

Two More Days To Nominate

CHANGES IN OREGON LAW DISCOVERED

City Commission Petitions Must Be in By 5 P. M. On Wednesday.

CHECKING NAMES OF 3 CANDIDATES

Petitions For Melville, Condit and Lottes Not Completed; No Other Candidates Known.

A new development occurred in the city commission nominating situation today when it was definitely learned that because of a recent change in the state law, nominating petitions must be certified to the county clerk not less than 40 days before the election.

This means that nominating petitions must be in County Clerk C. K. McCormick's hands not later than 5 o'clock on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The La Grande charter provides that the petitions may be filed 31 days before the election, but the state law has precedence over the city charter.

This phase of the law was not learned until yesterday and it was verified today.

Three Petitions Incomplete
Only three petitions are in circulation at present according to reports, all of them resigned to renominate Commissioners V. R. Melville and William Condit, and to nominate Commissioner J. J. Lottes, who was appointed a member of the commission following the death of Frank Rohan, who was elected two years ago but died before taking office.

J. E. Stearns, recorder-treasurer, announced today that he had taken petitions for the three men bearing more than 140 names to the county clerk for checking, but that these names were insufficient to nominate. More petitions are in circulation, it is said.

No reports of any other candidates for the city commission positions have been received by the Observer.

HOUSE IN OLD TOWN DAMAGED BY ROOF FIRE

Several hundred dollars loss was caused by fire at the Oliver Oakley home on H and Cedar streets at 8:25 o'clock Saturday night. The fire department extinguished the blaze after the roof and upper floor were damaged considerably. The house was insured for \$700. It is reported.

The cause of the blaze is unknown. The house was a story and a half building and the fire apparently started on the roof. It is reported that Mr. Oakley was moving out over the weekend and another family was to move in, and there was only a small amount of furniture in the residence at the time of the fire.

Mrs. Mitchell To Be Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Cecile May (German) Mitchell, 37, died at Walla Walla at the St. Mary's hospital Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Summerville chapel with MacMartin and Chamberlain, of Walla Walla, in charge.

Mrs. Mitchell was the daughter of James German, deceased, and Belle German, of La Grande. She was born at Imbler May 1, 1895 and left for Walla Walla when about 21 years of age, where she made her home until death.

She is survived by her widowed husband, L. C. Mitchell; her mother and two sisters and one brother, Cyril Ray German, of Summerville; Grace Rollins, of Imbler, and Elva Cook, of Pendleton.

HOLLAND ADDS TO QUOTAS

THE HAGUE (AP)—Quota restrictions for seven months on imports into Holland of stockings, socks, carpets, sewing threads and table linen are imposed by a new royal decree.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday but fog on the coast; moderate temperature; moderate north and northeast winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—49 above.
Minimum: 44 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 70, minimum 46 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range: 24 degrees.

WEATHER SEPT. 26, 1931

Maximum 80, minimum 42 above.
Condition: Clear. Range: 38 degrees.

Macpherson And Eastern Oregon Men Debate Bill

Both Sides of School Moving Measure Presented to Grangers in Meeting Saturday.

A controversy which is sharing interest with the presidential election in the state of Oregon, the wide discussion of the Zorn-Macpherson school merger bill, was debated Saturday when the Union county Pomona grange met at the Blue Mountain Grange hall, Hector Macpherson, one of the authors of the measure, upheld the bill in the afternoon while Charles J. Shelton, of Baker, presented arguments against it in the evening. Since Mr. Shelton was unable to attend the afternoon session, A. W. Nelson of La Grande, summarized the points on which the "anti-mergers" have based their contentions.

Passage of the bill will be one of the major disasters to Oregon, according to the belief of Mr. Shelton and Mr. Nelson, who asked the grangers to consider what the bill will do to the Eastern Oregon Normal school. A Normal school or a junior college cannot live alone and if the Normal school activity which include junior college work are divorced from the institution at La Grande it will die out.

A junior college is a "fine-sounding" institution, they stated, but cannot live unless in a center of great population.

