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## F. J. HOLMES HEADS AUTO ASSOCIATION

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS PRINCIPAL BUSINESS AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

### SPIRITED CONTEST FOR SECRETARYSHIP

Bylaws Adopted Section by Section and as a Whole—Executive Committee Chosen—Action of Previous Meetings Ratified—Special Meeting Called for Monday Night.

If L. C. Smith who was just back from the auto show in New York had had a chance to make any campaign, he might be secretary of the La Grande Motor Dealers' association which met at the Y. M. C. A. last night and elected officers. As it was he held Frank Hilton to a tie vote through three ballots and lost out by only one vote on the fourth. The officers elected are: F. J. Holmes, president; Jay Van Buren, vice-president; Frank Hilton, secretary; George B. Richardson, treasurer, and C. A. McCary, member of executive committee. The secretaryship was the only real contest. Mr. Richardson was chosen over B. C. Hamilton for treasurer and vice-president had no opposition.

While the election of officers was the principal business at last night's meeting, much other constructive work was done. The bylaws adopted at previous meetings were taken up section by section and after several important improvements were again formally adopted and the business of the previous meetings ratified. Dealers in accessories were made eligible to membership and the scope of the

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## War Bulletins

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 20.—(Copyrighted by United Press)—The Brazilian packet steamer, Bahia, reported sighting a raider off the coast of Rio Grande del Norte on Friday. The vessel was traveling north at twenty knots an hour. No consort was sighted. All of the South American governments are guarding their neutrality strictly.

Uruguay sent the steamer, Corsario, from Montevideo to patrol the coast line. Brazil dispatched several warships. The allied fleet is concentrating along the coast.

### SAYS RAIDER NEAR NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—Atlantic wireless stations today reported that a British warship was again sending out radio warnings to Allied merchantmen saying that a German raider was near the Atlantic Steamship lanes off New York.

### Craft Leaves Mothership for Short Voyages of Destruction.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 20.—(Copyrighted by the United Press)—The captain of sunken British steamer, Netherby Hall, who has landed here after the recent raidings by a German vessel which resulted in great destruction to English and French merchant vessels, said today that the notorious raider carries three 18-foot submarines which run out from the raider and return to the ship without making long trips. Their running zone is generally small of radius. The raider is equipped with torpedoes, dynamite and ammunition.

### FUNSTON DENIES WITHDRAWAL STORY

San Antonio, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—General Funston today flatly denied the report that Pershing's expedition had started to leave Mexico.

### SWISS MOBILIZATION ORDERED

London, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—It is reported that a large German force is massed on the Swiss frontier. Other reports from the vicinity indicate that there is unusual activity along the both sides of the border line.

### Swiss Mobilizing

Washington, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—The Swiss minister at Washington, Herr Ritter, has ordered all reservists now on conditional leave of absence, to report immediately. There are additional Swiss army corps which will be mobilized by January 24th. It is believed the new troops will relieve units already mobilized to maintain neutrality.

## STOCKMEN WOULD BEAR TAX BURDEN TO PAY BOUNTIES ON ANIMALS

### Suggest Special Levy on Stock to Pay Tax—To Be Voted Upon as Constitutional Amendment Next Year.

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 20.—(Special)—Through the efforts of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association an amendment to the constitution will be introduced in the legislature at this session providing for a special tax on livestock so that stockmen, who are the big sufferers from predatory animals, rather than the whole body of taxpayers will contribute the money for the bounty fund. Such an amendment would have to be ratified by the people at the 1918 election. Therefore in order that the work of killing off the beasts of prey may be continued for the next two years, the legislature will be asked to retain the present bounty law.

