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MELLON'S NAME ENTERS MAIL QUIZ

GAME HEADS GIVEN VOTE OF SUPPORT

Sportsmen's Gathering at Union Clam Feed Acts Unanimously

SILVEN, CROCKATT EXPLAIN PLANS

Commission Increasing its Work in Spite of \$150,000 Reduction of Annual Income.

Sportsmen of Union and Baker counties gathered at the Union sportsmen's clubhouse at Union last night for the organization's eighth annual clam feed, went on record as firmly supporting the present game commission and its policies, particularly in reference to Eastern Oregon. A standing vote of appreciation was extended to the commission, and its representatives.

The action followed a short talk by Rep. W. F. Allen, formerly of Wallowa but now at Hot Lake, who praised the efforts of the commission and pointed to its record with pride. "They are honestly and sincerely trying to do something for the state," he said.

C. I. Head, vice president of the Sportsmen's club and tournament, then called for a vote and an Observer representative failed to find a single dissenter.

Silven, Crockatt Speak
Carl Silven, Baker member of the commission, and Ernest Crockatt, assistant supervisor, each spoke during the evening, touching upon several matters of interest.

Mr. Silven gave some idea of the problems the commission has had to contend with, and spoke of the progress made during the last few years. He also said that some 100,000 trout, several inches in length, have been allotted to Union county to be liberated before the 1934 fishing season opens, and said that other Eastern Oregon counties also are listed for immediate "plantings."

Mr. Crockatt presented some figures showing progress made by the commission in carrying on its work at even greater efficiency in spite of income dropping from \$450,000 in 1930—before the present commission took office—to a little more than

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4-H Clubs Make Ready For Busy Year In County

Five 4-H clubs were re-organized in Union county this week with a considerable increase in membership.

H. H. Rampton, assistant county agent, is in charge of the re-organization program and finds that the movement is meeting with increased enthusiasm among the young people of the valley. Three clubs were organized at Island City and two at Cove.

The Union County Beef club, of Island City, has as its local leader, Ted Conner, and its newly elected officers, Alfred Van Bokland, president; Wilbur Van Bokland, vice president; and June Conrad, secretary. The club shows an increase of from 13 members last year to 19 this year.

Clayton Fox is the local leader of the Island City Pig club, and the new officers are Troy Becker, president;

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Flew in this afternoon to see what the boys who live by the aid of the ballot box were doing. Busy as usual passing appropriation bills like hot biscuits at a country farm house.

Saw the senate vote full pay back to government employees, so the old government is not so tough to work for at that. Many another fellow would like to be able to get what he used to.

Went into the air mail investigation. Mr. Black has been asking Mr. Brown questions since early Monday morning. That's about the longest any man has ever had to think up answers, but they were both doing it so friendly and nice you would think they room together.

Showered here, but you can't see the ground for the lobbyists. Nighttime is when you find out the news, so I will know more by tomorrow. Yours,

Will Rogers
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K. P. OFFICIALS GUESTS AT JOINT LODGE SESSION

Warren S. Barnes, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in Oregon, and Walter G. Gleason, grand keeper of records and seals, both of Portland, paid an official visit to the La Grande and Elgin lodges last night at the local Knights of Pythias hall. The knights are observing the 70th anniversary of their founding and both the visitors spoke on the anniversary and the good of the order.

Frank E. Smith, Dr. Harley Smith and Levi Parks, of Elgin, gave brief talks during the meeting as did several members of the local lodge.

Musical numbers were furnished by the Racketeers.

Irvin Moss, Wesley McDonald and

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"PIED PIPER" IS RAPIDLY SHAPING UP FOR STAGING

Under the supervision of able directors, the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" is progressing rapidly toward a finished performance. On March 2, the opera will be presented by the combined students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the Ackerman Training school. Of course, the story of the versatile "Pied Piper" is fa-

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NORTHSIDE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. G. J. Price will serve the Northside Improvement club as its president for another year, following election of officers held Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. P. E. Kreutz was elected vice president and Mrs. Mary E. Morris, secretary-treasurer for the new year.

The meeting Wednesday was held at the home of Mrs. P. E. Kreutz, 280 North Fir, and Mrs. Price presided during the business meeting. The program which followed was very interesting and included the following: Discussions and readings on flowers by Mrs. Pearl Thompson, Mrs. J. K.

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OFFICER SHIES AT CASE OF OBSTETRICS

Though arms of the law reached out and temporarily delayed the hands of science in their hurry to minister to the forces of nature at an early hour this morning, Gene Laverne Pope, La Grande's first Washington birthday baby of this year, arrived as per schedule, hearty apologies accepted and everybody's happy.

