

PENDLETON'S MUSICIANS IN LEAD AT NOON

Fifteen Events in Music Tournament Completed This Morning.

CONCERT TONIGHT BY THE WINNERS

Miss Katharine Wissler, of La Grande, is First in Girls High Voice Division.

The second annual High School Music tournament opened this morning at 9 o'clock, under the auspices of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and among approximately 200 contestants from 13 high schools, Pendleton was leading the field in the solo events heard this morning. Pendleton had nine first places, four second places, and one third; while their nearest competitor, Baker, received two firsts, five seconds, and five third places. Miss Jennie Peterson, director of music at the Eastern Oregon Normal school and director of the tournament, stated:

The public is invited to hear the winners at a public concert tonight at 8 o'clock at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, when many of those receiving first places will be presented and the winners in the three classes, A, B, and C, will be announced.

Miss Wissler Wins
Among the small group of La Grande High school students entered, Miss Katharine Wissler received first place in the girls high voice division; and a third place was awarded to Rollin Heasler, boys medium voice. Musicians who, by talent and training, have distinguished themselves in the northwest, are acting as judges, with Miss Esther Bienfang, of Whitman

TIGER TRACK TEAM OPENING SEASON TODAY

The La Grande High school track and field team, led by Coach Ira Woodie and several score students, left this morning by automobile for Pendleton, which has a comparatively "green" team this spring. La Grande and Walla Walla were expected to battle for first place. Milton-Freewater, the fourth team entered, was not expected to threaten the leaders.

La Grande made a clean sweep of its meets last year, although it lost the Oregon state meet on a technical point scored. This year, with a strong, well-balanced team, the Tigers are hopeful of emerging state champions.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, APRIL 16

Entrance cards for the sixth annual Oregon state high school track and field meet here May 7 have already been received from 20 schools throughout the state schools which already have sent in cards are Oakland, Harrisburg, Salem, Washington, Seaside, Eugene, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Marshfield, North Bend, Beaverton, La Grande, Bend, Forest Grove, Pendleton, Grant, West Linn, Roseburg, Riverston, and Estacada. Grant, which has won for the last two years, will put up a strong battle for this year's supremacy, but it will get some serious opposition.

Two More Thefts Reported to Police

Two more thefts were reported to police yesterday. Twenty dollars worth of milk and bottles were stolen from the L. W. Dixon dairy at the east end of X avenue. Mrs. Charles Ward, of 2210 Oak street, reported her house broken into some time during Thursday night. Articles missing included a suit case valued at \$25.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy, with showers in the west portion tonight or Sunday; cooler in the east tonight; fresh southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—57 above.
Minimum: 40 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 69, minimum 30 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—39 degrees.

WEATHER APR. 16, 1931

Maximum 71, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—38 degrees.

Pet Parade To Be Held Here On Next Saturday

Threatening Weather and Drop in Temperature Given as Cause of Postponement Today.

The second annual pet parade, scheduled for this afternoon at 1 o'clock, was postponed during the noon hour because of threatening weather, according to Harold C. Boone, secretary of the chamber of commerce. The parade is to be held next Saturday at 1 o'clock under the auspices of the retail merchants committee of the chamber. Mr. Boone announced that the same arrangements will be followed next Saturday, with the boys and girls with their pets gathering at 12:30 o'clock, when the parade will begin forming.

Rain fell during part of the morning and the temperature dropped several degrees, causing the committee to decide that rather than risk discomfort to the little children in the parade, the event would be postponed a week in hopes that better weather would occur.

Massie Named As Slayer Of Young Hawaiian

HONOLULU, Apr. 16 (AP)—Telling of how he held the gun that killed Joseph Kahahawai, lieutenant Thomas H. Massie testified in the lynching trial today that the young native had admitted attacking his wife, Mrs. Thalia Massie.

HONOLULU, Apr. 16 (AP)—Clarence Darrow, defense attorney, announced in court today that Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie, one of the four accused of lynching Joseph Kahahawai, killed the young native and that Massie would plead insanity. Massie again took the stand to tell his story of the killing after police had searched spectators at the trial on the strength of reports that some of them were armed.

Zweifel Brings Home Basket Of 28 Fine Trout

Few fishermen braved the high waters of Union and Wallowa county streams yesterday—the opening day of the season—and many that did seek the elusive trout, returned empty-handed. But Rube Zweifel, who ranks just about No. 1 as a fisherman in this city, had nearly a limit catch by noon. He returned from Wallowa county in the afternoon with 28 finny beauties, some of them 19 to 22 inches long. He refused to divulge the exact location of his cast but many believe he caught them somewhere in the Lostine country. Mr. Zweifel's catch entitled him to the honor of bringing in the first catch of trout of the season, according to all reports received today by the Observer.

With the sky overcast today, indications for fishing over the weekend were not so good. As a matter of fact, good fishing in Union and Wallowa counties is not expected before early in May.

