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EAST OREGON METHODISTS MEET HERE

Churchmen Hear Address by Dr. Walter Torbet, of San Francisco

GIVES REPORT ON WESTERN DISTRICT

Dr. Torbet, Supervising 11 Western States in Missionary Work, Analyzes Situation

Dr. Walter Torbet, western representative of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist church was in charge of an Eastern Oregon conference held Friday afternoon at the First Methodist church here.

Ministers and laymen from Cove, Union, North Powder, Baker and the John Day circuit were present and reported on the condition of the church work in these different fields. Dr. Torbet has the supervision of the missionary work for the Methodist church in the eleven western states, and has his headquarters at San Francisco. He reported to the group the general condition that he found in this area and brought some vivid pictures of the need and of what

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Epworth League To Present Play Tuesday Evening

"Hobgoblin House", a thrilling three-act mystery comedy, with many blood-curdling scenes will be presented next Tuesday evening, Feb. 13 by the Epworth League of the Methodist church. The play will be staged in the basement at 8:15 o'clock. The cast of characters includes Darius Krupp, the old caretaker of Hobgoblin House, George Monte; Miss Priscilla Carter, the present owner, Fern Broomfield; Marian Carter, her niece, Marguerite Hesse; Jill Carter, Marian's young sister, Jeanette Blanchard; Frank Harlow, Marian's fiancé, Lenn Pierson; Jack Loring, Jill's fiancé, Fred Hertzog; Susan Perkins, the "tough" housekeeper; Bernice Pierson; Henry Goober, the dark gardener, Steve Fletcher; Deliah Warts, the dark cook, Louise Leighton; Bluebeard Bronson, an escaped maniac, Frank Tyler; Bill Perkins, his keeper, Everett Hyde; Patricia Arnold, Helen Hertzog. The "Headless Phantom," who supplies many of the thrills, will remain a secret until the play is presented.

'ABOUT STAMPS' BEGINS TODAY IN THIS PAPER

Starting today, want stamp enthusiasts and others will be interested to know that Eliza Martin, local post office employee and authority on stamps and stamp collections, will write a weekly feature for the Observer.

The first of Mr. Martin's articles appears elsewhere in this paper today and others will follow each Saturday under the heading "About Stamps." Mr. Martin has long been recognized as an authority on stamps and the information he will present from week to week undoubtedly will not only interest stamp collectors, but the public as a whole.

DEMAND FOR HORSES ON THE INCREASE

Old Dobbin continues to come back. News dispatches from Enterprise reveal continued evidence of increased demand for horses. On one day, seven horse buyers were in Wallowa and some prospective purchasers are there all the time. They are paying better prices than for some years but still the price does not seem high enough to make horse raising really profitable.

In most parts of the country it is reported there are no spare horses, and only in range country with plenty of pasture and spare population can any stock be found. Wallowa county and this mountain belt is considered to have more animals than other districts and they are by no means numerous here. The demand of late has been for

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Feb. 9.—In England statistics show that over 50 per cent of criminals commit suicide before being caught, knowing what will happen to 'em when they are captured. Can you imagine ours doing that? Look at the publicity they would miss. But our courts and judges are changing, for didn't this Sankey commit suicide in jail. Maybe this is liable to start a fad. Monday France wanted communism, Tuesday they wanted a king, Wednesday an old man told 'em to go home and have a good drink of wine, take a nap and forget it. Just about what will satisfy any mob. Yours, Will Rogers.

