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ASHLAND WILL PLAY HOST TO W. O. W. LODGE DURING 1928

National Convention Will be Held in This City Next Year

CHAMBER IS SPONSOR
Directors Urge Support to Plan; Spring Opening is Indorsed

An invitation to the Woodmen of the World to hold their national convention in Ashland in 1928, and assurance from national officers of this fraternal organization that Ashland's invitation would be accepted, featured a special meeting of the chamber of commerce directors at the Lithia Springs hotel yesterday.

The chamber directors adopted a resolution pledging their support to the Woodmen of the World in arousing interest in Ashland and Southern Oregon, to the end that the 1928 convention here would be one of the greatest ever held by the organization.

President O. F. Carson appointed a special committee to work with officers of the lodge to arrange preliminary details for the chamber's cooperation in the convention plan.

Members of this committee are V. V. Mills, C. A. Malone and H. L. Claycomb.

At the suggestion of Mr. Claycomb, the directors voted to hold a joint meeting with local grocers and commission merchants for the purpose of arousing a united spirit of cooperation in promoting the interests of Ashland products. Cooperation of the chamber with the farmers, grocers, and merchants generally will result in better conditions, Mr. Claycomb declared.

Another resolution was adopted pledging the unanimous support of the chamber to the big Spring Opening which will be held at the armory on March 1 and 2 under the auspices of the local American Legion post.

Officers of the Woodmen of the World declared that more than 300 accredited delegates will be here for the national convention next year. In addition to the regular delegates, they predicted that more than 200 lodge members would be here for the meeting and attendant festivities. It is planned to hold the convention during the latter part of June, and arrangements will be made to use the Chautauqua building for the business sessions.

MORE WORK AND LESS TALK FOR MEXICANS

Former President Obregon Gives His Idea of What Would Help

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—(UP)—More determined work and less flowery talk is what Mexico needs to solve her many harassing difficulties, and when this work is accomplished, the country will reap the benefit of great natural resources, equal to those anywhere in North America.

Such was the statement of General Alvaro Obregon, former president of Mexico, while here on business recently. Obregon said there was no end to possibilities in his native land.

"The west coast of Mexico," the former liberal leader explained, "has a potential wealth vastly greater than that of the west coast of the United States. Water for irrigation purposes may be taken from 17 different rivers; the climate is good; the soil is perfect. By bringing climate, water and soil together we could have a paradise."

The one-armed fighter and former political leader said that his business in the United States had no political significance. He was here to buy supplies and organize a business deal through which he has already leased thousands of acres of Mexican land owned by Americans.

"I am here to work—to produce the west coast of the United States on the west coast of Mexico," he smilingly explained.

At his home in the state of Sonora, the ex-president is doing many things to show his faith in Mexico's possibilities. There is a huge irrigation project being constructed under his direction, a settlement project for natives, and the production of millions of dollars annually worth of peas, tomatoes and peppers which are sent to the United States.

Declaring that he is not interested in the oil situation and other Mexican troubles, Obregon said he has settled down to "productive peacefulness"—a rare gesture for a Mexican general and a former president of the southern republic.

Portland—Heavy shipments of Portland-made bathing suits go to Europe.

BETTER LIGHTING URGED FOR PICTURE THEATERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—(UP)—Motion picture houses are too dark, according to Guy A. Henry, General Director of the Eye Sight Conservation Council of America. In poorly lighted auditoriums, he asserted, people are subject to eyestrain.

Investigations reveal that managers of motion picture theatres have no method of determining the effectiveness of the lighting, said Henry, who urged the framing of a special code of illumination for motion picture auditoriums, following a scientific study of the problem.

FENCES KEEP HIGHWAYS FREE OF SNOW IN KANSAS

COTTONWOOD FALLS, Kan., Feb. 18.—(UP)—No longer will the fifty-mile gales, heavy snow storms and drifting snows hold terrors for farmers of Chase county who must keep in communication with the county seat during the winter months. Snow fences, erected in the fall and taken down and rolled up in the spring, are successfully keeping the western Kansas roads clear of snow. The fences are made of woven wire with pickets four or five feet high and are stretched along the north side of the highways 100 feet back from the road.

