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Nation To Welcome Captain Lindbergh

Famous Transatlantic Flyer Will Come Home on Warship.

Washington, D. C.—A truly national celebration is planned for Captain Charles A. Lindbergh on his return home from his European triumphs. With word that a destroyer will bring him across the Atlantic, the president named a special committee of four cabinet members to plan a national celebration in his honor. The committee is composed of Secretary of War Davis, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Postmaster General New.

Fear of diplomatic complications caused Ambassador Houghton in London to urge Lindbergh to return home immediately. It was learned here authoritatively.

Most of the foreign diplomats in London want Lindbergh to visit their countries, and if he should visit some and not others, bad feeling would result, it is said.

Using this argument, Houghton persuaded the flyer the best interests of his country require that he decline further invitations and return to New York.

London.—Chas. A. Lindbergh came at Buckingham palace Tuesday and told King George how it feels to fly over the Atlantic, all alone, from New York to Paris. The king received his visitor cordially and decorated him with the air force cross, to add to the French legion of honor and the Belgian insignia of knight of the Order of Leopold, which Captain Lindbergh already wears.

Captain Lindbergh was greeted at the Croydon airbase by the largest, wildest, most enthusiastic gathering of men, women, boys and girls—and even infants—ever assembled in this country to welcome a single individual. There is nothing in English history to equal it.

A crowd estimated by the police at more than 100,000, breaking down the barriers, swarmed over the field just before the airman came to earth and almost robbed him of a landing space.

OREGON TRUNK CREWS START CONSTRUCTION

Bend, Or.—Oregon Trunk construction crews have started work in Klamath county north of Sprague River landing, thereby safeguarding their "D" survey into Klamath Falls and eliminating any probability of joint use of the Southern Pacific trains from Paulina into the objective city.

Information received here indicates that a Hauser Construction company force is working under the very nose of the Southern Pacific's chief ally in Klamath basin, the Strahorn line, forestalling any argument over common user rights in the rich Weyerhaeuser timber areas.

Additional evidence that the Oregon Trunk realized that its rights in the Klamath basin had been jeopardized by a possible northward extension of the O. C. & E. was presented by the speed with which construction crews were organized to start building north from Sprague River.

The right-of-way has evidently been preempted by actual moving of dirt, leaving the Oregon Trunk in a position to bargain on equal terms with the O. C. & E. for common user rights southward in exchange for similar privileges northward.

Lewiston, Idaho.—Ransom M. Coburn, postmaster of Lewiston, died suddenly at his home here. He was 57 years of age and a native of this city, and was serving his second term as postmaster.

Chicago Plans for National Convention
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago is planning to support its bid for the Republican and Democratic conventions in 1928 with a new civic auditorium seating 35,000 and costing \$15,000,000.

Congressional Medal for Lindbergh.
St. Louis.—A bill to confer the congressional medal of honor on Captain Charles A. Lindbergh will be introduced in the United States senate when it reconvenes. Senator Harry B. Hawes announced here.

Normal School Girls Seriously Injured in Auto Stage Smashup

Dorothy Lee, Jaunita Woodruff of Athena, and Thelma Wright of Vancouver, Washington, were injured in an automobile accident near Lind, Washington, Friday last while they were returning to Athena from the Cheney Normal school.

Miss Lee and Miss Woodruff were severely bruised, and Miss Wright badly injured when the car operated by an auto stage company turned over while taking a curve at a high rate of speed. The machine, which was in temporary use by the company, skidded in making the curve, struck soft gravel and careened over. A fourth lady was also injured but to what extent the other three passengers did not learn, as a passing car took her away.

The three young ladies were taken to Lind where their injuries were looked after, later arriving here. Miss Wright accompanied Miss Woodruff to the Coppock home south of town, where it developed her injuries were very serious. She was removed to a hospital at Walla Walla and her parents were summoned from Vancouver. Miss Wright has a badly injured back and was put in a cast shortly after being received at the hospital.

Ralph Allen Advises Intensive Cultivation

Ralph Allen who treated wild morning glory patches on several farms in this section last season with bi-sulphide finds that owing to moisture conditions at the time the treatment was given, the lower parts of the plant were destroyed, but the upper portions survived.