Too Many Teachers, Claim
Mr. Macpherson pointed out that there are too many teachers graduated from the Normal schools of the state, and that the number would be curtailed by the merger bill. There are approximately 1000 students in the three institutions. Speakers for the negative stated that the plan at Eugene is too large for a teacher's college, to which Mr. Macpherson answered that in a short period of years, the plan at Eugene would be running at its capacity which proposed.

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Several Thefts Reported; Store Entered Sunday

Theft, which has been on the increase in this section during the last year or so, was even more in prominence over the weekend than for some time.

The police were called to the Willow grocery at 10:05 p. m. Sunday because of a robbery. The screen had been taken from one of the windows and \$4 in change and a cake had been taken.

An attempt was made to enter Wagner's Hardware store at 12:10 this morning by breaking the glass in one of the rear windows, but apparently the intruder was frightened away.

Two cases of thefts of articles from cars were reported to the police. H. L. Hayes and C. E. Happersett both lost some articles. In the latter case the burglar entered Mr. Happersett's garage and took two blankets and a flashlight from the car.

The residence of Chet Thompson at 1303 O avenue was entered and some clothing stolen.

Buggy Race At O. S. C. Ends In Injuring of Two

CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 26 (AP)—Two prominent Oregon State college co-eds suffered serious bruises in a traffic accident here today—an accident which ended a race between two horse-drawn buggies.

The buggies have come into vogue because, effective today, students at Oregon's higher educational institutions are forbidden by order of the state board to use automobiles. Certain exemptions are allowed.

Billie Cupper, of Salem, president of the Associated Women Students last year, and Betty Leudemann, of Portland, were thrown from the Lambda Chi Alpha "hack" when a wheel collapsed during a race with the Kappa Sigma buggy down Jefferson street.

Nellie, the horse driven by Chris Siengenthaler, of Linton, skerved to one side, running the buggy into the curb, crushing the front wheel and throwing the girls out onto the parking. Ray Labbe, of Portland, a fourth passenger in the two-seater, and Siengenthaler escaped uninjured.

D. R. Tanner Wins Golf Sweepstakes

D. R. Tanner won the sweepstakes at the La Grande country club yesterday with a score of 87-16-71. Paul Meyers was second with 90-16-74, and M. L. Nelson scored third carding 87-12-75. Bob Duncan, professional, announced this morning.

PRISONER ESCAPES IN PAJAMAS

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26 (AP)—R. B. Reisbach, who was serving a year in the county jail after being convicted of blackmail, escaped from the Multnomah county hospital Sunday, the sheriff's office reported. He was clad only in pajamas, bathrobe and slippers.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS MOVING AHEAD

Governor Roosevelt at Williams, Ariz. on Last Half of Tour.

HOOVER DISCUSSES CAMPAIGN TALKS

Senator Smoot Tells President That He Will Carry Utah and "Win the Nation."

IN THE POLITICAL NEWS

Governor Roosevelt at Williams, Ariz., on his return trip to Albany, N. Y.

Senator Smoot says President Hoover will carry Utah.

President Hoover and Secretary Mills discuss campaign speeches.

Senator George Norris, Nebraska Republican, plans nationwide speaking tour in behalf of Governor Roosevelt.

Senator Capper remarks on Roosevelt's trip into Kansas.

Governor Roosevelt described as opposed to cash payment of bonus by R. W. Woolley, former I. C. C. member.

By Walter T. Brown (Associated Press Staff Writer) ROOSEVELT SPECIAL, Williams, Ariz., Sept. 26 (AP)—Governor Roosevelt, the Democratic presidential candidate, stopped here today at the ranch of Mrs. John C. Greenway, Ariz.

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WHISKERS GROW AS FAIR NEARS

Annual Wallowa County Event to Begin Oct. 6 at Enterprise.

By W. L. Flower (Observer Correspondent)

ENTERPRISE, Sept. 26 (Special)—Various and sundry are the facial adornments of the men of Enterprise who are telling the world with whiskers about the Wallowa county fair to be held October 6, 7, 8.

"Whiskerizing" you, they will could sign themselves when writing letters.

There has been various reactions to the idea. The Wallowa Sun says: "Why not advertise the date of the fair instead of how horrid the men can look?"