Gene Laverne, an 8-pound boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pope, 1017 Lake avenue, at 5:30 a. m. this morning. Dr. J. L. Ingle got his call around 3 a. m. and decided he must put on a bit of speed to lend proper helping hand to Gene's coming. Picking up Nurse Mary Mullenberg at Fourth and Adams, the doctor opened the throttle wide down the then deserted main thoroughfare, turned down Fir and out across the tracks to his destination. Not so

fast however to miss the watchful eye of Officer Bob Coy, who, visioning kidnappers, early morning hauls, get-aways or what have you, promptly gave chase. Officer overtook the doctor in the then dark wilds the other side of the railroad.

"What's going on here?" said Officer Coy, covering his man.

"Just hurrying to the help of a future George Washington," said Dr. Ingle. "Want to come along?"

"Luck to you and more power to him," said Coy, as the doctor steamed on to Gene's assistance.

Considering Officer Coy's firm but polite refusal to go farther with the case following the doctor's invitation, brings the suggestion that La Grande police officers take up instruction in elementary obstetrics in order they may administer in such emergencies as well as that of fulfillment of law.

APPOINTS 7 ON PLANNING COMMISSION

New City Group to Organize Monday; Ackerman P. T. A. Presents Petition to City Dads.

A new city planning commission, appointed at last night's city commission meeting in response to a plea by the federal regional planning board, will meet next Monday evening at 7:30 at the city hall to organize.

The purpose of the planning commission is to lay the ground work for future developments, either municipal or federal, by thoroughly mapping all needs in its jurisdiction, and then advising the city commission.

Seven members were appointed as follows: Harold Finlay, C. B. Miller, Margaret Anson, Mrs. G. J. Price, John Allen, Henry Warmholz and Herbert Evans. Also V. R. Melville, president of the city commission; A. H. McLean, city engineer, and E. R. Ringo, city attorney, will serve as ex-officio members.

The commission last night received a petition from the J. H. Ackerman P. T. A. asking for improved safety conditions on Eighth street in the way of regulation of motor vehicle

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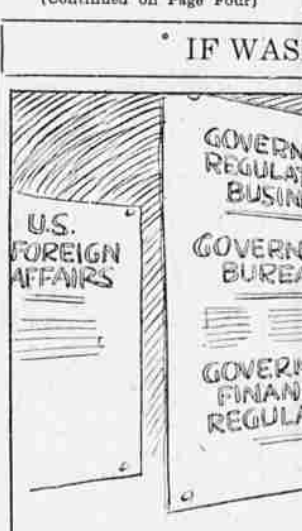
Odd Fellows To Begin Program Of Improvement

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of La Grande announced today that, in addition to their present program of incorporating their cemetery association, they also have decided to put the operation of the I. O. O. F. temple together with its lodge affairs on a strictly budget system. Also it is planned to in the not too distant future, to open the lower front room of the temple—opposite the rooms of the Eastern Oregon school of music—for the purpose of a library, lounge, room, etc. This room has a beautiful fire place and formerly was used by the Y. M. C. A. prior to the time the Odd Fellows purchased the property.

In carrying out this contemplated program the order has heretofore put on two plays which were very successful from the standpoint of finances and as to patronage of the public.

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IF WASHINGTON COULD COME BACK

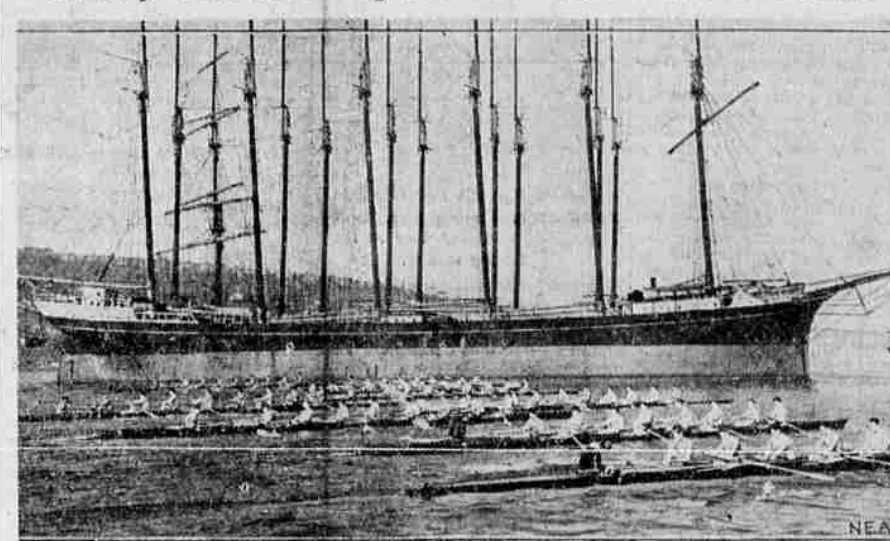


HE MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO SEE THESE THINGS—BUT



HE MIGHT BE EVEN MORE SURPRISED TO SEE THESE!