BATTERY B WINNER INTER-CITY LEAGUE

Extra Period Needed to Defeat Faculty by One Point Margin

Battery B's fast basketball aggression emerged triumphant last night in the final contest of the city basketball league promoted by the Y. M. C. A. Battery B and the Faculty team were tied for first place in the series and they met for a fight to the finish in the first game of the evening. At the close of the game the score stood 29 all and it took the extra three minute period to decide the score which ended 30 to 29, the winning score being a foul shot. The game was fast from start to finish neither team being able to get lead enough to make sure of victory. In the second game between the High School Seconds and the Normal Seconds, the Normal boys emerged victors with a safe score, 31 to 11. The final game of the evening was played between the Hi-Y Employed boys and the Lithians. This game was a fight to the finish to stay out of the cellar, the Hi-Y Employed team just crawling out by a one point victory which was won on a foul shot in an overtime period.

The final score being Hi-Y Employed 16, Lithians 15. The final standing of the teams are: Battery B, first place Faculty, second; Normal Seconds, third; High School Seconds, fourth; Hi-Y Employed, fifth and Lithians, sixth. The winning team will be presented with a silver cup. "The series was a decided success from every point. Not one game was forfeited, but all were played as per schedule," said Secretary Walter.

INTEREST IN BIG OPENING GROWS KEENER

Style Show, Auto Show and Vaudeville on March 1 and 2 Planned

LEGION HAS CHARGE
Enthusiasm in Community Project Mounts Daily; Ford Coupe to be Prize

Each day added momentum is given the enthusiasm which is greeting the effort of the local American Legion post, sponsors for the big Spring Opening, auto show and style show which will be held at the Ashland armory on the nights of March 1 and 2.

Merchants today announced that they are selecting the various frocks and other wearing apparel which their models will display on the two nights of the show. Auto dealers have placed orders for the very latest models of cars for exhibit purposes in the auto show department, while other merchants are making complete plans for their displays of new spring and summer goods of all kinds.

While the merchants are bending every effort to make their part of the Spring Opening a roaring success, the Legion committee is busy night and day working out the many details of the big show. Practically all of the five vaudeville acts to be shown each night have been signed up and rehearsals are now under way.

Within the next day or two definite announcement will be made of the free street stunts to be held on the downtown business streets between 7 and 8 o'clock each night of the show.

What promises to be a magnificent attraction several hundred people on the last night of the show is the announcement that a new 1927 Ford coupe will be given away on the closing night. This feature is attracting widespread interest throughout the city.

In addition to the auto show, style review and vaudeville program on the opening night, the Legion has arranged for a big country store, at which many valuable merchandise prizes will be given away. The Country Store always proves a strong drawing card in any city, and with the prizes which the Legion expects to give away during this feature, many persons will receive in merchandise far more than the small admission cost to the show.

MEN'S STYLES ARE QUITE SATISFACTORY

Merchants Tailors Conventions Suggest But Few Changes

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(UN)—Merchant tailors of the Pacific coast, who met here for their annual convention, decided that the present style of men's clothing was quite satisfactory for another year at least.

They did recommend, however, a few minor changes which included:

Coats with full rounded chest and soft rolling fronts.

Coat collars to be set lower and well rounded.

Slightly longer coats with the central vent in the back.

Waistcoats to be fashioned full chested and single breasted.

The use of suspenders.

Wide trousers have now become the vogue, the tailors decided, but they are not to go to the extreme. They should measure from 20 1-2 to 21 1-2 inches at the bottom and flare 17 1-2 to 19 at the knee. Plain bottoms are correct for dark and dressy materials, but cuffs are permitted for light colors and sports wear.

The tailors insist that it is incorrect and bad taste to wear a white waistcoat with a tuxedo and light colored overcoat with a dress suit or bright colored hat.

POOREST SPELLER Causes Trouble

—(UN)—"Paul, the Russian" has been in town again and spelling clerks in wholesale houses have had their annual struggle in figuring out his orders.

No one recalls Paul's real name, but he is known as the champion poor speller of the traders who come to Vancouver to obtain their supplies. Letters from him, are treasured for their peculiar spelling. Never having attended schools where English is spoken, he writes the words as they sound when he pronounces them.

