

L. H. S. BAND WINS SECOND IN CORVALLIS

Only Seven Points Behind Jefferson of Portland in First Place

MUSICIANS AND DIRECTOR RETURN

Fine Showing Proof of Splendid Work Done in Local Schools by W. W. Nusbaum.

Only eight points short of being the best high school band in the state of Oregon—a state noted for the emphasis placed on high school music—the La Grande High school band was back at home today.

School	Rank	Points
Jefferson High	1	1496
La Grande High	2	1489
Corvallis High	3	1467
Klamath Falls	4	1467

If eight points could have been picked up somewhere or other down the line, the blue and white musicians would have ranked at the very top. As it was, they were only seven points behind the Jefferson band, the pride of the Portland, Ore., schools.

Although Corvallis and Klamath Falls both scored 1467 points, Corvallis was given third place because two of the three judges rated it in that position. Both were 22 points behind La Grande, in second place.

Highest Rating Yet
For Jefferson it was the third victory in the last five years, and for La Grande, it was the highest rating this organization ever has received in state competition.

In addition to the first four, the following bands placed in this order: Albany, Eugene, Medford and Salem.

The Silverton band won first place in class B competition and Hill Military of Portland won the class C trophy.

Nearly 800 musicians from 20 schools participated in the three classes at the state tournament.

Directors of the bands at a banquet Saturday night organized the Oregon State High School Bandmasters' association. Wilson White, of Medford, was elected president; P. C. Simpson, of Hood River, vice president.

DR. A. B. HALL BECOMES ILL OF INDIGESTION

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of University of Oregon, collapsed from what was diagnosed as acute indigestion here today. Physicians said they did not regard his condition as serious but he was ordered to bed immediately.

Dr. Hall became ill at the University Club where he was attending a meeting of the state board of higher education. He was talking to a newspaper man when he murmured that he felt faint, and dropped to the floor.

Judge Knowles To Preside at Trial

BAKER, Ore., April 18 (Special)—Ward Holden, charged with the murder of Milton Hopkins March 8 in the Holden residence on Grove and Estes streets, pleaded not guilty in circuit court Friday afternoon to a charge of second degree murder. He appeared with his attorneys Frank C. McCulloch and Allan A. Smith. Holden's trial was set for 10 a. m. April 25.

Judge C. H. McCulloch ordered 20 extra names added to the jury panel for the trial. Judge J. W. Knowles of La Grande will preside at the trial.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair in the east portion tonight and Tuesday, with local frosts tonight, unsettled, with rain tonight or Tuesday in the west portion; fresh south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—41 above.
Minimum: 36 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 54, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 18 of inch. Range—20 degrees.

WEATHER APR. 18, 1931
Maximum 56, minimum 28 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—28 degrees.

No Actual Word From Kidnapers Of Lindy's Baby

Last Communication Was When Ransom Was Paid—Wilmington Girl Returned to Her Home.

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 19 (AP)—It is the 49th day since the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped and his parents are still waiting for some word that will lead to his restoration. A mysterious telephone call to the Toledo Times attracted attention. A man who said his name was Patterson told the paper the baby is in Detroit and will be returned within a week. He said the kidnapers had fallen out and warned against paying more ransom.

Dr. John F. Condon—the "Jafate" who paid \$50,000 ransom to a man in a Bronx cemetery and was tricked—said yesterday:

"We are in contact with the kidnapers. The baby will be returned soon, I hope."

No Actual Communication
However, it was said by another source, no actual communication has been carried on since the ransom payment, but Col. Lindbergh still pins his chief hope on Dr. Condon.

State police denied knowledge of a bag containing men's clothing found in Chilmark, Mass. All identifying marks had been removed from the clothes. Massachusetts police believed the bag dropped from an airplane.

Residents of Palmouth, Mass., said they saw an airplane, three vessels and flares off Gayhead, promontory of the island of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. This led to rumors, unconfirmed.

Two Enterprise Banks Combined, Effective Today

The business of the two Enterprise banks, the Wallowa National bank and the Enterprise State bank, was combined this morning under the name of the former, according to a brief announcement from Enterprise, signed by K. Parker, cashier of the Enterprise State bank, and A. M. Pace, cashier of the Wallowa National.

