Pennsylvania railroad in Altoona was at work and was not reached until after the charred bodies of his children had been recovered.

SIX DIE IN FIRE  
NEW YORK, April 14 (AP)—A boy dropped a lighted match into a pan of benzine, and six persons—a mother and five children—died as a result of it.

There might have been more, for the flames ate through the five-story tenement building on the lower east side of Manhattan, where three men were trapped several families. Firemen carried 20 persons down ladders after the fire, racing up the stairways, out of the flames.

We were to late to save Mrs. Celia Sanders, 42, and her five children ranging in age from four to 15. The children's bodies, huddled about a bed, were burned and were found in a bedroom of their fifth floor quarters.

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## Senior Runners Take Four More Firsts In Meet

The senior class athletes added four more firsts to their record yesterday afternoon in the second installment of the interclass meet. The last side of the meet, the 220-yard dash, relay, half mile and pole vault—will be staged this afternoon. At present the points are as follows: seniors 87, sophomores 20 1/2, juniors 19 1/2 and freshmen 8.

Torrence, who won two firsts and two more firsts to his total bringing his record to 10, Burnett, winner of the mile Tuesday, stepped out to take the quarter mile run yesterday.

Beery was hard-pressed in the century by Kavanagh but managed to break the tape first. Burnett, winner of the mile Tuesday, stepped out to take the quarter mile run yesterday.

The summary: 100-yard dash, Beery (S), first; Kavanagh (Sp), second; Sailor (J), third; Williams (Sp), fourth; R. DeBole (F), fifth. Time 10.7 seconds. (Beery won the first heat in 10.7 and

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## Band, Drum Corps To Furnish Music For Pet Parade

The La Grande band and drum corps will participate in the pet parade Saturday at 1 o'clock, furnishing music for the event.

The parade is sponsored by the retail merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

Another new feature announced was that every boy or girl in the parade would receive an all-day sucker and a balloon.

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## Rate Hearings In Portland Continue

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14 (AP)—Testimony that the Electric Bond & Share company, owners of the North-western Electric company of Portland, had taken out of the local company's earnings in the past four years, a sum equivalent to 1 1/2 per cent of the stock, was read into the records here today in a hearing to reduce the rates of the Portland Power company.

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## MCNARY ASKS BIG SUM FOR WHEAT SALE

Would Use \$100,000,000 For Financing Farm Board Offerings

## SMOOT APPEALS TO STOCKHOLDERS

Utah Senator, Chairman of Finance Committee, Asks For Halt in Stock Liquidation.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—A resolution to permit use of \$100,000,000 from the reconstruction corporation for financing sale of farm board wheat and cotton was introduced in the senate today by Chairman McNary, Republican Oregon, of the agricultural committee.

McNary said his proposal had been discussed with the officials of the reconstruction corporation, Secretary Ryan, and other government executives.

"It is the general belief that this sum, if made available will permit the farm board to dispose of a considerable portion of its holdings in countries which need wheat and cotton but require credit," McNary told newspapermen.

"It is thought that if a substantial portion of the board's holdings can be removed, it would raise the price levels of these commodities and of course enhance the buying power of the farmers," he added.

McNary explained the "plan has been maturing for sometime."

SMOOT ISSUES APPEAL  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—An appeal for holders of stocks to keep them rather than liquidate at present prices was voiced in the senate today by Chairman Smoot, Republican, Utah, of the finance committee.

Smoot said he wanted to say to the American people that "if there is any of you can hold on to your stocks, hold them, because there is more intrinsic value back of all of them than is shown on the market today."

He cited an unnamed stock which he said is selling on the New York stock exchange for \$4.50 although "actually in cash and goods the stock is worth \$40."

He said he called attention to this "to show just where pessimism is leading the American people."

## HOOVER HELD MOST MALIGNED OF STATESMEN

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 14 (AP)—Delegates to the state Republican convention today charged Hoover for several minutes today when George M. Pritchard, of Asheville, the keynote speaker, referred to the "matchless leadership of President Hoover."

