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## RECREATION FACILITIES

With the arrival of warm weather it is well that we should consider the playground facilities of our city. School will be dismissed for the summer only six weeks hence, and hundreds of boys and girls will be searching for various means of recreation with which to pass the long vacation days.

La Grande is fortunate in having two large areas such as Riverside Park and Connordale Park in addition to the tennis courts on Walnut street and the playgrounds at the several schools. We have plenty of room for future developments.

The swings, slides, and other playground apparatus at Riverside and the school playgrounds provide for the smaller children very well. But there is need of additional facilities for young people and adults.

It is with those facts in mind that the La Grande Tennis association, recently formed to control the Walnut courts, has undertaken plans for building additional tennis courts in Connordale Park. Tennis is rapidly increasing in popularity, not only in this city but throughout the country, and even in foreign lands. It appeals to youngsters and adults alike, and for that reason the courts are used at every hour of the day from dawn to dusk.

The tennis association is therefore contributing generously to the city welfare in sponsoring the raising of money for the new courts. Since the association is operating under authority from the city park board, the new courts will be the property of the city, but will have complete control of their use. Schedules will be arranged in order to assure members an opportunity to play before and after working hours.

For the active person who has to keep regular working hours tennis offers many advantages, especially in economy of time and money. Being within the city limits, no time is wasted in going to and from the courts, and twenty minutes of tennis gives more exercise than an hour of golf. Moreover, the only expense is that of a racquet and the small fee for membership in the association.

Additional tennis courts will benefit a large number of people and will be paid for by those who enjoy their benefits. It is a worthy project.

## INSURANCE LOANS DROP

Loans on life insurance policies, which jumped sharply in the latter part of 1929 and showed a new high during the latter weeks of 1931, have begun to decline, the reversal of the trend being looked upon by financial experts as evidence of greater national financial stability and more plentiful money.

When policyholders in large numbers borrow on their policies they absorb funds which normally are available for investment in securities and mortgages, as a consequence of which industry and construction starve for capital and national prosperity suffers.

Though borrowings were heavy last year they were lower than commonly supposed, the increase from the normal of 12 per cent being only 4 per cent. It was, however, sufficient to reduce the amount of capital free for investment although new insurance was being issued.

For hundreds of thousands since the crash in 1929 life insurance loans constituted the margin between ruin and the ability to weather the storm. Doubly unfortunate were those who had borrowed on their insurance to play the market and were unable to hang on when the bottom dropped out. For them there was no anchorage.

That crash and the resultant period of depression caused the lapsing of many life insurance policies but even more new insurance has been sold, so insurance companies have not lost.

## Other Papers Say:

### REAL INJUSTICE

In protesting against the campaign being waged for \$2,400,000 cash bonus for able bodied veterans of the world war, the Willard Straight (New York) post of the American Legion demands of the national officers a

cessation of treasury raids declaring a billion dollars is being spent annually "rapidly mounting to annual cost of two to three billions, and an estimated ultimate total of one hundred billions for world war veterans." It declared the statutes sponsored by veteran organizations "discriminate against widows and other dependents of veterans killed in war service and favor living veterans receiving payments for disabilities having nothing to do with the war." The post states records show 600,000 world war veterans are now draw-

ing government bounties, free hospitalization, medical, surgical and nursing services, including any veteran temporarily disabled through accident or malady of any kind subsequent to and having no relation whatever to war service, and to many who are in fact able bodied. "Approximately 70 per cent of available beds in veterans' hospitals are occupied by men with disabilities incurred in civil life."

An investigation conducted by New York World-Telegram, reveals that "the further a disabled veteran was from the fighting line on the western front, the more money he averages each month from the federal treasury." A study of monthly payments to a group of 13,737 men whose health was affected during their service, reveals that the man who received his disability as a result of disease contracted in the United States is averaging \$48 a month, while the man disabled in action averages \$39 a month.