The announcement said: "This action has been taken by the stockholders of both banks."

Three Men Shot By Guardsmen In Coal Field Row

CADIZ, O., April 18 (AP)—Three men were shot as guns of national guardsmen protected mines in the Eastern Ohio bituminous coal field today.

When the shooting started, the soldiers retreated and miners employed in the pit went to work as the soldiers stood on guard nearby.

Two more guard strongholds were the scene of shootings today. One was the barricaded outpost on the Georgetown road, the other on the Buchanan road, not far away. An attempt to storm the second outpost was thwarted when the soldiers fired shots to scare the attackers.

Guard officers reported the soldiers did not fire directly into the miners. They said the bullets were directed at the ground, and the three men were hit by deflected bullets.

When the shooting started, the soldiers retreated and reinforcements were rushed to the scene.

The Somers mine has been a focal point of the strikers since the United Mine Workers called a strike in the Eastern Ohio field on Apr. 1. In a disorder there last week, one striking miner was killed and another wounded.

The strike was called in protest against wage reductions.

Nab Stolen Auto; 3 Boys Arrested

Mrs. Charles Evans reported to police Saturday evening that her automobile had been stolen from Fourth street near the Reynolds apartments. State Police Officer Bill Howard trailed the car to near Hill-gard and caught it, arresting three young La Grande boys, whose names were not divulged by the officers. It is understood that this was their first offense.

The three boys were to appear before juvenile judge, Judge U. G. Couch, early this week.

H. W. Herr Robbed Sunday Evening

H. W. Herr called the police to 506 Fourth street at 9:15 o'clock Sunday evening, reporting that he was held up and robbed of some money by two men. He gave a rough description of the men to the police, who immediately started an investigation. No arrests had been made this morning.

PENDLETON'S STUDENTS WIN SWEEPSTAKES

Rank First in Class A in East Oregon Music Tournament

WALLOWA, LOSTINE ALSO WIN HONORS

Total of 284 Students Compete in Contests Held Saturday at the Normal School.

Pendleton, Wallowa and Lostine high schools were the winners in the second annual Eastern Oregon high school music tournament held in La Grande Saturday under the auspices of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the direction of Miss Jennie Peterson, musical director. Two hundred and eighty-five students and 35 directors and accompanists participated in the event.

Pendleton won the sweepstakes cup, presented by Miss Peterson, for the highest number of points in all the events, and also received the cup in Class A, presented by Adler's Music store, for the highest number of points exclusive of solos. The Class B trophy, presented by the Normal school, was awarded to Wallowa for the highest number of points exclusive of solos, and the Class C award was made to Lostine, which also won the cup, presented by the La Grande Neighborhood club, at the first annual tournament held last year in Pendleton.

Such competition is conducted under conditions of inequality particularly in regard to regulation; that a contributing cause, aside from the general business conditions, is the lack of communication between rail and water carriers on the one hand and motor carriers on the other for the transportation of both passengers and freight and that this competition is increasing.

KELLEY ATTACKS MASSIE'S STORY

Prosecutor in Honolulu Trial Cross Examining Witness Today

By William H. Ewing
HONOLULU, April 18 (AP)—Under a prosecution attack for his story of holding the weapon that killed Joseph Kahahawai, Lieut. Thomas H. Massie testified today how he wandered about the home of Mrs. Granville Fortescue in a daze while the young native died and Mrs. Fortescue looked on.

After publicly stating his disbelief in Massie's story that he held the pistol which killed Kahahawai just after the young native admitted participating in an attack on the navy officer's wife, Thalia Massie, Public Prosecutor John C. Kelley today led the witness into further details of the tragedy.

Massie testified Kahahawai died on a chaise longue in the Fortescue home while the accused society matron watched and while the other two defendants in the lynching case, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, were in the room.

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Nearly Half Of Work Promotion Quota Pledged

Almost one-half of the quota set by the city wide group of organizations, to be raised in the La Grande Work Promotion Plan has been accepted, with a total of \$24,445.40 pledged this morning. About half of the solicitors have reported to the central office at the La Grande chamber of commerce.