Among Paul's orders this time were cote (coffee) shoup (chewing tobacco) lelak parafum (lilac perfume); 1 ral (roll) planiat ceten (flannelette cotton); 3 ral genkam (gingham); 1 doz mets (mitts), abot (about) 50 par shous (pairs of shoes); 2 wendars 6 pain (six windows, each with six panes) 2 4 led stove (four-rod stove).

Paul also is noted for his honesty, a very remarkable memory, and his bookkeeping. Those who know him say he rarely ever forgets anything and has an unusual faculty of keeping his accounts straight. All year round he goes between Quessel and a village 160 miles north of there, buying furs and trading with the hunters and trappers of the Cariboo country.

ROYAL FAMILY ARE VISITING TROPICS

SUVA FIJI, Feb. 18.—(UP)—Into the picturesque tropical harbor here, surrounded by palm-fringed shores and studded with native villages, the British battleship Renown steamed today, bearing the Duke of York, second son of the king of the British Empire and his wife, daughter of a Scottish baron, on their memorable tour of New Zealand and Australia.

With her pale grey coat of paint shimmering in the tropical sun and a late afternoon, the Renown presented a spectacle of silver magnificence and might. As she was sighted on the offing, shrill cries of welcome came from the white residents of this outpost of the British Empire and excited natives, arrayed in their best clothes for the occasion. Suva gets little excitement beyond the regular calling of the mail boats, and this was an occasion only equalled previously.

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CLEVER SWINDLER WORKS ON CHURCHES

Falls in a Faint and Sympathetic Priests Offer Assistance

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 18.—(UN)—A clever swindler who preys on priests and churchmen has appeared in California.

Appearing at some church, the stranger suddenly faints, and upon being revived, says, "My God, give me some food, I haven't eaten for days." He is always fed by kind-hearted persons and usually given money.

The man appeared at the St. Francis church here and went into his faint. Upon being revived he was fed a hearty meal and sympathetic priests gave him \$10. They haven't seen him since.

Descriptions of the swindler have been given the police, who say that he had appeared in several California cities and misled people without arousing suspicion. Church officials say the man is a finished actor, grabbing food given him as though famished, and showing a remarkable ability to stimulate unconsciousness.

SEASONS FIRE LOSS SHOWS AN INCREASE

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 18.—(UN)—A final check on the damaged timber of the last fire season in the national forests of Western Montana and northern Idaho has been made. It reveals that the forests of these areas suffered a loss of 792,915,000 board feet. The season's fire loss exceeded that of the preceding season because so much of the timber burned was in the western pine belt.

Almost half of the total loss was on the Kanikou forest, where 279,000,000 board feet of timber were destroyed.

Considerable salvage will be possible there, however.

On the Flathead forest, the fire losses were 200,000,000 board feet and on the Blackfoot forest 145,000,000 board feet. It is believed that little of this may be reclaimed.

Returned from Salem—Hal McNair, who has spent the past few days in Salem, Ore., attending the legislature returned to his home on Oak street yesterday.

HOUSE PASSES BOTH NORMAL SCHOOL BILLS

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CHICAGO PLANNING LARGE EXHIBITION

Expect to Celebrate the Hundredth Anniversary in 1933

Future, present and past in the worlds of business, engineering, art and agriculture will be paraded before the people of the nation in 1933 when Chicago celebrates its 100th birthday.

Plans are going forward for the exhibit, which according to those in charge, will surpass everything done of this nature before in the country. Edward N. Hurley, former head of the Shipping Board, is chairman of the committee preparing for the big event.

Attempts are being made to have the Olympic games here that year. While the Olympic games come only every four years—which means in 1932 and then again in 1936—the committee will attempt to exert the necessary influence to have the games in 1933 and in Chicago.

Plans already call for using the giant Soldiers Field, scene of the Eucharistic Congress and the last Army-Navy football game, for the centennial exposition.

Then too, Chicago is suggesting that a mammoth hall—capable of housing any sort of performance—be erected for this affair. It is pointed out that the hall not only could be used for national political conventions, big sporting events and similar attractions.

The committee also is planning to erect temples for the various units of the centennial. One will be a labor temple, Plans call for agricultural, fine arts, engineering and manufacturing divisions.