The individual who lost his mind in a cantonment in America—and many were mentally diseased when recruited and only served long enough for the malady to become apparent—averages \$66.79 a month, while the man whose reason cracked amid the horrors of the battlefield is averaging \$48 monthly. Those who contracted tuberculosis in barracks in this country average \$61 a month, those who got the disease in a gas attack or from lying for days in a battlefield average \$55 a month. Those disabled by some serious malady which might have been contracted in the army average \$36.70 a month, but the doughboy torn by an enemy shell, bayonet or rifle bullet receives an average of \$5.68 a month.

Emergency officers are favored over women and 30 day men above those who served throughout the war. The living have the edge on the dead. There are but a few of the many inequalities existing in the veterans' bureau produced by laws lobbied through by political pressure by veterans' organizations. It would seem, therefore, that the veterans would be better employed in remedying existing injustices suffered by the real victims of the war, than in attempting a raid on a bankrupt treasury that would indefinitely postpone the depression. Surely their government has not been ungrateful to the veterans, and needs their aid today in the existing emergency as much as it did in war time. — Salem Capital Journal.

**ALL MUST DISARM TOGETHER**  
The question of disarmament, brought to public attention locally by the visit here in the last few days of representatives of the National Council for the Prevention of War, resolves into the thesis that effective disarmament can never be accomplished unless it is done co-operatively by all the strong nations of the world.

In a world that is armed, no nation is going to risk a disarmament program alone. It can propose disarmament measures, and it can lead the way toward their realization, but it cannot take the step unless the others take it simultaneously.

At the same time, there is no question of the tremendous burden placed on the world by the maintenance of great armaments, nor of the threat of peace which they constitute. Their reduction is of the utmost importance to the peace and welfare of the world.

That is why we must continue to look hopefully toward Geneva, where the world disarmament conference is in session. Not altogether encouraging are the reports that come from there. But it is only from such a conference, offering the opportunity for action by the nations in concert, that we can hope for real progress toward disarmament. — Klamath Falls Evening Herald.

**Need Parliamentarian**  
With the heady the Roosevelt faction of the convention now apparently will have at the start, they will have the say on organization. But even at that, it is entirely possible that Robinson's availability might not even be confined to Roosevelt's strength. There are other candidates—say those from the north or a western states—who might be well satisfied to have him as permanent chairman.

For the man who is selected for that post must be a person of ability, personal popularity and an expert parliamentarian.

Robinson has demonstrated his ability twice before. The Chicago convention may find it expedient to let him have the job for the third time.

## 21 HIGH SCHOOL BANDS COMPETING

retained his title as the best saxophone player, Vincent Clark of Franklin high, Portland won first in the trombone division; Earl Scott of Jefferson high, Portland, was first in trumpet; Lane Smith, Hill Military academy, Portland, took clarinet honors; the bass horn title went to Howard Moehne of West Linn, and Robert Ferguson of Albany took the baritone championship award.

The band contest entrants included: Class A—Salem, Corvallis, Eugene, Albany, Klamath Falls, Medford, La Grande and Jefferson; Grant and Roosevelt of Portland.

Class B—West Linn, Bend, Marshfield, Silverton, Gresham and Oregon City.

Class C—Irrigon, Hood River, Estacada, Beaverton and Hill Military of Portland.

Mill Military Academy of Portland won a clear-cut championship in the Class C band contest, scoring well above Irrigon, last year's champion which took second, and the Seaside girls' band which placed third. Beaverton was fourth and Hood River and Estacada tied for fifth place.

Class B bands from medium sized schools were to compete later in the day. The large class A bands were scheduled to play for grand championship after the class B competition had been completed.

## In Washington

By Herbert Plummer  
WASHINGTON—With Arkansas' 14 votes "announced but favorable to"

## He Didn't Invite the Guests to His Party



## 'Pioneer Mother' Statue Will Be Unveiled May 7

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 15 — Pioneer mothers of Oregon, thousands of students and all students themselves will unite on the campus of the University of Oregon May 6, 7 and 8 for the most extensive and impressive event staged here in recent years, according to plans made known today by the committee in charge.

Pioneers will gather here as honor guests at the official unveiling of the statue "The Pioneer Mother" the gift of Burt Brown Barker, vice president of the university. Not only will they be especially honored Saturday afternoon at the ceremony, but during the week-end the fraternities, societies and dormitories on the campus will be thrown open to them in showing them hospitality and honor. The statue, a masterpiece by the noted sculptor, A. Phimister Proctor, will have a place of honor near Gerlinger Hall.