Husky Blades Prepare for Oar Title Defense



Lake Union, in Seattle, saw the mobilization of the seacraft of University of Washington as Coach Al Ulbrickson started his freshmen and varsity candidates on their grind for a season that includes a University of California tilt on Lake Washington, and defense of the Huskies' national intercollegiate title.

80 BASKETBALL PLAYERS TO SEE ACTION IN HOOP TOURNAMENT HERE THIS WEEK

Eighty basketball players of Union and Wallowa counties will begin play in the sub-district tournament to eliminate six of ten teams tomorrow. Each school entered—La Grande, Imbler, Enterprise, Cove, Elgin, Lostine, Wallowa, Joseph, Union and North Powder—is allowed eight boys on the playing squad.

Games tomorrow in the first round follow: Union vs. Lostine (9 a. m.), Joseph vs. Enterprise (10 a. m.), Wallowa vs. North Powder (11 a. m.), La Grande vs. Imbler (1 p. m.), Elgin vs. Cove (2 p. m.). Other games follow at 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 p. m. Saturday's schedule will be announced tomorrow evening.

Principal Arnold L. Grallap, of La Grande High, today announced the list of eligible players, with their playing numbers:

Union: Russell Anderson 6, Veryl Baxter 9, Lee Blacker 8, Harold Cline 10, Oliver Hudson 5, Frank Miller 4, Ray Reuter 7, Kenneth South 3.

Wallowa: Arthur Bartness 3, Max Bird 9, Robert Carpenter 10, Wilbur Edmondson 6, Dick Evans 8, Paul Meade 2, Albert Sanner 4, Glen Southwick 1.

Cove: Harold Constock 5, Bernard DeBorde 8, Darrell DeBorde 4, Vernon Goodell 6, Lloyd Mills 8, Lloyd Murchison 3, Orville Richards 10, Van Robinson 7.

Imbler: Lyle Crouser 10, Delmer Fowler 9, John Friswold 6, Charles McCoy 3, Keith McKinnis 8, Harland Pratt 5, Keith Pratt 4, Thurman Teeter 7.

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Dog Sleds In Race May Have Wheels

ASHTON, Ida., Feb. 22 (AP)—The unusual prospect of racing their sled teams over snowless stretches faced 20 or so of the nation's best known mushers as they waited the start here today of the eighteenth annual American dog derby.

Little snow has fallen this winter, one of the mildest in the memory of old timers, and unless snow falls generously today the sleds will be mounted on wheels for the race.

LEADER OF REVOLUTION SHOT DOWN

Killing of Sandino By Guardia Nacional Contrary to Guarantee By Pres. Sacasa.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 22 (AP)—General Augusto C. Sandino, 40, famous rebel, was killed with his brother, Socrates Sandino, and two friends by national guardsmen at midnight on the outskirts of Managua, a government communique indicated.

The government statement read: "The government officially states that the action of the guardia nacional in killing Sandino was contrary to the instructions of President Sacasa to guarantee the lives of Sandino and his followers while they were in Managua."

"The president severely reproves these acts of some individual guardsmen and has ordered an immediate investigation and is requesting congress to give him the necessary facilities to maintain public order."

All outgoing messages were censored.

Reported slain with Sandino were his former generals Umanzor and Estrada.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOOSTING PIERCE

PENDLETON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Umatilla county Democrats, at a meeting here last night, recommended that Rep. Walter M. Pierce be renominated for congress, and urged that E. B. Aldrich, editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, enter the race for the Democratic nomination as secretary of state.

The candidacy of Jack Allen, Pendleton mayor, for state senator from Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties was advocated, and Guy Johnson, Pendleton business man, was boosted for state senator from Umatilla county.

County groups hope to put a complete Democratic ticket in the field this year. The Umatilla county chapter of the young Democrats' league has been organized with Wiley Peterson, Pendleton attorney, as president.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

AIRMAIL FLIER IS KILLED

10 MEAT PACKERS ACCUSED

HOLMAN MAY BE CANDIDATE

SALESMAN P.W.A. JOB MENACED

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 22 (AP)—Weather played havoc with the army air mail schedule in the mid-west today, bringing death to one flier and sending two others into emergency landings. Lieut. D. O. Lowry, out of Chicago, nosed into a woods near Deshler, O., and was killed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Secretary Wallace filed a complaint against 10 meat packing companies today, charging they acted in combination to control retail meat prices. They were: Armour and Company; Swift and Company; Wilson and Company; Morris and Company; the St. Louis Independent Packing company; Abraham Brothers Packing company; John Morrell and Company; and the Memphis Packing corporation.