He advises the Press that intensive cultivation will make complete destruction of the plants now growing, which were partly killed by the bi-sulphide treatment.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The W. C. T. U. Society met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Tubbs Thursday of last week, fifteen members being present. The program was featured by the readings of clippings by Mrs. Bollinger, Mrs. Betts and Mrs. Gordon. Solos were sung by Miss Zola Keen and Mrs. Otho Reeder. Important subjects were discussed at the business meeting. Ladies wishing to take part in the work of the society are invited to attend the next meeting, which will take place June 28, at the home of Mrs. Stella Keen. Mrs. Tubbs served delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting, Thursday.

Graveling Roads

The Umatilla section of the Oregon-Washington highway from Pilot Rock to the Morrow county line will be gravelled soon, according to County Judge J. M. Schanep. About 10 miles of the road in Morrow county will have to be gravelled before the highway is finished. Graveling the Adams-Thorn Hollow road is also under way and has been finished to a point east of the Duffy school house, where it will connect with the portion of Adams road already surfaced.

Coquille Shooters

A five-man team from Coquille won the Oregonian trophy by beating out seven competitors in the shootoff at Eugene to determine the winner of the Oregonian telegraphic shoot. The Coquille marksmen broke 473 targets to 471 for Klamath Falls, which finished second. The six other teams that qualified and the order in which they finished were as follows: Washington county, 469; Eugene 468; Salem, 467; Heppner, 464; Pendleton 456; The Dalles 402.

Memorial Day

There were no Memorial Day exercises in Athena Monday, though business houses remained closed and flags were displayed on Main street. Under supervision of the Athena Cemetery Association, the cemetery grounds were in much better condition than formerly, and the work done by individuals was noticeable. All day long the cemetery was visited by people who decorated graves with flowers.

Amateur League Games

Adams defeated the River Rats in the Walla Walla Valley league Sunday, 14 to 8. In the Blue Mountain league Pendleton slaughtered Walla Walla 9 to 1, while Hermiston defeated the Indians, 3 to 1.

Memorial Day Found Cemetery Well Kept

Tribute Paid to Memory of the Dead—Decorations Beautiful.

Memorial Day was fittingly observed in this vicinity and hundreds of persons visited the Athena Cemetery on Sunday and Monday to pay tribute to the memory of the dead.

Athena Cemetery presented a better appearance this year than ever before. The graves of all former service men, including Civil War veterans, Spanish-American War veterans, the Veterans of Indian Wars, and World War veterans were appropriately decorated by the members of Athena-Weston Post of the American Legion, by the placing of an American flag over the grave of each veteran. A profusion of flowers decorated many of the graves and added to the restful beauty of the cemetery.

Much of the credit for the well-kept appearance of the cemetery is due the Athena Cemetery Association (incorporated) which was organized several years ago by local citizens and representatives from the three lodges in the city. Through the efforts of this association funds were raised for the construction of the macadam road extending from the north end of Hunt Avenue to the cemetery, and for the macadamizing of the roads within the cemetery.

It was likewise through the efforts of this association that the old and dilapidated fence in front of the cemetery was removed and replaced with the present electric-welded steel fence with neat white posts, which adds much to the beauty of the burial grounds.

However, the roads and fences are secondary and incidental with the Athena Cemetery Association. The chief object of its formation was the beautifying of the cemetery itself. The association is furnishing to its members either perpetual or annual care for lots in the cemetery at nominal rates.

The perpetual care is obtained by paying into an irrevocable fund the sum of \$100.00, and this sum is used by the association only for the purpose of producing revenue, such as by making loans, investing in bonds, certificates of deposit or other revenue producing securities, and the income only is used each year for the purpose of taking care of the various lots or graves in the cemetery. The perpetual care may also be obtained by the giving of a note to the association for the sum of \$100.00 per lot, which note provides for annual interest at 5 per cent.

The Athena Cemetery Association is managed by a board of trustees six in number, and membership in the association is free to anyone who purchases a lot in the Athena Cemetery or procures perpetual care for a lot therein. Membership may also be purchased for a nominal sum by any resident of the community.

FRANK L. SMITH



Frank L. Smith, senator-elect from Illinois, who was appointed by Governor Small to fill out the unexpired term of Senator McKinley.

While this association is still in its infancy it has made a very creditable showing and fills a long felt want in so far as the cemetery is concerned, and the community would do well to get behind the organization and boost, for so long as people put off until Memorial day the task of cleaning off the weeds from graves, and then depositing those weeds and other rubbish either upon other graves or in the aisles or throwing it over the fence, just so long there will continue to be something unsightly about the cemetery.