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NAME LIQUOR STORE SITE; LEISMAN HEAD

Otto J. Rante, Eastern Oregon supervisor for the state liquor commission, arrived here this afternoon and announced that the store room in the Hotel Sommer, at Washington and Depot, formerly the Piggy-Wiggy store location, had been selected by the commission as the site for the La Grande liquor store. Its central

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DRUM CORPS TO PARADE TONIGHT BEFORE BIG SHOW

To herald the discovery of the whereabouts of "Elmer," the American Legion drum corps will be out this evening to parade on the streets before the vaudeville-dance at which Elmer will be presented at 9 o'clock at Zuber hall. The members of the corps are asked to meet at Roy Currys office across from the Elks club at 7:30 o'clock in full uniform. Raymond O. Williams, chairman of the program committee, announced the complete line-up for the vaudeville that will begin at 8:30 o'clock and culminate in the presentation of "Where's Elmer," a stupendous spectacle in which a bevy of beautiful motion picture and radio stars will be presented, so the legion boys say. Artists from several points in Eastern

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COUNTY GROCERS TO MEET FEB. 13

A mass meeting of all who sell foods in Union county will be held at the Sacajawea Inn next Tuesday night, Feb. 13, at 8 p. m. This was announced today by Lester Kinsler, temporary chairman here representing the state food and grocery district code authority.

The purpose of the meeting will be to organize to meet a. chairman, secretary and treasurer for this county. The purpose of the code authority is to take care of fair competition, and the county organization will receive any complaints in its territory. All grocers, both retail and wholesale, and any others who sell groceries, are urged to attend the meeting.

Official Gone



George C. Wittenmyer, treasurer of King county, Washington, who is sought as a result of discrepancies in his records, found by state auditors. He dropped from sight in California last week.

RAILROAD GROUP SUPPORTS NORMAL SCHOOL PROJECT

Committees from the Union Pacific Old Timers club No. 17, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, met at the Sacajawea Inn at 2:30 p. m. Friday. They formed an organization for the purpose of launching an aggressive campaign to obtain a favorable settlement of the Eastern Oregon Normal Training school project.

This organization will be known as the Representatives of the Railroad Employees. L. S. Hanford, president of the Old Timers club and a representative of the O. R. C., was elected permanent chairman. John E. Landers, of the B. of R. T., was elected permanent secretary.

Colon R. Eberhard, chairman of the La Grande school board, was present and addressed the meeting. He offered valuable information and volunteered his wholehearted assistance to the organization. Representatives from the railroad organizations are: The Union Pacific Old Timers club No. 17, T. B. Seimon, Wilford McDaniel, L. S. Hanford. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers: Robert Norris, William Ziegler. The Order of Railway Conductors: L. S. Hanford, Martin Fitzgerald, L. K. Norton. The Brotherhood of Locomotive En-

TIGERS TURN BACK BAKER QUINT, 29-14

La Grande Players Defeat Old Rivals—At Pendleton Tonight

Displaying marked superiority in basket shooting and in defensive play, the La Grande high school basketball team defeated Baker High here last night 29 to 14. The game was close in the first ten minutes of play, but after that the Tigers steadily added to a comfortable lead of 19 to 8 at halftime. It was the second victory this year over the Bulldogs.

Long range shooting by Buddy Reynolds and some sparkling scoring by his teammates, Vic Bean, Kenneth Webb, Ralph DeBole and Tom Zivkovich, accounted for all but three of the Tiger points, those three coming on free throws.

For Baker, Ballantyne was the most effective scorer, counting nine points, one behind Reynolds' ten. Martin, forward, and Marshall, center, each made one field goal for the Bulldogs. The first quarter was close, Reynolds scoring first with a field goal, but Marshall tied it quickly. Then Stitt counted two free throws to give La Grande a 4-2 lead but before the period ended Martin evened the count with a basket from the floor. As the second period opened De-

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Boy Scouts Hear Address Given By The President

Boy Scouts of this city gathered at the La Grande high school gymnasium this morning to hear a radio address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who led the boys in repeating the scout oath. It is believed some million scouts over the nation repeated the words after the chief executive.

The president suggested that the scouts of this country, as a national good turn, might collect furniture, bedding and clothing through the co-operation of relief agencies. La Grande scouts plan to co-operate in this work, and will arrange for such a program soon.

James E. West, national Boy Scout executive, also spoke during the radio program. The radio was furnished by the Radio Music & Supply Co., and use of the gymnasium was granted by Supt. Herbert Evans, of the city schools.