"Buy, Build and Remodel" is the slogan of the drive which is being conducted to foster business and provide employment for some of La Grande's 700 unemployed.

Many of the householders and business men who pledged work have already started the projects, while many others plan to start in the near future.

Charles Bingner won the Sunday sweepstakes tournament at the country club golf course yesterday, carrying an 83 which, with his handicap of 12, gave him a net of 71. Harold Boone and Dr. W. K. Rows, with 90 and 89, respectively, giving them net scores of 72, tied for second. Dr. A. M. Moore was third with 100-27-73.

A large number of golfers played yesterday in spite of disagreeable weather at times during the day.

Tiger Track Team Swamps Opposition At Quadrangular Meet in Pendleton

Opening the 1932 spring track and field season in Eastern Oregon with a powerful flourish, the La Grande Tigers scored a majority of points in the quadrangular meet at Pendleton Saturday afternoon.

When the relay had been run, the Tiger team had ten firsts and a flock of seconds, thirds and fourths to its credit—enough to account for 81½ points. Mac-Hi was second with 31, Pendleton scored 28½ and Wallowa accounted for only 13.

Torrence High Scorer
Willie Torrence, negro member of the La Grande team and state champion in two events at Corvallis last year, served notice of his intention to defend his 1931 title by romping in with 26½ points. He took first in the high and low hurdles, the broad jump, the javelin, tied for first in the high jump, took third in the discus, fourth in the shotput and

REGULATION OF BUSES IS I. C. C. URGE

Commission Recommends Federal Laws Governing Motor Vehicles

CONGRESS TO GET RECOMMENDATION

Report Today Brings to a Close an Investigation Under Way for Last Five Years.

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today recommended federal regulation of motor vehicles engaged in interstate commerce and that railroads and water lines be encouraged to use the public highways.

The commission's decision in the form of recommendations which are expected to be transmitted to congress, makes the following findings: "That transportation by motor vehicles, buses and trucks, over the highways is, within certain distances, and in certain respects a superior service and that the rail and water lines should be encouraged in the use of this instrumentality of commerce wherever such use will promote more efficient operation or improve the public service."

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HUPEH QUAKE IS FATAL TO LARGE NUMBER

HANKOW, China, April 18 (AP)—Bestial reports reaching here today through Chinese sources from North-east Hupeh province said an earthquake took a toll of "several tens of thousands of persons" there on April 6 in several towns and villages of the province.

The reports said the quake slightly jarred the Yangtze valley and they painted a picture of appalling conditions. Their lateness was taken to illustrate the lack of communications in the interior.

"Human corpses and dead animals are strewn over the ground throughout the stricken area," the dispatches said. The important walled town of Macheng was reported to have suffered most severely from the quake, the walls of 70 per cent of the houses having crumbled on their inhabitants.

The dispatches concluded that the quakes had been a terrible visitation on the people who already had suffered from the plundering of communists and bandits."

Mrs. Amelia Batley Passes On In Idaho

Mrs. Amelia Batley passed away at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho Sunday evening at the age of 70. She is survived by her husband George Batley, of Twin Falls, and by one son, Merlin Batley, of La Grande. Mrs. Batley was a resident of La Grande 22 years ago and lived here for two years at that time. The funeral will be held in Twin Falls Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial will be in the family plot in Twin Falls cemetery.

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COLLEGE MAN WHIPPED



This picture of the bare back of Harold Coy, member of a Commonwealth College delegation from Mena, Ark., shows the welts raised on his body by the flogging he received when he and four others were whipped by a mob and driven out of Harlan county. They had gone to the Kentucky coal mine area to investigate conditions and distribute relief supplies.

College Leader Tells Story Of Whipping by Mob

Editor's Note: Lucien Koch, director of Commonwealth College, Mena, Ark., has written for The Observer and NEA Service the following blowup personal experience story describing how he and four other representatives of the college were whipped by a mob and driven out of the state when they attempted to investigate conditions in the Kentucky mine area and distribute relief supplies. Koch wrote the following article after reaching Knoxville, Tenn.