"The Scarlet West" Coming to Standard Theatre Wednesday

"The Scarlet West," one of the finest out door pictures ever filmed by First National, will be offered by the Standard as a big mid-week attraction at regular admission prices next Wednesday night.

Tomorrow night D. W. Griffith presents Carol Dempster and W. C. Fields in "Sally of the Sawdust," from the great circus story by Dorothy Donnelly—directed and made by the man who gave you "The Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance," "Way Down East," and other colossal film features.

Sunday night beautiful and petite Colleen Moore, who pleased so well in "We Moderns" is coming in "It Must Be Love." This photoplay was scheduled for appearance at the Standard some weeks ago, but had to be cancelled when a portion of the film was burned in a theatre fire at Portland.

After 18 days in the water, the body of Harold Mangum, University of Oregon student who was drowned in the Willamette, was found in the stream about 50 yards off the municipal auto park at Eugene, Monday. Mangum lost his life when a canoe overturned.

Rural Mail Boxes To Be Inspected Soon

Requirements Necessary on the Part of Rural Mail Patrons.

It develops that certain requirements are exacted by the government postal authorities from rural patrons relative to proper condition and upkeep of mail boxes.

Shortly an inspector will be here to go over the Athena route, and will report his findings to the department. Postmaster Barrett has taken the matter up with patrons of the Athena route and has mailed the following circular letter to each patron:

"The Official Bulletin of May 2 contains an article pertaining to the deplorable condition of the boxes on many of the rural routes.

"This office is called on to make a report on local conditions and upon a recent trip of inspection I found many of our boxes in a dilapidated condition; many of them too high or out of regular position for proper service from the car door.

"The rules provide for discontinuance of service pending the proper erection of the boxes, and in fact, requires the carrier to refuse service unless this construction is in proper shape.

"Wishing to avoid any inconvenience to the patrons of the route, I urge each of you to acquaint yourselves with the requirements and meet them at once.

"The box should be four feet from the car track, and the ground should be level enough so that the car will stand without applying brakes; also the door or lid of the boxes should be in such condition as to permit of easy opening and closing by the carrier.

"This office is very desirous of making a creditable showing of the rural route to the inspector when he comes to look us over. Will you not also take a pride in the looks and convenience of the boxes and let Athena route have a one hundred percent showing?"

Fine Catch of Trout

Lucien and Clarence Gagnon made a fine catch of trout on the Umatilla river Sunday. Clarence displayed his trout in Athena, and of the number, one, a Rainbow measured 19 1/2 inches. Clarence had it measured at the Rogers & Goodman store where it was recorded in the contest for the prize fishing rod, awarded annually by the hardware firm.

Student's Body Found

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Old Oregon Trail is the Best Highway Across the Nation

"The history of the Old Oregon Trail is a story of human endeavor, suffering, privation, determination and final accomplishment. It is a story as big and broad as life itself, a story of a people with a vision, who feared not and who laughed at death." Thus does Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association, sum up in the Oregonian, the experiences of the hardy pioneers who carved out the first transcontinental highway.

Today this highway is paved from the ocean beach at Seaside to The Dalles, and from there to the Idaho line is a fine oiled macadam road. Through Idaho the road is macadamized, with short stretches of paving here and there. The same condition extends through most of the other states to the beginning of the trail. The one, bad going today is in portions of Wyoming. Today the Old Oregon Trail is nearer completion than any other transcontinental route being about 82 1/2 per cent completed.

This highway receives its full share of tourist travel across the Rocky mountains. The fork of this road is at Salt Lake City. It is there where the stream divides, and where propaganda spread by California interests, turns the tide southward.

W. C. T. U. Society to Aid Flood Victims

W. C. T. U. society wishes the people of the community to make up packages, consisting of clothing, bedding, and kitchenware for the people of the Mississippi flood area. Mark packages, W. C. T. U. and place on front porch and they will be gathered Tuesday June 7.

The W. C. T. U. ladies will meet June 8, Wednesday, at the Christian church basement to sew for infants of the Mississippi flood. All ladies of the community are asked to come Report to Mrs. W. H. Cowan, President, if any have sewing machines to lend for that day.

Pioneers' Reunion

Weston is prepared to entertain a large number of visitors at the Thirty-fifth annual reunion of the Umatilla County Pioneers' Association, which will gather at that place Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11 for a picnic of two days duration. An especially interesting program covering both days is made possible by the untiring efforts of committees having charge.