Tourist Committee Planning Program

Managers and proprietors of all service stations, auto camps, garages and hotels are invited to the meeting of the La Grande chamber of commerce Tuesday at 12 o'clock at the La Grande hotel. The meeting has been turned over to Harley Richardson, chairman, will discuss the extensive program planned for the coming tourist season. In 1931 there were 93,142 cars registered in the state of Oregon, and it is believed that about 60 per cent of the non-resident cars are included in the estimate. Statistics show that the total number of cars, registered and unregistered, was 155,280 and 3.5 persons to each car, indicating that 543,226 people visited in Oregon last year. Two-thirds of the tourists, were hotel patrons, whose expenditures average \$7.50 a day, while the remaining one-third stayed in tourist camps with their expenditures average \$3.50 a day.

"Diamonds" To Be Presented Friday

A cast, mostly composed of young people of the church, will present a comedy-drama, "Diamonds" at the Christian church next Friday evening, Apr. 22. The cast has been rehearsing for some time and expects to present a finished production. The proceeds of the play will go into the Loyal Sisters Aid treasury, half of which is reserved for the church building fund.

HOOVER PLAN OF ECONOMY IS EXPLAINED

President Still Hopes Congress Will Give Him Authority.

REORGANIZATION ONE OF FEATURES

Hoover Prefers His "Five-day Week and Staggered Furlough Plan" of Employment.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—President Hoover still hopes congress will grant him authority to make a through reorganization of the federal government to reduce expenses. This word was carried to the house economy committee today by J. C. Rood, budget director, who explained the chief executive's far-reaching omnibus retrenchment bill to slash expenditures.

Opposition to the Hoover plan for furloughing government employees without pay was voiced by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, an advocate of voluntary reductions. In explaining to the group behind closed doors, the administration's far-reaching omnibus retrenchment bill, Rood said Mr. Hoover desired congress to establish a policy of consolidation that would permit him to carry it out through executive orders.

The consolidations to be carried out at once, under the president's program, affect public works, public health, personnel administration, merchant marine, conservation, and

21 HIGH SCHOOL BANDS COMPETING

Solo Contests Held Friday in State Music Tourney at Corvallis.

TO GET RETURNS
The Observer will receive returns early this evening on the high school contest, and the returns will be relayed to the Nook and the Red Cross drug store, where the information may be secured by telephone. Also, the Liberty theatre will announce the results from the stage between shows this evening.

LADDER PLAY TOMORROW AT GOLF COURSE

A ladder tournament, qualifying round is scheduled for tomorrow at the La Grande country club, according to announcement today by Jack Murphy, 1932 team captain. Also, Mr. Murphy announced the golf program for the coming season. Events to take place during the coming month are as follows:

Believe Some Gas Caused Explosion

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 16 (AP)—Preliminary reports from investigators of the state office building explosion, late today were that the blast was caused by "gas of some sort" and that the structural steel frame of the \$5,000,000 structure had not been damaged seriously.

Lindbergh Baby Missing 46 Days; Curtis Reports Contacting Kidnapers

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 16 (AP)—On the 46th day since the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped the latest high lights in the hunt are:
Rear Admiral Guy H. Burgess, of Norfolk, said John H. Curtis, of Norfolk, back from a secret mission, had made at least one contact with the supposed kidnapers.
Dean H. Dobson-Peacock, third of the Norfolk intermediaries, said they believed the child is "alive and well."
Dr. John F. Condon, the "Jafeste" who made the \$250,000 ransom payment, said: "I'd be glad to report if I had anything to report, but I have nothing."
A young woman who said she was Greta Gray, of Minneapolis, and a friend of Col. Lindbergh's mother, visited the Lindbergh home last night. She emerged saying "They're all feeling better."
Two detectives then escorted her

BYRD'S PLAN FOR WET-DRY VOTE GAINS

Both Political Conventions Likely to be Faced With Ballot.

SOME OF LEADING DRYS FAVOR PLAN

Several States Asking for Resubmission of Question to People of the Nation.

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Activity toward resubmission of the 18th amendment showed itself today as an increasing factor in the political preparations for the June conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties.

At the capitol, where hearings are in progress looking to an early vote by the senate on resubmission, the two Wyoming senators joined in announcing themselves desirous of placing the prohibition question before the people. Both Kendrick, the Democrat, and Carey, Republican, have dry records behind them.

Byrd Plan Winning Support
In Richmond, Virginia, Bishop James Cannon Jr., one of the most active dry leaders, announced himself in substantial agreement with the "basal feature" of the plan advanced by former Governor Harry F. Byrd at this week's Jefferson Day Democratic rally in Washington to make possible a popular vote on prohibition.

DEBATERS FROM PENDLETON WIN AT UNION, 2-1

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Apr. 16 (Special)—The last of the sectional high school debates was held here yesterday afternoon, when the negative team from Pendleton High met the Union affirmative team to contest the question: "Resolved, that the legislature should pass a law requiring compulsory unemployment insurance."