Troop No. 17 had 14 members and two visitors present, troop 16 had 17 members and 11 visitors, troop 7 had 16 members and two visitors, and troops 14 and 13 had nine and four members present, respectively.

ANN FINDS HER FATHER



Ann Dvorak (above), the screen actress, starred in a drama of real life when, after a nation-wide newspaper appeal, she located her father, Samuel E. McKim, whom she hadn't seen since she was a four-year-old girl. McKim, lost to his daughter for 14 years, wrote her from Fort Pierce, Fla. He will soon leave for a visit.

OPERETTA WILL INCLUDE DANCES

"Jewels of the Desert," an operetta that will be presented by the La Grande high school, will feature specialty dances as an attractive feature of the musical presentation. Miss Kathryn Sertain, who has danced in Portland and San Francisco companies, including the production of "Lazarus' Laugh," at Pasadena, will direct the dancing.

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BASKETBALL AGREEMENT IS REACHED

La Grande to Play Imbler in Elimination Tourney Beginning Here Feb. 23

The basketball situation in this district was clarified for this year at a meeting of the sub-district basketball committee here this morning, and the upshot of the conference was that it was agreed that a sub-district tourney would be played in La Grande Feb. 23 and 24 with 10 teams to play and six to be eliminated.

The eight winning teams in Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties

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N.R.A. Leans Toward 32-Hour Work Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—A leaning by the N.R.A. toward a basic work week of 32 hours for American industry was intimated today as Administrator Hugh S. Johnson summoned a mass meeting of all code authorities for March 5 to initiate a reemployment drive.

Immediate explanation was given by Johnson that there would be no flat demand for all industries to assume a 32-hour week.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 70 1/2 cents. Export bid 75 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 (AP)—Stimulated by cotton market jumps to a new high price record for the season, grain values abruptly rose late today, more than overcoming earlier losses.

With all United States grain exchanges closed Monday when Liverpool and Winnipeg will be open, there was considerable evening up of accounts in all the grain pits.

Wheat closed nervous at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/2 cent higher, corn 1/4 cent up, oats at 1/2 cent decline to 1/2 cent advance, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 27 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

C. W. A. BILL HITS SNAG
WELFARE HEAD SENTENCED
A. A. A. INJUNCTION STAYED
FALLS 150 FEET; MAY LIVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Final passage of the \$550,000,000 relief appropriation struck a snag today when house and senate conference committees failed to agree on amendments inserted by the senate.

SEATTLE, Feb. 10 (AP)—J. Benjamin Hayes, former head of the King county welfare department, today was sentenced to serve from 3 1/2 to 15 years in the state penitentiary following his conviction two weeks ago of five counts of grand larceny in connection with handling supplies of wood for the indigent.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10 (AP)—The fifth United States circuit court of appeals today issued an order staying an injunction issued in the southern district of Florida in which District Judge Alexander Akerman in effect held the operations of the agricultural administration unconstitutional.

WEAVERVILLE, Cal., Feb. 10 (AP)—Falling 150 feet from the top of a bluff near here into a tree, Claude Cody, 9-year-old son of Mrs. R. I. Cody, of Klamath Falls, was alive today to tell of his experience, and physicians said they believed he would recover.

BANDITS RELEASE KIDNAPED BANKER IN KANSAS TODAY

ARKANSAS CITY, Neb., Feb. 10 (AP)—W. J. Kirkpatrick, who was kidnapped by three bandits who robbed the Goodland State bank of Goodland, Kan., of \$2000 yesterday, was released at Cameron City, Kan., 14 miles from here at 3:45 a. m. He was unharmed, and the bandits let him keep his motor car.