The appearance on many have been changed to be sure, but not always for the worse as some hirsute adornments are really attractive and well worth looking at. Time was when clothing stolen.

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Newspapers Well Managed Over U. S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (AP)—Carl W. Ackerman, dean of the school of Journalism of Columbia university, reported to President Nicholas Murray Butler today that newspapers as a business and an industry, have been better managed during the past year than banks, businesses, industries and the government itself.

"There have been fewer mergers and failures, proportionately and no scandals nor financial losses to large bodies of investors," the report said.

Gandhi Breaks "Death Fast"

Birch Delights Audience With His Feats of Magic at Normal School

Presto! The lady was cut in four pieces yet became whole again, the pony vanished into thin air in a cloud of smoke, and the magician made a miraculous escape from a tight wooden box as a large audience at the Eastern Oregon Normal school Saturday night marvelled at the feats of Birch, the magician.

Birch demonstrated his "tricks" with proficiency which bore out the contention of Thurstone, world's greatest magician, who recently voluntarily pronounced him his logical successor.

Birch was assisted by Miss Mabel Sperry, danseuse and xylophonist, who played a group of classical and popular numbers incidental to the featured performer. Miss Sperry is a musician of note and an Edison tone-test artist.

Boys and Girls Help

An amusing addition to the magical feats was the use of a number of grade school boys and girls who furnished many of the "gags." The

MINERS MEET IN BATTLE; ONE KILLED

Fight Occurs About Three Blocks From Governor's Mansion.

POLICE BREAK UP RIOT; ARREST 25

Garrett H. Smith, of Herrin, Repudiates Confession That He Killed Detective Sergeant.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 26 (AP)—Garrett H. Smith, of Herrin, who was represented as confessing that he was the one who shot Detective Sergeant Porter Williams in the rioting of miners last night, denied today that he had confessed, in a statement to Detective Denton.

Critically wounded, with knife stabs in the back, Smith said he wanted to repudiate any confession that he was reported as having made. "I have never hurt anyone in my life," he declared, "and I didn't do this." Two other miners were seriously injured and a score or more persons were injured in the rioting.

Meantime Attorney Edmund Burke of Springfield representing the 25 officials and organizers of the U. M. W. of A. whose meeting to urge a return to work preceded the rioting, made plans for their release. Bond was set at \$500 each.

Police Magistrate Jean Saner refused to order their release until the bonds were actually provided.

An attorney for the U. M. W. of A. said former Senator Sneed told him directly after the trouble that he had no fire arms. "I urged all our men," Sneed was quoted as saying "not to arm themselves, lest something happen."

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FUNERAL FOR MRS. SHORT TO BE TOMORROW

Funeral services for Mrs. Iva C. Short, who died last Friday night, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Short, who was born in Illinois, Jan. 9, 1861, was 71 years, eight months and 14 days of age. She came to La Grande 45 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Short were married 40 years ago last February; the husband passing away June 7. A son died about 10 years ago.

Survivors include Harriet Hanscom, of Wayne, Neb., and two grandchildren, George and Lois, of Free-water, the children of Earl Short.

Legion Drum And Bugle Corps Gives Its Bone-S March

A large crowd of spectators lined Adams avenue Saturday evening when the La Grande American Legion drum and bugle corps presented its Bone-S army march, an exact reproduction of the stunt which placed first in the 40 and 8 parade at the national convention held in Portland this month. Members of the corps dressed as skeletons, playing doleful music and accompanied a coffin in which the 18th amendment was supposed to be buried.

The parade was followed by a dance at Zuber hall, the proceeds from which will be used to defray the corps' expense at the national convention.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at a special meeting on Wednesday evening, called by Post Commander Frank Manery. The regular September meeting was postponed because of a conflict with the national convention. The members will gather at the Sacajawea Inn at 8 o'clock.

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Lumber Business 'Looking Up'

FIRST LADY AIDS NEEDY



When Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C., undertook the task of gathering clothing for the nation's unemployed, one of the first to sit down at the sewing machine and help was Mrs. Herbert Hoover, here shown taking that stitch in time which may save some needy woman. With her are Mrs. F. J. Altier and Mrs. J. H. Fishback, chairman of production for the Red Cross.