Both teams were fairly evenly matched and the arguments were keenly contested by both sides. Juanita Roberts and Kathryn Green represented the Union High school and Zona Kemler and Everett Trickey the Pendleton school. The decision was one for the Union team and two for Pendleton, which entitles the Pendleton team to contest at Redmond for the state championship.

John H. Bankhead Entitled to Seat

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—The senate elections committee decided today that John H. Bankhead was entitled to his seat as Alabama's Democratic senator.

La Grande Eagles To Visit Pendleton

About 10 members of the La Grande series of Eagles and the auxiliary plan to go to Pendleton tomorrow to attend the Eastern Oregon district convention. Pendleton, Baker and La Grande will be represented, and two state officers, C. E. Happersett, of La Grande, treasurer, and Mr. Connor, of Pendleton, secretary, will attend.

Young Gives His Opinion on Bonus

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Owen D. Young telegraphed Representative Patman (D. Tex.) today that while favoring an increase in money volume he does not consider printing currency to cash the soldiers' bonus a "sound and helpful" method.

Small Wheat Crop Is Held Favorable Factor in Market

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—One favorable factor seen by the agriculture department in prospects of a smaller wheat crop is that there will be no forced selling in the export market because of lack of storage space.

Children to Show Colors

MOSCOW (AP)—The "Pioneer Pravda," official newspaper of the juvenile branch of the communist party, announces that wearing of red ties by children members is compulsory.

MYSTERY BLAST CLAIMS SIX LIVES



The force of the mysterious explosion which wrecked this three-story brick apartment building in Springfield, Mo., and claimed six lives, is graphically indicated in the above photograph, taken soon after the fatal blast. In addition to those killed, sixteen persons were injured when the explosion tore rooms apart on the second and third floors. Police investigated rumors that the structure was bombed.

Tenement Fire In New York Is Fatal To Six

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 (AP)—Fire, sweeping through a Bronx tenement in which many families slept, killed two adults and four children today. It was the second tragic tenement fire of the week. A mother and five children died when fire trapped them in their fifth floor quarters Wednesday evening.

Those burned to death today were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dombri, that 12-year-old twin sons, Jacob and Joseph; Edith Weinstein, 7, and Philip Weinstein, 10.

DICKINSON TO BE G. O. P. KEYNOTER

CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—Senator L. J. Dickinson, of Iowa, was selected temporary chairman of the Republican national convention by the arrangements committee today. He will deliver the keynote address.

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Richard Read, 53, Admits Kidnaping and Killing Child of 8 Years.

MOB IN SEARCH OF THE PRISONER

Angry Selden Citizens on the Trail as Body of Girl is Found in Haystack Near Achilles.

COLBY, Kan., Apr. 16 (AP)—After finding the body of Dorothy Hunter, 8-year-old Selden school girl, in a haystack near Achilles today, Sheriff Ed McGinley returned to Colby without Richard Read, 53-year-old former convict who confessed he kidnaped, assaulted and killed the child.

McGinley refused to say where his prisoner had been taken for safety from a mob of Selden citizens in fifty automobiles who sought the slayer as he led officers to the hiding place of the girl's body.

Read was driven away from the place where he had concealed the body of his child victim a few moments before the arrival of the angry Selden citizens.

The mob began to melt away an hour or more later, after Dr. Charles E. Hennenger, Rawlins county coroner, ordered the body placed in a hearse for removal to Atwood. The coroner said the girl apparently had been killed by a blow on the head after having been attacked.

McGinley revealed that Read had confessed, telling Dorothy her parents had asked him to take her home from school.

BODY DISCOVERED

COLBY, Kan., Apr. 16 (AP)—The body of Dorothy Hunter, 8-year-old Selden, Kan., school girl, was found concealed in a haystack two miles from Achilles, today, by officers led to the spot by Richard Read, 53, who confessed he kidnaped and killed the girl.

As the body was discovered a mob of Selden citizens in 80 motor cars were in search of the sheriff and his prisoner. Scores of cars had trailed the officer here. The state will resume its parade of witnesses Monday morning in the particular case against Frank J. Keller Jr., former Empire official and the first of five ex-officers being tried on charges of devising a scheme to defraud. The court adjourned last night until that time.

25 WITNESSES TAKE STAND IN KELLER TRIAL

DALLAS, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—Twenty-five witnesses were heard during the first week of the Empire Holding corporation trial before Judge Arlie G. Walker here. The state will resume its parade of witnesses Monday morning in the particular case against Frank J. Keller Jr., former Empire official and the first of five ex-officers being tried on charges of devising a scheme to defraud. The court adjourned last night until that time.

Payette Gas Well Blows In at Night

PAYETTE, Ida., Apr. 16 (AP)—Gas blew in at the big Willow Creek well of the Boise Patrols corporation, 15 miles from here, last night in quantities described by the officials as "commercial."

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