By Lucien Koch
(Director Commonwealth College)
(Written for The Observer and NEA Service, Inc.)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 18—A peaceful visit to the Kentucky coal fields on the part of two teachers and three students from Commonwealth college, with myself as leader, came to a climax Sunday night when a mob, inspired by a mayor and a police chief, drove us out of town and beat us with switches in a woods near the state line before kicking

us out. The telegram, Mitchell said, read as follows: "Please consider I still maintain 100 per cent my earlier expression of opinion favoring the return of control of intoxicants to the several states. That is definite. I have on many occasions agreed with your statement that the time has come for definite action."

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Senate Cuts Prohibition Measure \$1,000,000

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—The senate today approved a million dollar cut in the \$11,000,000 prohibition enforcement fund.

Previously the senate voted against reducing the appropriation from \$10,250,000 to \$9,250,000, the cut losing 42 to 17. Senator Johnson, Republican, California, had proposed the cut.

REFERENDUM PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—A constitutional referendum proposal was offered in the senate today by Senator Brookhart, Republican, Iowa, a prohibition champion. Brookhart submitted a constitutional amendment providing that two-thirds of the states may force congress to submit an amendment to the constitution when it has been approved at regular election by a majority of voters in the states.

Registration Will End on Tuesday

Registration books for the primary election on May 29 will close tomorrow at 5 o'clock. C. K. McCormick, county clerk, announced this morning. According to the law registration is suspended for 30 days before all elections.

After the primaries, on the morning of May 21, the books will be open again and continue open until 30 days before the general election in the fall. Registration has been quite heavy recently with the Republicans having a larger total registration, including changes of residence, than the Democrats, while the latter seem to have made a larger gain in registrations among people not previously registered.

House Economy Committee Will Submit Measure

Retrenchment Program to Be in one Omnibus Bill for Submission to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (AP)—The house economy committee today definitely decided to place its retrenchment program into one omnibus bill for submission to the house as a part of the legislative department appropriation measure.

In taking this action, the committee followed the proposal of President Hoover. It overrode its chairman, Representative McDuffie, of Alabama, who had held out for a separate proposal to cut federal salaries.

Two Plans Considered
Members of the committee said either the McDuffie 11 per cent salary cut proposal or President Hoover's plan for a five day work week and annual leave without pay for federal workers would be included in the omnibus bill. No vote has been taken on these two plans.

House approval of all the slashes made by the senate in appropriation bills was advocated today by Speaker Garner, in a statement to newspapermen.

Garner said he would recognize Representative Taylor, democrat, Colorado, to move suspension of the house rules later in the day for the purpose to accept the 189 senate amendments to the interior department supply bill, reducing it from \$50,000,000 to \$45,000,000.

Garner said "No one can go too far for economy to suit me." The naval supply bill will be considered tomorrow by the house.

Garner said the general sentiment of the economy committee favored reporting an omnibus bill calling for retrenchments in government expenditures to aggregate about \$200,000,000. He said he favored including in the measure the Byrns bill to consolidate the war and navy departments. It has been estimated the savings from this would be from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

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Two Men Die In Trask River In Western Oregon

TILLAMOOK, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Barley Leech, 32, and Cecil Warnick, 30, both of Portland, were drowned early Sunday when their automobile plunged over a 75-foot bank into the Trask river near here.

First word of the tragedy was received by Sheriff J. C. Holden from Homer Weeks, who noticed the top of the small coupe near the surface of the water. Sheriff Holden summoned a wrecking car which pulled the sunken coupe, virtually demolished from Franklin D. Roosevelt, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. It was in answer to a request by the league for Roosevelt's stand on prohibition:

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VAN DUZER TO HEAD FORCES AIDING DANA

PORTLAND, April 18 (AP)—H. B. Van Duzer, prominent lumber operator and former chairman of the state highway commission, will head the "Marshall Dana for U. S. Senator" committee.

This announcement was made here today. Bert E. Haney is vice chairman of the committee; Dillard A. Ekins is treasurer, and George F. Alexander is secretary.

