SPORTS --- Here, There and Everywhere

DENNIS MAY BE MANAGER

La Grande Editor May Head Johnson Campaign in State of Oregon

Oregon offers a candidate to Hiram W. Johnson for the position of campaign manager for the Pacific northwest. Bruce Dennis, editor of the La Grande Observer, member of the state senate and one of the early Bull Moosers of the Roosevelt days, has been proposed for the place. A message to this effect was telegraphed to Senator Johnson yesterday by the newly elected Johnson state campaign committee of Oregon.

The Pacific northwest includes the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and Senator Dennis is familiar with general political conditions in all of those states. He is an ardent advocate of Johnson for the republican nomination for president, and has had considerable experience in managing campaigns for men and measures.

Organization Is Complete

Supporters of Senator Johnson have effected their organization and intend pushing forward until the primaries. The officers of the new organization are Sanfield Macdonald, chairman and manager; U. S. Crowder, vice-chairman; Chauncey D. Butler, secretary; H. F. Dougherty, Richard Sleight, B. B. Goodman, H. C. Diers, Fred Gronnert, Dr. W. D. McMillan and Dr. George F. A. Walker, executive committee.

The first official act of this group was to urge selection of Senator Dennis for the post of campaign director for the Pacific northwest.

In the presidential primaries of four years ago Mr. Macdonald was manager for Hiram Johnson and the local boosters have selected him to continue in the present campaign, but no official designation of this character has yet been made by the presidential aspirant.

Others Seek Job

It is known that one or two other Oregon men have been desirous of managing the Johnson campaign in this state, especially since it looks as though Johnson will be heavily financed this time, but Macdonald has no intention of being pushed aside after his record of 1920.

Mr. Crowder, the vice-chairman of the committee, is to look after the Johnson interests in the counties east of the Cascades. Mr. Crowder is a Methodist minister at present retired and living at Salem, but he served in his clerical capacity in eastern Oregon and knows that country and its people. Secretary Butler was formerly in the office of the secretary of state, was at one time mentioned as a candidate for that position, and recently has been in the department of the collector of internal revenue. He is a brother of Judge R. R. Butler of The Dalles. Of the members of the executive board, all are Portland lawyers with the exception of Mr. Dougherty, who is interested in Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and the two doctors. Dr. Walker is senior vice-commander for Oregon of the Spanish War Veterans.

Primary Blanks Ready

This committee will arrange to have Johnson's name placed on the presidential primary ballot by petition. The form of petition has been prepared and the petitions will be placed in circulation some time after the first of the year.

Returns Home—

David B. Snyder, prominent insurance man from The Dalles, returned home yesterday after several days visit in Salem.

OREGON MAN MEMBER PLATFORM COMMITTEE

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by southern committeemen and a delegation of negroes.

David W. Mulvane of Kansas, was chosen head of the convention arrangements committee which met immediately to begin preparations for the Cleveland gathering.

Ralph Williams of Oregon was chosen chairman of the committee on policies and platforms, which will consider tentative planks before the 1924 convention.

Croisan Is Foreman of Next County Grand Jury

E. M. Croisan of Salem will be foreman of the grand jury which has been notified to report January 3. Other members of the grand jury are George Walton, Ed Dunigan, Jr., August Neugebauer, Harry P. Chase, all of Salem; F. B. Simpson, Jefferson, and Rodney E. McKee of Woodburn.

The panel for the petit jury will not be drawn until later this month. January 7 is the first day of the January term of court. January 4 and 5 will be motion days and a general housecleaning of all actions which have pended for the last year.

Bill Hunt, Salem heavyweight, who boxes Eddie Richards at the armory next Tuesday night, December 18.

Royal Mounted Police Deny Narcotic Charges

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 12—Denial by Staff Sergeant Robert Mundy of the Royal Mounted police of all charges made against him by Attorney General A. M. Manson and evidence by witnesses describing the alleged methods employed by police agents to trap narcotic traffickers featured today's sessions of the inquiry by the Royal Commissioner into charges against the service.

Frank Fernandez, one of three men arrested by customs officers during a narcotic raid in Victoria, corroborated in general the testimony given yesterday by Constable W. L. Smith. He declared on the stand he "was to get 10 per cent of the customs value" of the drugs seized in the Victoria and other raids.

Letter Written Personally To Celebrated Harry Tracy

Used as he is to reading incoming and outgoing mail at the state prison, Deputy Warden J. W. Lillie received a distinct start when he came to a letter addressed to Harry Tracy, Oregon State Penitentiary, U. S. A., Salem.

As he read through the 16 pages his wonder increased, for the lengthy epistle was written to Harry Tracy personally, in spite of the fact that Tracy, notorious desperado, has been dead for the last 20 years. The date was recent, and the letter was mailed from Condon, by a man known personally by Mr. Lillie.

The writer lauded Tracy for his excellent marksmanship, and told how as a boy of 16, the writer had run all the way down state when he learned of the trouble at the prison. He arrived in time to see the three murdered guards carried from the prison to an undertaker's wagon. In detail some of the minute particulars attendant upon the circumstances were related by the writer. A strain of sympathy was found and occasional repetitio nof an invitation to visit him in Condon "if still upon the astral plane." The quotation was repeated several times.

After reading the letter Mr. Lillie sent it to the sheriff, suggesting that the writer be investigated concerning his sanity.

Chinese Student Will Talk at Leslie Church

John Tsai, a Chinese student attending Willamette university, will speak before the Live Wire class of Leslie Methodist church Sunday, Dec. 16. His subject is "Christian Conditions in China."

Although Mr. Tsai has been in the United States only since July of this year, he speaks excellent English, for he studied the language in a Chinese high school. Mr. Tsai will tell of being baptized into the Chinese Methodist church and will discuss the missionary needs of that country.

A. C. Bohrnstedt, teacher of the class, invites all persons interested in eastern affars to be present when the class meets Sunday morning at 9:45 at the Leslie church, Meyers and South Commercial streets.

CALIFORNIA COLD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12—The coldest weather in southern California this season was experienced early today, according to officials of the United States weather bureau here tonight.

Little Change in Price Of Supplies for State

Prices on food supplies for the state institutions, bids on which were opened yesterday by the state board of control, average about the same as six months ago when the last previous bids were opened. The opening of the bids has not been completed.

Beans have gone up from $5.75 to $6.50 a hundred. Cheese has dropped from 26 to 25 cents a pound. Crackers were 10 9-10 cents six months ago and the new bid is 10 6-10 cents. Rice has gone up from $4.70 to $5.95 a hundred. Six months ago coffee was bought at 19 1-2 cents and the new bid is 20 1-4 cents. Beef has increased from $7.95 to $9.20 a hundred and mutton from $6.94 to $9.96. Ham is the same at $20.70 a hundred. Bacon is lower. Six months ago the state paid $18.90 and the new bid is $15.50. Lard has dropped from $12 to $11.40 a hundred and compound from $11.97 to $10.25. For other commodities the figures for six months ago and now respectively are: Hard wheat flour, $5.30 and $4.83; soft wheat flour, $4.35 and $4.45; cream rolled oats, $3.85 and $3.53; corn meal, $2.60 and $2.78; bran, $23.20 and $24 a ton; shorts, $24.20 and $26.30 a ton.

Once men of science thought there would be no lunacy without moonlight; now they think there would be no moonshine without lunacy.