Sheriff Clayton Libby of Ness county was shot and wounded in the legs yesterday afternoon by one of the gang when the officer and Richard A. Floyd, county attorney, engaged the trio in a gun battle near Northlanta, about 20 miles north of Dodge City. The two summoned aid from surrounding towns, but the robbers escaped before help arrived. Sheriff Libby said he believed one of the men was hit.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 10 (AP)—Gordon Alcorn, sentenced to life imprisonment for the kidnapping of Charles Boettcher, 2nd, Denver broker, arrived here today to begin his term at the Leavenworth federal penitentiary.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 10 (AP)—Escorted by more than a score of Indiana and Ohio officers, three gangsters—Harry Pierpont, Charles Makley and Russell Clark—were taken to the state penitentiary here today.

PIERCE WORKING TO ELIMINATE TAX

Congressman Walter M. Pierce is seeking action at Washington towards elimination of the two and two-tenths cents tax on jute bags which is working a hardship on farmers as it increases the price of wheat sacks. The tax is levied as a compensation tax for the alleged benefit of the cotton growers and Mr. Pierce estimates that it cost northwest farmers over \$500,000 last year.

At the suggestion of the Eastern Oregon congressmen a number of representatives met in Washington this week to discuss the subject and they are to have a conference with Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture on Saturday.

LESS ACCIDENTS BUT MORE DEATHS IN '33

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—More deaths, fewer accidents and fewer injured is Oregon's motor car accident record in 1933 as compared to the year previous. Two hundred and forty-six persons lost their lives in 1933 as compared to 227 deaths in 1932. This stands as 19 more deaths, or an increase of 8 per cent. A total of 4415 persons were injured in 1933 as compared to 4384 in 1932, a decrease of 31. As for total accidents, there were 20,248 in 1933 as compared to 20,822 in 1932—a decrease of 574. Oregon's monthly motor accident

CANCELLATION ORDER COMES AS BOMBSHELL

Private Fliers, Stripped of Valuable Contracts, Fear Losses

ARMY PREPARING TO FLY THE MAIL

United Airlines, Which Includes Boeing Air Transport, Makes Announcement Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Post office department officials said today an investigation is being made into foreign air mail contracts with a view to cancellation similar to that taken on domestic air mail contracts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Private fliers of the American airmails, stripped of their valuable contracts by one swift administrative blow, cried out today for a hearing.

President Roosevelt's wholesale abrogation of existing airmail contracts, issued last night, becomes effective Feb. 19. On that date the planes of the United States army will begin flying the mail.

"We'll be ready in a week or sooner," was the word from the war department.

Demolition with a single pen stroke of the airmail subsidy structure was accomplished on grounds of collision in the obtaining of the contracts.

Operation of airlines holding airmail contracts were quick to deny any collusion. Some frankly said that loss of the contracts might force them out of business.

Many demanded that they be given a hearing before the contracts were taken from them. There was no official comment on these demands today, but there was private talk in some administration quarters of a hearing at least for some of the contract holders.

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Corvallis Asks That No Liquor Be Sold There

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—This city, whose chief "industry" is Oregon State college, does not relish the idea of having a state liquor store established in its traditionally dry territory, and the Corvallis city council last night dispatched a letter to the Oregon liquor control board making this position plain.

The formal request that no liquor store or agency be established either in Corvallis or the immediate vicinity was sent last night by Mayor P. M. Brandt to the liquor control commission in Salem the mayor announced today.

The council's request was based on the circumstance that the city believes such a store would be detrimental to the best interests of the students at the state college, and on the fact that Corvallis, itself, has a majority dry opinion, as shown in elections since 1904.

To Accept No More P. W. A. Proposals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Secretary Ickes, public works administrator, today halted submission of new non-federal projects and instructed public works state engineers to inform prospective applicants for funds that further requests could not be considered.

The secretary directed his administration to concentrate on placing on a work basis the projects for which allotments already have been made.

As released by the Oregon State Motor association, follows:			
Mo.	Number Killed	Injured	Persons
January	1,329	27	334
February	1,544	12	234
March	1,435	17	235
April	1,486	15	261
May	1,508	17	340
June	1,441	16	333
July	1,503	28	410
August	1,980	24	416
September	1,602	16	402
October	1,905	27	385
November	1,919	19	428
December	2,076	28	544
Total	20,248	240	4314