State wide organization of the committee will be effected immediately. Other well known Democrats identified with the Dana committee include G. F. Hart, Richard W. Montague, Mrs. J. C. Fraughts, Mrs. Sadie L. Blumenthal, J. D. Welch, Mrs. Redmond Marshall, Mrs. Celeste L. Harris, and P. O. Collier.

Soldiers Confess To Three Holdups

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Portland police detectives said today that three recent holdups here had been solved by the confessions of Clarence Origo, 29, soldier at Vancouver, Wash., barracks, and Earl V. Whetzell, 22, ex-soldier at the barracks.

The detectives said Whetzell was arrested late Saturday after he had boarded a street car with the alleged intention of robbing the motorcar. Police said the two soldiers admitted holding up two taxicab drivers and one street car motorcar. Origo has been in the army for the past 12 years.

KIDNAPER OF GIRL HANGED EARLY TODAY

Kansas Mob Takes Richard Read from Hands of the Sheriff

ATWOOD, Kan., Apr. 18 (AP)—Darkness and the scarcity of trees in the prairie country here for a while thwarted the intentions of the mob which hanged Richard Read early today.

A witness, who declined to permit the use of his name, said it was necessary to go about five miles from the scene of the death of Dorothy Hunter to find a tree. It was an elm in a ravine on the Ed Lyman ranch.

As the caravan arrived, the motor cars in it were deployed about the tree in a circle, the headlights supplying the light by which the mob carried out its preparations. The alleged attacker was bound by barbed wire.

"If it wasn't for liquor," Read said, "I wouldn't have done it. I would not do it again."

He asked that his watch be given to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Read, who live three miles northeast of Atwood.

The mob dispersed rapidly after the hanging.

Coroner Notified
An unidentified participant notified Dr. Charles E. Hennenberger, Rawlins county coroner, who went to the scene. The body was brought to an undertaking establishment here. Coroner Hennenberger said an inquest probably would be called today.

The mob converged on Saint Francis where the prisoner had been taken for safe keeping. Its members seized Sheriff A. A. Bacon and took his keys.

The prisoner was hanged on the

BOISE, IDAHO GIRL SLAIN BY HIT-RUN AUTO

BOISE, Idaho, April 18 (AP)—Joy Elliott, 16, died today six hours after she had been knocked down by a motorist who paused only long enough to pick her up and thrust her into the rear seat of his automobile. She was found huddled in the machine, a stolen one. The girl was on her way home from church when she was struck down.

William Richardson, a farmer who heard the crash when the car struck the girl, rushed to the scene and found her shoes, scarf and a flashlight, lying in the road.

Deputy sheriffs discovered the car abandoned beside the road.

The girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Elliott. The automobile was the property of Mrs. A. P. Fletcher of Boise, who had reported it stolen.

Flag Riots Cause Death of Youth

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 18 (AP)—Several militant young patriots were in the hospital today with injuries received in yesterday's riot at the capitol building. The disorders arose from a proposal in the senate to adopt the one-starred flag of the nationalist party as the official flag of the island.

One high school boy was killed when a marble balustrade collapsed while the mob which had invaded the capitol stormed up a stairway toward the senate chamber to demand that the legislators defeat the flag bill.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 18 (AP)—Notwithstanding 6,131,000 bushels decrease in the United States wheat visible supply, grain values today failed to withstand bearish effects of stock market breaks.

Enlargement of selling pressure made wheat price bulge hard to maintain. May delivery of wheat showed a tendency though to gain on July.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/4 @ 1 1/4 under Saturday's finish, corn 1/4 @ 3/4 down, oats 1/4 @ 1/2 off, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents lower.

PORTLAND, Apr. 18 (AP)—On the Portland futures market, fractional price losses were shown for wheat during the Monday session but only 2000 bu. July were sold. May closed with a loss of 1/4 c, July 3/4 and September 1/2 c bu.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat lost 1/2 c bu.

Sale of another cargo of dark hard winter out of the gulf to Greece, indicated a better undertone in the foreign wheat situation. No business has been reported here but the trade continues hopeful.