Two Smothered To Death Near Milton Sunday

MILTON, Ore., Sept. 26 (AP)—Fred Rauchschaub Jr., 14, and George Vincent, 15, McLoughlin union high school students, were killed in the collapse of a cave in which they were digging near Fernald station Sunday. They were smothered.

Two other boys in the cave escaped.

PORTLAND MAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26 (AP)—George Radley, 59, was killed here Sunday when his automobile crashed head-on into a street car, police said.

He is survived by a son and a brother, both of Portland.

AUTO ACCIDENT FATAL

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 26 (AP)—Leon Raines, of Portland, was killed in an automobile accident near

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Paraguay Will Accept Plan To End Hostilities

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Sept. 26 (AP)—The Paraguayan government today announced its acceptance of a proposal for cessation of hostilities in the disputed Gran Chaco region under conditions which will be supervised by the American neutrals commission.

The conditions under which fighting between Bolivian and Paraguayan forces would cease, were approved in a reply sent to the commission in Washington. They were:

Immediate withdrawal of armies.

Complete demilitarization of the Chaco within two or three weeks.

Acceptance by both Bolivia and Paraguay of a reduction of military effectiveness to the minimum required for security.

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British Approve Compromise Plan Gandhi Favored

POONA, India, Sept. 26 (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi, inspired by news that the British government at London had approved most of the compromise plan on the privileges of Indian untouchables in legislative elections, broke his "death fast" of protest this afternoon.

Gandhi broke his fast at 5 p. m. India time (6:30 a. m. E. S. T.). He has abstained from food six days and five hours.

Gandhi began his self-imposed ordeal at noon Tuesday, as a protest against that part of the recent British communal award which proposed special constituencies for the depressed classes.

Days of negotiations followed between leaders of the depressed classes and the caste Hindus. These finally ended in a compromise plan to which the Mahatma agreed.

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Grain Sale To China Taken Up In White House

President and Officials Discuss Plans For R. F. C. Loan to Finance Purchase.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP)—President Hoover and officials of interested federal agencies are considering ways of using reconstruction corporation funds to finance sales of northwest wheat to China.

Such a proposal, involving possibly 15,000,000 bushels or more of privately-owned grain and an \$8,000,000 loan, was discussed yesterday at a White House conference attended by Secretary Hyde, corporation directors and farm board officials.

Both China and the farmers' national grain corporation were mentioned in the discussion with President Hoover as possible recipients of the reconstruction loan, but corporation officials said neither have made a direct application for the fund.

George Milner, manager of the grain corporation, has been negotiating with China regarding a large wheat sale. Final arrangements have not been made, however.

The grain involved in the proposal would come from producers of the northwest on whom shipping costs have borne heavily. The relief act authorized the reconstruction corporation to make loans for financing foreign sales of surplus agricultural products where they "can not be financed in the normal course of commerce" and where they will not "affect adversely the world markets for such products."

Officials were undecided whether the act would permit direct loans to a foreign country and have asked legal opinions on the subject.

Those attending the White House conference included: Secretary Hyde; C. B. Denman and Charles S. Wilson of the farm board; Alcee Pomeroy, chairman of the reconstruction corporation; and Jesse Jones, Gardner Cowles, Wilson McCarthy and Harvey Couch, corporation directors.

Corporation's Power Defined
Secretary Mills, speaking as a director of the reconstruction corporation, said today he had no doubt of the corporation's power to lend directly to China. He said the clause pertaining to facilitating the export of surplus agricultural commodities was written with foreign loans in mind.

Mills said he expected the Chinese matter to be brought up before the corporation's directorate within the next day or two.

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Fast Balls And Basehits Likely To Decide Title

By Alan Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (AP)—The probabilities are that fast balls, shoulder high and inside, and basehits, high and outside the park, will play a much bigger strategic part in the world series between the Yankees and Cubs starting Wednesday in the Yankee stadium than any master-minding from the dugout or on the ball fields.

For the first time in years, old

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Admiral Pringle Dies at San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 26 (AP)—Within a few months of the time he was to assume duties as chief of naval operations at Washington, D. C., Admiral Pringle died at San Diego.