PORTLAND, Feb. 22 (AP)—From the ranks of the George W. Joseph following, a new political unit is being formed. "True progressives," they call themselves, and there appeared to be more than a suspicion that the attention of the "true progressives" may become centered on Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Pointing to specific instances in the 3rd region where approved PWA projects will be rescinded unless differences are overcome and work started at once, Colonel Henry M. Waite, deputy PWA administrator, today threatened that the money may be transferred to "other districts that can show some action." One of those mentioned was the Salem, Ore., waterworks.

SEVILLE, Spain, Feb. 22 (AP)—Francisco Meia told today his own story of the destruction of his home by what he and all his neighbors at the village of Rinconada believe to have been a meteor's fall.

Senor Meia and his family sat down in their home for lunch between noon and 1 p. m., Feb. 18. Suddenly there was the noise of an airplane flying low over the cottage.

Jose Meia, 13, rushed to the door. He saw a dense column of smoke dropping from the sky toward the roof.

Panic-stricken, he shouted his alarm.

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The whole family rushed outdoors, carrying only the mattress from a bed.

As they attempted to return to the house for more belongings, they were stopped by a short, deafening noise and their cottage was immediately enveloped in flames.

POULTRY MEN OF COUNTY IN MOVE FOR FAIR PRICES

Disatisfied with the prices they have been receiving for poultry and eggs, Union county poultry producers have taken steps to organize a county-wide association for mutual protection and assistance.

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KIDNAP SUSPECT COMMITS SUICIDE

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Twelve hours after he confessed an abortive plot to kidnap Emanuel Philip Adler of Lawport, Ill., Fred Mayo of Birmingham, Ala., alias Charles Phillips, hanged himself in a Marquette police station cell.

He died soon after police found him suspended by his necktie from the cell bars. They called to take him before Jacklacy, alias Wyman, his alleged confederate, arrested today.

Four miners killed in shaft explosion

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 22 (AP)—Rescue workers today recovered the bodies of four miners killed last night in an explosion in the Glen Rogers mine of the Raleigh Wyoming Mining company in Wyoming county, about 60 miles from Charleston.

About 100 men were at work in the shaft mine at the time of the explosion but the state department of mines reported all but the four escaped.

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101 MAROONED ON ARCTIC ICE FLOE

By Stanley P. Richardson
MOSCOW, Feb. 22 (AP)—Crumbling ice and a raging gale carried today a grave threat of death to 101 shipwreck victims marooned on a drift.

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NEW YORKERS MISS MILK, NEWSPAPERS

By Foster B. Haffey

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP)—Suburban New Yorkers, who had found the milk and the morning paper on their doorsteps for so long they had come to accept such conveniences as an "act of God," today were still digging their way out of the "worst blizzard since 1898," with a dazed look on their faces.

The first shock came Tuesday morning when they plashed doors open to find neither papers nor milk in the snow drifts outside. By the time a wild, windy day had ended they were still "taking it" but beginning to like it.

All the conveniences of metropolitan life, accepted as a matter of course these many years, were taken away by the prolonged blasts of the storm king. He blew down telephone lines, piled snow eight and ten feet

high on railroad tracks and roads and nipped with icy glee at toes, ears and fingers.

One little Irishman, as much of and by New York as Al Smith, wrapped himself in newspapers, burlap bags and his wife's fur coat, walked forth into his yard and chopped down a tree for fuel when electricity went off and shut down his "eri boiler."

He was indignant at such a state of affairs!

Most suburbanites, suddenly transformed into frontiersmen, took it in good humor, however.

One Wall Street customer's man who wouldn't be caught dead without a gardenia in his buttonhole was content to wrap his feet in sacks for an Arctic dash to the grocery store and use canned milk—in his coffee.

Russell Owen, the Pulitzer prize-winning reporter with the last Byrd

BROWN TELLS OF REQUEST FROM MELLON

Sent in Interests of Air-mail Contract For Aviation Company.

HOOVER APPROVED GENERAL POLICY

Former Postmaster General States That President Not Familiar With Details, However.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Walter F. Brown, postmaster general in the Hoover administration, testified today that Andrew W. Mellon, R. K. Mellon and W. L. Mellon had written him in the interests of an air mail contract sought by the Pittsburgh Aviation Industries, Inc.

Andrew Mellon never took it up with him personally although he saw him frequently, Brown added.

"He wrote me a perfunctory letter," Brown continued. "Somebody stirred him up to bombard me."

R. K. and W. L. Mellon were on the Pittsburgh Aviation Industries board of directors, he said.

The testimony regarding the Mellons followed a long series of questions and answers regarding Brown's market operations while he was in office.

Brown also gave the investigators

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House Destroyed By Meteor; Man, Family Escape

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