J. N. Burgess, one of the executive board of the woolgrowers' association, gave out the above information yesterday and announced that he had taken the matter up with Speaker Stanfield and other members of the legislature. He declared the stock-

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## If You Want a Book Ask at City Library

### Though Resources Are Limited Librarian Will Try—Library Report Is Interesting.

The most enthusiastic booster has to admit that the retail stores of La Grande have not a stock equal to that of Marshall Field's. The progressive tradesman strives to offer a substitute for articles not in stock, or will send away for your goods. It is not surprising then, to find that the local public library has less variety and abundance of books than, for instance, the Portland library, which can confidently advertise to supply books or information on even the most technical subjects. Though unable to do that, with the limited resources here, the librarian will try to get any book asked for. However delays are more or less inevitable, because of the present paper shortage.

During the coming year, instead of buying a few large orders of books, the library board will try to get smaller consignments each month. The librarian asks that La Grande citizens read the following list, and send or bring it to the library, checked opposite the names of the subjects on which they would like literature. In making up book orders an effort will be made to consult the tastes of the patrons. Additions to the list may be made, if desired:

Art, Astronomy, Automobiles, Birds, Botany, Carpentry, Chemistry, Children, Cookery, Drama, Dressmaking, Economics, Education, Engineering, Geography, Fiction, Gardening, Geology, Government, History, Livestock, Mathematics, Moving Pictures, Oregon, Poultry, Psychology, Railroads, Religion, Shop Practice, Sociology, Sports, Sunday Schools, Zoology.

During the past year the La Grande public library has loaned 20,159 volumes for home use. A little over a third of this number were children's books, and of the remainder, 88 per cent were fiction. The attendance at the library was approximately 29,000 for the year. Probably about three-fourths of the persons attending came to read or borrow books.

The expenses for the past year were \$2,567.29. Of this amount \$805.82 was spent for books, periodicals, binding, and strictly library supplies. The balance of \$1761.47 was used for building maintenance and salaries.

The librarian of the Baker public library, in the Baker Herald, reports a circulation of 2612 books during November. The circulation for the same month in La Grande was 1896. Their largest daily circulation of books was 168; ours 114; their smallest was 55, and ours 58.

Twenty-five volumes of Mark Twain's works have just been added to the book collection; also several works of interest to teachers and school children in connection with Lincoln's birthday.

### MOTHER OF MONTH OLD BABE BURIED

Mrs. A. C. Leach, wife of C. C. Leach, signal maintainer at Gibbon, died in St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, Thursday, and was buried here yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Leach is survived by her parents, five brothers and four sisters, the widower, five young children, one a month old. The cause of death was blood poisoning.

## Buys The Vale Malheur Enterprise



George Huntington Currey Gets Back Into Printing Game.

George Huntington Currey of La Grande has purchased the Malheur Enterprise, a weekly paper published at Vale, Oregon, and with Mrs. Currey will leave within a few days for his new home.

Both are well known in La Grande and Union county generally. Mr. Currey is a native of La Grande and has lived here a large part of his life. During his school days he learned the fundamentals of the printer's trade and newspaper business in the Observer shop, then owned by his father, Geo. H. Currey. Later he attended Willamette University at Salem, where he studied law and economics as a preparation for further newspaper work, and became active in the literary and athletic work of that institution. At one time he was city editor of the La Grande Morning Star and has at different times been printer, reporter, and circulation manager of the Observer.

In the summer of 1913 he became editor and owner of the Forest Grove Press, which under his management became recognized as one of the leading weeklies in the state. While there he was elected secretary of the Forest Grove Commercial club and became a member of the State Editorial association and the Portland Press club.

Since returning to La Grande he has been with his father in the real estate and insurance business.

He was married two years ago to Olive Massee, who was at that time reporter and society editor on the Observer and one of the few Oregon women that have really made good in general reporting and editing.

Last spring Mr. Currey was a candidate for the Republican nomination for county representative and was active in the fall campaign as chairman of the Union County Temperance alliance.

For several years Mrs. Currey has been soprano soloist in the Methodist church choir of this city and she will be keenly missed in the musical and social circles of La Grande.