A bulletin issued at 12:10 a. m. (M. S. T.) said he had "improved slightly" since 6 p. m. yesterday. A previous bulletin last night announced he was still seriously ill and that "her heart again shows evidence of the toxic action of the disease."

Four injections of convalescent serum, rushed by airplane from Washington, and administered, had combated the disease, have been administered.

The naval officer was rushed to the naval hospital here last week by the U. S. S. West Virginia proceeding at full speed from Puget Sound where Admiral Pringle was stricken with an abdominal ailment while on duty there. The cause of his death, his physician, Dr. L. B. Johnson, said, was due to anemia.

HUSBAND ASKS HIS SHARE OF WIFE'S ESTATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Florence Hunter died leaving \$50,000 and eight dogs. Her husband got the dogs, now he wants a husband's share of the estate. Besides, four of the dogs were dead when he got them.

In filing notice today that he would contest the will, Louis R. Hunter called attention to the fact that the will left his wife's estate to blood relatives, servants, the Christian Missionary Alliance, the Red Cross and relief and the American Humane association, and made no provision for him except for the dogs.

He found four of the dogs dead in the cellar, he said, and had them buried in an animal cemetery where other dogs Mrs. Hunter had owned had been buried.

There is a law in New York which makes it impossible for a husband and wife to disinherit the other. Mrs. Hunter, however, signed her will one day before the law went into effect.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Sept. 26 (AP)—Paralleling the action of the New York stock market, wheat receded today from an early advance.

Selling of wheat lots against purchases at Winnipeg had an unsettling effect. An increase of 10,721,000 bushels in the Canadian wheat visible supply was noted, together with 1,400,000 bushels enlargement of the United States visible.

Wheat closed unsettled at the same as Saturday final to 1/4 lower, corn 1/4 to 1/2 down, oats 1/4 to 1/2 off, and provisions varying from 1 cent decline to a rise of 25 cents.

LEADERS NOT SURE ABOUT THE FUTURE

Improvement in Last Six Weeks Due to Depletions in Stocks.

GREELEY FEARS "BUYERS' MARKET"

Western Pine Association Reports Increase in Business During the Week.

By E. Q. Anderson (Associated Press Staff Writer)

SEATTLE, Sept. 26 (AP)—The lumber business in the Pacific northwest is "looking up," but those who keep their hands on the pulse of the industry are not quite ready to say that the present pace will be maintained.

Several things were enumerated today by Col. W. B. Greeley, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, as contributing to the improvement of the past six weeks.

These were stock depletions in lumber yards through the nation; the tariff of \$4 a thousand feet on imported timber and anticipation on

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HIGHER WAGES URGED TODAY BY FEDERATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP)—Wage increases were urged today by the American Federation of Labor to "build up buying power and keep business rising."

In its monthly survey of business, the federation said:

"Confidence is spreading, but we cannot expect convalescence to develop into a cure until consumer buying picks up. x x x increasing wage cuts have recently speeded the decline in workers' income. x x x The time has come to reverse this trend."

"Our object from now on should be to raise wages, not reduce them. x x x A movement for wage increases would at once carry industry forward. x x x"

"Hours must be shortened as well, but if shortened hours mean just another income cut, this move will not be fully constructive."

The federation said "signs of real business improvement are coming slowly" and added that while the unemployment rise was stopped in August, "11,400,000 are still out of work."

It cited indications of business gains in textiles, shoes, clothing, steel, automobiles, coal, car-loadings and commodity prices.

Mrs. W. E. Borah Is Improving, Report

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 26 (AP)—"Slight improvement" in the condition of Mrs. William E. Borah, wife of Idaho's senior United States senator, ill with pleurisy, or parrot fever, was reported by her physicians here early today.

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Three Japanese Fliers Missing

TOKYO, Sept. 26 (AP)—Fear that the three Japanese fliers who set out Saturday morning on a good will flight to the United States had been lost in a weekend storm over the North Pacific grew today as no word was received from the plane's radio and the time limit of its gasoline supply was long over.

The plane left Sanushiro Saturday morning at 8:35 o'clock and was last heard from at 10:10 the same day when it reported it was 750 miles northeast of Tokyo.

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