Athena Hotel Cow

The Athena Hotel boasts the ownership of the best cow in this part of the county. Bossie is of Holstein lineage and at the present time is giving nine gallons of rich milk daily. Aside from plenty of milk and cream she furnishes all of the butter for the dining room tables.

Meadowlark Wins

Children of 400 Oregon schools have voted the meadowlark winner of the state bird contest. The bluebird ran second in the race, receiving approximately 20,000 votes, and the varied thrush, third. Other contestants were the white-crowned sparrow, the song sparrow and the junco.

Looted Fifty Gowns

Between 50 and 60 new spring dresses were stolen Monday night from the stock of the Cinderella frock shop at Walla Walla, according to report made to the police by Jewett W. Gardner, manager. Thieves entered and left by a skylight to the roof of the store building.

Wheat Heading Out

Growing wheat in the Athena district is heading out, and it is expected an early harvest will result. Some of the grain fields appear to be further advanced toward maturity than others, the cause for this being due to the effects of the spring freeze.

Cafe Has Frigidaire

The Kilgore Cafe has installed a frigidaire equipment in its ice cream and confectionary department. Two freezing units are included in the installation made by Jack Cunningham, company agent for Umatilla county.

Buys Myers Place

Homer I. Watts has purchased from Richard Thompson the old Thomas Myers place, at the head of the Geer Spring road, northwest of Athena. The farm contains 440 acres of land.

Britain Has Ordered The Red Agents Out

Six-Year Experiment With Soviet Russia Comes to an End.

London.—Great Britain's six-year experiment in trying to live in ordinary peaceful international relations with soviet Russia came to an end Saturday.

A note signed by Foreign Minister Chamberlain was delivered to Chesham House, the soviet legation, severing official relations between the two countries and requesting soviet Charge d'Affaires Rosenzweig to leave the country with his staff inside of ten days.

The British public does not appear to be greatly concerned over the severance of relations with the soviet government. Most of the concern is expressed in commercial and financial quarters where there is much curiosity over the extent to which the soviets will carry out their threat to divert the trade hitherto given Great Britain to other countries.

Except in labor circles, it is agreed almost everywhere that the government's action was fully justified.

The government's decision to break off diplomatic and trade relations with Russia was approved by the house of commons after an exciting debate, when the house by a vote of 357 to 111 adopted a motion to this effect moved by Gervais Rentoul, conservative. His motion was in the following terms:

"This house, while appreciating the long forbearance of his majesty's government and their many efforts to maintain friendly diplomatic relations with the soviet republics in the face of acute provocation, applauds their decision to withdraw diplomatic privileges which have been so gravely abused, while at the same time putting no obstacles in the way of legitimate trading relations with Russia."

OCTOPUS AND DIVER BATTLE OVER BODY

Port Townsend, Wash.—A huge octopus, bearing in its tentacles the body of one of five men who went down on the tug Warren, gave up its human prize after an hour's battle 50 feet under water with A. E. Hook, a diver. Hook related the adventure here upon arriving with his body.

The diver was under water repairing a fish trap, he said, when he sighted the devilish making its way along the bottom of the sound with the body in its embrace.

Seizing a pike pole, Hook attacked the sea monster. Centering his thrusts on the middle portion of the spider-like demon, Hook literally cut his tentacled adversary to ribbons before the death struggle was ended.

The octopus sank back, apparently mortally wounded, and lay on the muddy bottom of the sound while Hook pried loose the tentacles from around the body.

FILE PETITION ON LAW

Assessment Measure Must Face Referendum in Special Election.

Salem, Or.—The so-called property assessment law enacted at the last legislative session will be attacked by referendum at the special election to be held June 28. This was determined when completed referendum petitions were filed in the state department by L. B. Smith, secretary of the Greater Oregon association, with headquarters in Portland.

The petitions contain 13,389 signatures, or approximately 6000 signatures in excess of the number required to place the referendum measure on the ballot.

The law under referendum provides additional powers for county assessors in determining property valuations and gave the state tax commission authority to reassess in cases where the valuations fixed by county assessors were declared to be unfair or unreasonable.

S. P. Authorized to Acquire Lines.

Washington, D. C.—The Southern Pacific company was authorized by the interstate commerce commission to acquire the Oregon & California railroad and the Marion & Linn County railroad and to issue \$61,294,000 first mortgage bonds.

Boston's Mayor Picks Some Georgia Peaches



Mayor Nichols of Boston with a group of attractive young women who visited the Hub as part of the Georgia Press association excursion to New England.