The occasion is also deemed as an especially fitting time to honor mothers of the students, since the statue is that of an Oregon pioneer mother. George H. Godfrey, rector of the university, and they will have places of honor at all juncture of the week-end, as well as at the unveiling ceremony.

The student committee, which is already at work arranging all details, is headed by Marion Chapman, Eugene. She will have as assistants Orville Bailey, Eugene; Betty Anne Macdonald, Eugene; Marjorie Swafford, Oregon City; Esther Hayden, Toledo; Sam Holtenberg, Portland; Helen Raitanen, Astoria; and Allice Stem, St. Helena. Earl M. Pallett, executive secretary and registrar, heads the faculty committee.

Mr. Pallett will be assisted by Leonard Hagstrom, university editor; Virgil D. Earl, dean of men; Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism; George H. Godfrey, rector; John Maxwell Adams, university pastor; Mrs. Paul W. Ager, executive secretary of the Oregon Mothers; Mrs. Genevieve Turnpaed, director of dormitories; and Paul Wauke, professor of physical education.

**WINNIPEG WHEAT**  
WINNIPEG, Apr. 16 (AP) — Wheat close: May 63 1/4; July 65 1/4; Oct. 67 1/4. Cash wheat: No. 1 northern 63 1/4; No. 2 northern 59 1/4; No. 3 northern 56 1/4.

**DENIES REPORT**  
MILWAUKEE, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP) — S. Shrock, master of the Clackamas county Potomac grange, declared today that reports that the grange in its Apr. 13 meeting had recommended discontinuance of radio station KOAC at Oregon State college, were incorrect.

**Helped Heal The Wounds**  
It was at Houston that Robinson perhaps played his most important role. It was his tact and diplomacy that are accredited with doing much to heal the wounds inflicted at New York in 1924 in the ranks of the Democratic party.

His ability as the presiding officer of that convention plus the fact that his geographical position was favorable had a lot to do with his selection as Al Smith's running mate.

Robinson was permanent chairman of the convention in San Francisco in 1920 which nominated Cox and Franklin Roosevelt. And again in 1928 at Houston he served in the same capacity.

**SCHOOL GIRL MURDERED BY KANSAS MAN**  
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for her dinner pail. One of her companions was a sister, Alice, 9.

A search was begun for her when she failed to return home by nightfall.

**Sheriff Makes Arrest**  
Informed of the kidnaping yesterday, Sheriff Ed McGinley, arrested Head on his farm near Rexford because the farmer previously had told him a weird story of having been kidnaped and driven many miles in a motor car over that area.

Head at first denied knowledge of the abduction.

News of his arrest brought a mob of 100 enraged Selden citizens to Colby. Some were armed. Displaying a rope, the mob made open threats to storm the jail and lynch the prisoner. Sheriff McGinley persuaded them to spare him because of information he might be able to give as to the girl's whereabouts.

**Mob Disperses**  
After the mob dispersed at 2 a. m., Sheriff McGinley announced Head had confessed he kidnaped the girl, later killed her and concealed her body in a haystack.

The sheriff, Guido E. Smith, Thomas county attorney, left in company with the prisoner on a search for the body. They were joined by officers of neighboring counties.

After the body was found, the county attorney's office announced the girl had been attacked and then strangled.

As scores of cars were driven toward the place where Head had concealed his victim, Head was placed in an automobile by Sheriff McGinley and driven hastily away.

Court officials at Burlington, Colo.,

## Clark Wood Says

If the Philippines are granted independence it will be getting what it has earned. They'll be getting what has been promised in party platform pledges.

An official investigator denies the existence of a crime wave in Hawaii. There seems, however, to have been something of a ripple.

We read that George Bernard Shaw has been offered an \$8000-a-week radio contract in America. Somebody must think us radio fans love punishment.

Government costs more, but look! The Lotta government we got!

Great Britain ends her fiscal year with a comfortable surplus. Maybe we made a mistake in 1928.