This will be in addition to the museum and big public buildings along Lake Michigan which already have been tendered the committee for the centennial.

SEVENTY TWO LOSE LIVES IN STORMS THAT SWEEP NATION

Cyclones in South Kill Thirty Five and do Heavy Damage

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Atmospheric disturbances today caused widespread damage throughout the nation with a loss of life from storm and tide estimated as high as seventy-two. In the delta region of the south, centering in Mississippi and Louisiana, cyclones swept through many communities, and the loss of life was estimated at thirty-five.

The storm reached its greatest fury in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. The freight steamer Elkton was missing between the Philippines and Guam, and it was believed that it went down with thirty-seven men. California was coming back after a tremendous rain fall, which caused all of the rivers to rise, with resulting flood conditions. A cold wave was threatened in the middle west, with a temperature below zero pending. The government forecasts predict that the cold wave will extend into the fruit region of the old south, and may cause considerable damage to budding trees.

Kills Thirty-five NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—A cyclone that struck portions of Mississippi and Louisiana late yesterday took a toll of lives estimated at 35 injuring more than 40 persons and causing huge property damage.

Two entire families were wiped out. The worst fury of the storm was spent in the Pleasant Hill district, where casualties may amount to a dozen.

Strong Winds MERIDIAN, Miss., Feb. 18.—Eight persons were killed at Rosehill, 45 miles south of here last night when a windstorm swept that section, according to reports received here.

The wind was so violent that 41 bales of cotton were picked up and hurled a long distance. Two of the bodies were blown 200 yards.

Steamer Goes Down MANILLA, Feb. 18.—Thirty-seven men have perished and the freighter Elkton, with a million dollar cargo, has gone to the bottom between the Philippines and Guam, is the belief of insurance companies.

No trace of lifeboats or the wreckage have been found, though four navy destroyers have "routed over the sea's course in a search for the Elkton."

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CHINESE GIRL SEEKS TO CHANGE CUSTOM

Would Like to End Custom of Betrothal Made by Parents Before Birth

PEKING—(UP)—A striking example of the conflict between China's adopted Occidental legal codes and the inherited customs of her people is furnished by a case now before the Peking district court in which a girl, betrothed before birth, is striving to avoid marriage with a man she dislikes.

Twenty-three years ago two families, the Hans and the Tsaos, were neighbors in the small town of Tsai Yu Chen near Peking. In the fashion known to all Chinese for centuries, these families pledged their friendship by agreeing that if the next children born to both families were of opposite sexes they would be betrothed.

To the Han family was born a daughter; to the Tsao family, a son. The betrothal took place.

As the years passed, Miss Han grew into a clever industrious girl, attractive in all respects and of considerable literary accomplishments. On the contrary, the heir to the Tsao name and property found no interests beyond the home farm and, in the eyes of Miss Han, was not only uncultured mentally but uncouth in appearance.

The time drew near for the marriage. Miss Han's father died, and thus removed one of the great binding ties of the Chinese family. At once she exerted pressure to obtain release from a promise in which she had had no part.

But the bond had been signed. The Tsao family was obdurate. Only one solution appeared, and that has been taken through reference of the marriage contract to the courts.

Salesman Here Today—Henry Weishaar, a salesman for George Lawrence company in Portland, Ore., is spending the day in Ashland looking after business affairs.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR PARTY

An informal Knights Templar party will be held on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Masonic Hall, Ashland, under the auspices of Malta Commandery, No. 4, of this city. Dancing, cards and feature entertainment. The event will partake of an observance of Washington's Birthday. All Knights Templar and ladies are cordially invited. The committee in charge have issued invitations to the membership in Ashland, Medford, and adjacent towns, endeavoring to cover this entire territory. However, if any parties have been overlooked, this announcement will serve as a reminder that they are included in the list.

R. E. Detrick and W. H. McNair, of Ashland, and R. M. Sweeney and W. W. McDonald, of Medford, are members of the committee on arrangements.

Visitors from Wagner Creek—Mrs. William Kerby, Mrs. Hanson Summers and Mrs. Ed Taylor of Wagner Creek were in Ashland yesterday shopping and visiting with friends.

He Knows When He's Had Enough