Pritchard, a former representative in congress, said there never had been a man in the United States who was more maligned than Mr. Hoover.

He directed him as the "good samaritan of the American people" and asserted that while the president was attempting to alleviate the country's economic woes, the Democrats were doing nothing but "singing hymns of hate."

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## Auburn Woman Shot; Boy Is Sought

BAKER, Ore., April 14 (AP)—Mrs. Frank Gerlock, about 50, was shot to death while eating supper in her farm home in the Auburn section south-west here last night, and police today were searching for Clarence Worley, 14, who lived at the Gerlock ranch.

The woman's husband was in Baker at the time she was shot. Mrs. Gerlock was shot by a high-powered rifle. The bullet penetrated her body under the left shoulder blade.

Police said the young boy disappeared last night. Neighbors told the officers that Mrs. Gerlock and the lad had quarreled frequently. The boy, originally from Spokane, was taken into the home five years ago.

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## NEW LIGHT



Dorothy Compton, of Houston, Tex., is one of the latest to catch the eye of Hollywood film producers. She will appear soon in a new production.

## RICHARDSON IS TRIAL WITNESS

La Grande Merchant Gives Testimony For State at Dallas, Ore.

DALLAS, Apr. 14 (AP)—A more rapid examination of witnesses to speed up the trial of President Hoover in charges of devising a scheme to defraud, was indicated when the Empire Holding company case was resumed here today. The testimony of three men in addition to the cross-examination of George Robinson, who has been on the stand about two days, was completed yesterday.

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## Alfalfa Bill, In Angry Mood, Is Nearing Capitol

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 14 (AP)—Governor William H. Murray of Oklahoma staked himself emphatically on the train stands at the Union station here this morning, fuming and visibly perturbed by the unrevealed development that interrupted his campaign for the presidential nomination.

Gearticulating with a cigar, the unshaven governor emphatically said he had not abandoned his speaking tour, or his presidential aspirations.

"Maybe they know more about it than I do," he retorted sharply when told that some Oklahomans had surmised the sudden termination of his Oregon speaking tour meant he had given up in the Democratic race dominated by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"But I don't think so," he said.

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## STRIKE RIOT BRINGS DEATH TO OHIO MAN

STUBENVILLE, Ohio, April 14 (AP)—A riot, incident to the strike of coal miners in the Eastern Ohio field, resulted in the shooting to death of one man near Adena today and the wounding of another.

A battalion of the Ohio national guard, stood ready to invade the troubled district, if necessary.

The rioting occurred at the Somers mine of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company when several hundred men, who had been ordered to work, refused to do so. They prepared to go into the pit. Authorities said the dead man, Walker Kimbel, 50, alleged to have threatened the workers, was shot by an unidentified person when he pointed a pistol at Sheriff Maurice Wooster of Harrison county. The second victim of a bullet was unidentified. He was also in the line.

Union miners have been on strike since April 1, as a protest against a wage cut.

## Americans to Flee Threatened City

PEIPING, Apr. 14 (AP)—Chinese red inked a warning of a disaster converging on Changchow today and the city was in immediate danger of capture, reports to the United States legation here said.

Changchow is on the mainland, directly opposite Amoy. A' Americans on the mainland, most of them missionaries, were preparing to proceed to Amoy, the dispatch said.

The British consul requested a gunboat to protect British interests.

## Cronin Appointed Acting Postmaster

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—Lester B. Cronin was today appointed acting postmaster at Pendleton, Ore., to succeed Thomas Thompson who died last Saturday.

Cronin was assistant postmaster under Cronin. Selection of a postmaster probably will be made in December.

## BOUNTY FUNDS USED UP. MISSOURI HAWKS PROLIC

JEFFERSON CITY (AP)—Attempting "predatory bird control," the Missouri legislature authorized bounties for the killing of all sorts of hawks and owls. So many were slain that the funds have been exhausted.

Many of the species, according to the state game and fish department, were beneficial rather than harmful.