Uncle Sam is after the taxpayer's waist, if it's only a gum waist.

President Hoover suggests that now's the time to buy automobiles. With what?

Frank Simonds' view that the prestige of this country has slipped in Europe, spurs no blood. What we want to be sure about is that our sons never slip again in the muck of Europe's trenches.

## Teaching Children to Like Wholesome Foods

will respond.

**Develop the Right Mental Attitude**  
4. See that the child's mental attitude is right when giving a new food, if this is possible. Instead of offering it as a dose of medicine, give it as a food which grown-ups eat and like and which he is now big enough to have.

This does not for a moment mean that one should tell a child something is good which is not, as parents unfortunately often do with bitter medicines, it merely means that if a food which is really good is offered with the expectation that it will be liked, the chances are far greater that it will be, particularly if it is regarded as a luxury and given in very small amounts at first; for taste, we have already indicated, is largely a matter of mental attitude.

Like it yourself, eat it with relish; treat it as a luxury meant for grown-ups; let the child himself first request it, if possible; give it grudgingly in small amounts, and see if the new food is not easily introduced.

**Be sure the foods given a child really are good.** If you expect them to be liked. Although, as has been shown, a child may by persistence be taught to like almost any flavor, it distinctly simplifies the matter if foods are palatable.

Many of children's dislikes for milk are due to giving them milk which has turned or has absorbed flavors from the ice box or from weeds the cows have eaten; and some of the prejudices against cabbage and other vegetables are justly due to the unpleasant cooking odors or to the overcooked, black product with its bad flavor.

The infant welfare doctor and nurses who spent an afternoon working out a vegetable soup recipe for infants which should be dietetically satisfactory and palatable to themselves were acting in harmony with this principle. It is not surprising, therefore, that success has usually attended the introduction of that soup. Now to cook foods to insure palatability and attractive appearance will be discussed in a later article and is merely mentioned here because of its importance.

**Cut Down on the Sweets**  
6. Keep the diet simple, limiting all highly flavored foods, particularly sweets, if you would have a child like the foods he ought.

A dislike for spinach, cabbage, or other foods with decided flavors may merely mean a lack of training in their use; but when a distaste for milk and other mild bland foods develops it is usually a safe guess that the child is getting far too much sweets or other foods with distinctive flavor, such as meat or coffee, or merely too much variety.

After experience with the finicky city child it was a distinct surprise to the writer to find a rural setting in which a nutrition survey revealed scarcely a child who disliked milk or any vegetables he had ever tasted.

The explanation, however, was simple. With little sweets and no delicacies to satiate the appetite, the mild, bland diet was eaten with relish in response to the normal hunger developed by outdoor life.

The hint to parents is this: If a child who is not sick does not like plain wholesome foods, try removing all sweets and other highly flavored foods from the diet, send him out doors to get good and hungry, and give him three plain meals of milk, cereal, bread, vegetables, potatoes, eggs, with nothing between meals but water, and see if he does not shortly respond with a healthy appetite for the plain foods.

**Use Authority if Necessary**  
7. If all the above fail — which is very unlikely if they are consistently employed — put before the child the foods he should have and see that he eats them.

No mother I know allows a child to go dirty merely because he happens not to enjoy the process of neck and ear washing. The maternal pride is at stake, so he is caught and scrubbed, regardless of protests. Even the most indulgent mother will likewise harden her heart and force medicine down a child if she earnestly believes it is for his good. Why should she be so firm in other matters and so weak in matters of diet?

If a child wants nothing to eat he is probably sick, but if he eats only foods which he likes and refuses those which he really needs, then firm treatment is needed.

"Helen," said an eight year old boy to his sister of four, during their mother's momentary absence in the kitchen, "you may as well eat that vegetable one time as another. When mother says you have to do a thing she means it." And Helen took his advice.

It is better, of course, if a real liking for the foods can be developed by the methods above described, but if this cannot be accomplished the parents should realize that the child's normal growth and development depends on his having daily all the substances which his body needs, and that it is their duty as his parents to see that he gets the foods which provide them, whether he likes them or not.

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