## THREE MEN BURNED TO DEATH IN ROSS HOTEL FIRE, PORTLAND TODAY

### Guests Rescued in Nightclothes—Victims' Bodies Found Crouched at Head of Stairs—Tea Roomers Get Out by Themselves.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—(United Press)—The Ross hotel has been destroyed by fire, and the lives of three men snuffed out. A. Burt, Ernest Marquette and Tom Lauer perished in the flames.

### Fourth Man Injured.

In addition to the three cremated, another was seriously hurt and is in a precarious condition.

### Roomers Flee in Night Garb.

Ten roomers fled to the streets, and others jumped from the windows in nightclothes.

### Firemen Rescued One Naked woman.

Dead Men Charred. The three victims were evidently trying to escape for their bodies were found at the head of the stairs. Two of them were crouched on the floor near the stairway, while another corpse was found near a window. They were horribly charred.

### SEATTLE FIREMEN KILLED

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20.—(United Press)—Battalion Chief Fred C. Gilham lost his life today when the Grand theatre building burned to the ground. Nine others were injured.

Chief Gilham was found buried under a half ton of debris, his feet burned off. The roof collapsed upon him and his co-workers, who managed to escape.

## LATE NEWS BY WIRE

London, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—The Home Office announced today that forty bodies had been found in the ruins of the munitions plant near London which was blown up last night. One hundred were seriously injured. It is officially estimated that the casualties are not as many as feared.

The building was practically destroyed and neighboring factories and three rows of houses were burned. Considerable damage was done to other property.

### Army-Navy Journal Attacks Wilson.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—The Army and Navy Journal, the official service organ, today bitterly attacked Wilson's promotion of personal physician, Grayson, to be rear admiral. The Journal said Grayson was passed over heads of other eligibles.

### Say Pershing Withdrawal Started.

El Paso, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—Although official announcement is lacking, every indication evidences that Pershing's withdrawal has begun. It is reported that the American camp, El Valle, was broken yesterday. Troops are marching northward to join the main camp at Colonia Dublan. Horse corrals are being built in Columbus. One hundred and fifty empty trucks have been sent to Mexico. Officials admitted withdrawal preparations had started. Juarez railroads said many cars concentrated at Dulan, on Mexico Northwestern railway. All forage shipments have been halted.

### Salem Convicts Fight in Dining Room.

Salem, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—Convict Frank White, committed from Portland, slashed convict Jack Welton on the cheek and arm during a fight in the prison dining room yesterday. Officials divulged facts today. Welton was committed from Pendleton for burglary. His wounds are not dangerous. White has been put in the dungeon.

### Steamer Launched at Astoria.

Astoria, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—The McCormick steamer, Ernest E. Myer, was launched at the Wilson shipyard this morning. Gertrude Cochran, nine-year-old daughter of S. J. Cochran, Portland, broke a bottle of champagne on the bow. Cochran was superintendent of its construction. A crowd from Portland, Grays River and St. Helens witnessed the launching. The vessel's name was changed from Latourelle at the last minute.

### Note Leak Meeting in New York

Washington, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—The House rules committee decided today to hold a note leak investigation meeting in the New York Custom House Tuesday morning.

### Weather Is Moderating.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—(United Press)—Today's weather forecast is: Partly cloudy; winds mostly northwesterly.

## DID YOU GO TO THE CHARITY BALL AT THE REX HALL LAST NIGHT

### If You Didn't You're the Loser for Everybody—But You—Had a "Bully" Time.

BY L. D.

I wanted to be a piker last night and not go to the Charity Ball. But I was told I ought to go, and further, that I would enjoy myself.

I'm tired today, and sleepy, but there are probably a lot in the same fix. I'll let you in on a secret—a vote was taken—and there were two negative votes on the proposition to dance until one. I have my doubts about those two votes. There is such a thing as intimidation.

But to get back to my story: I'm sleepy but I threw a bully time. Nonchalantly I threw my dollar down at the window—just as though dollars were the least of my troubles—and ate the 15 cents lunch. I knew that every cent I was spending was being used for charity—with no overhead to eat it up.

I'm glad Mrs. Leiter and Miss Bush were at the dance, too, for I made them write it (about the gowns, I mean). In my presence Mrs. Leiter asked one woman what she had on. I fled; I thought it was no place for me. Mrs. Leiter assured me it was all right for me to come back.

I saw Bobby Patterson and Miss Leona Newlin do a mighty pretty dance, and then respond for an encore.

And say, it was my first "big" party in La Grande. Haines can play music, can't he? And the punch, and the pretty girls and nicely dressed matrons—but I'm not going to tell you any more. Those who were present know all about it; those who weren't there haven't any right to know anything about it. They'll go to the next Charity Ball if they just ask anyone who was present.

Probably the most brilliant event of the social season was the Charity Ball given last night in the Rex Hall. The spirit of congeniality reigned supreme. All formality was eliminated and every one present enjoyed themselves to such an extent that the dancing was prolonged one hour. The ladies in charge are to be congratulated on their work for the affair was most successful, financially as well as socially. The specialty dancing by Miss Newlin and Mr. Pattison was heartily enjoyed and all are pleased with the introduction of new dances into La Grande. Miss Newlin was daintily clad in a smart dancing frock of white silk net over cloth of silver. The punch tables were replenished with red carnations and ferns. Many beautiful gowns were displayed. Owing to the large number present it was impossible to get a description of all.

### Gowns Are Beautiful.

Mrs. Ray W. Loren's gown was of coral chrysomel; Mrs. E. E. Kirtly, yellow with net overskirt and fringe; Mrs. T. H. Goodhue, pink chrysomel;

Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, pussy willow taffeta with yellow in quaint style; Mrs. M. K. Hall, light blue pussy willow taffeta; Mrs. E. E. Bragg, white net over blue; Mrs. G. Birnie, salmon crepe with Georgette crepe over dress; Mrs. G. E. Larison, pussy willow taffeta, gold trimmings; Mrs. Frank Lilly, smart gown of pink flowered taffeta; Mrs. Jay Van Buren, wisteria chrysomel with panels of brocade; Mrs. Herman Siegrist, black chrysomel with overdress of silk net; Mrs. F. L. Meyers, apricot taffeta; Mrs. L. L. Snodgrass, gown of robin egg blue chiffon over drape of green with gold and fur trimmings; Mrs. Nell Grimmer, new blue chiffon over striped taffeta; Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass, silk taffeta with overdress of white silk net; Mrs. Chester Newlin, white net gown with silver girdle; Mrs. Elmer Stoddard, white over yellow chrysomel; Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe, black spangled gown; Mrs. Dr. Bouvy, pink chiffon with black trimmings; Mrs. Carse, pussy willow taffeta; Mrs. Talbot of Island City, pink and blue taffeta with pearl trimmings; Mrs. Claude Scanton, white chrysomel; Mrs. A. Newlin, black chrysomel with net; Mrs. Walter Reuter, pink chrysomel; Mrs. Chas. Bohnencamp, blue taffeta; Mrs. L. McCullough, gown of blue messaline; Mrs. L. A. McAllister, light blue gown of pussy willow taffeta; Mrs. M. B. Donahue, black chiffon over white; Mrs. Norman Frees, draped taffeta gown of blue; Mrs. A. W. Nelson, lavender chrysomel with lace; Mrs. Hill Templeton, red chrysomel with velvet lace trimmings; Mrs. P. A. Foley, green chrysomel with over drape of white chiffon; Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, pink chrysomel; Mrs. W. B. Caywell, white chrysomel with black net; Mrs. C. D. Putman, pink crepe de chine with silver; Mrs. Geo. Gilbert, green chrysomel with velvet; Mrs. J. Theisen, yellow taffeta; Mrs. N. Desillit, black embroidered net; Mrs. Loyd Scriber, white satin gown; Mrs. Frank Bay, red crepe de chine

## CAPITAL CITY PAYS LAST TRIBUTE TODAY TO MANILA BAY HERO

### President Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels and High Officials Accompany Body. Secretary's Salute Given—Distant Warships Answer—All Government Departments Closed—Congress Adjourned.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(United Press)—Admiral Dewey's private funeral was held at the residence this morning at 10 o'clock. Annapolis midshipmen escorted the flag-draped casket to the capitol. Chaplain Frazier, of the flagship Olympia, officiated at the simple ceremony. Secretary's salute, 19 guns, was fired at noon. Distant battleships saluted. President Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels and other officials accompanied the procession across the Potomac to Arlington cemetery. Taps were sounded.

All government departments were closed and Congress adjourned.

## Beginning Classes Assigned Monday A. M.

### Superintendent Linden McCulloch announced today that beginning classes would be organized in the grammar grades Monday morning in the Central, Greenwood and Riveria buildings. All children will be admitted who will be six years of age by March 15.

## Boys Organize Hi-Yi Club at Y Thursday

### At a banquet in the Y. M. C. A. building Thursday evening the high school Y. M. C. A. boys formed the Hi-Yi club. The nominating committee, consisting of A. C. Hampton, William Silverthorn, Kenneth Williams, Clayton Ingle and Albert Currey named the following as candidates: For president, Clayton Ingle; vice-president, George McDonald; secretary, Joe Reynolds; treasurer, David Johnson.

## BIRDS ARE DYING FOR LACK OF FOOD

### In behalf of the robins in the city and country and the China pheasants Al Andrews, secretary of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club requests that La Grande people put a little suet, bread crumbs, apple cores and other scraps of food where the robins can get it.

## Dearlove Baby Is Dead.

### Clarence Dearlove, 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dearlove, died at 7:30 last night of pneumonia. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2:30 from the Christian church, Rev. H. L. Ford officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

## with gold bead trimmings; Miss Lorraine Staley, pink chrysomel, black net overdress; Mrs. E. Polack, black net over chrysomel; Miss Erma Aiken, white chrysomel with net over crepe; Miss E. Foss, pink chrysomel; Miss Etta Foley, apricot chiffon taffeta with lace; Mrs. A. V. Andrews, black taffeta and gold lace; Miss Tanner, yellow chrysomel; Mrs. Recklin, black net; Mrs. Chas. Stevens, pink accordion pleated chrysomel.

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## Farm Loan Act Expected To Improve Rural Life

### MORE THAN HALF OF THE NATION'S FARMERS ARE TENANTS, AND TRANSIENT NATURE BOTTLES FULLEST EFFICIENCY—FARM LOAN ACT PANACEA FOR THIS EVIL, CHEAPER CREDIT FOR FARMERS MEANS DECREASE IN H. C. OF L. INASMUCH AS CONSUMER PAYS COST OF PRODUCTION.

BY FRANK R. WILSON

(Member of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, Written for the United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Since the farmer of the United States is the food producer for a good share of the world, the granting of cheaper credit to the farmer for the purpose of enlarging his opportunities and cheapening his cost of production is likely to have an important part in the solution of the great cost of living problem.

The records of the United States census office shows a constantly increasing trend toward the cities. Each year shows that there are more persons to be fed, whereas the acreage that has been producing food and the

number of hands to cultivate these acres have not increased in the same proportion.

It is patent therefore that to meet this increasing demand for food more farms must be established to provide homes for more producers and the land now under cultivation must be farmed more carefully and with more and better equipment.

Provision of cheap capital for land purchase and farm development will mean at least a partial realization of these ideals.

If the farm loan act will reduce the percentage of tenantry in the United States it will have accomplished a great deal toward putting American

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