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REPORT OF CITY MONEY GIVEN OUT

TREASURER MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS IN 1920.

CITY TREASURER HAS BEEN CHECKING BOOKS

Finances of the City Are Now in a Very Good Shape, According to an Announcement by the City Officers—Disbursements Are More Than Receipts.

The finances of the city of La Grande are now in very good shape, according to an announcement by Mrs. E. Fowler, city treasurer. In fact, if figures show results, the city finances are in a better shape than in former years.

During the past several weeks, Mrs. Fowler and City Recorder J. E. Stearns, have been going over the books, and proved the books, checking the treasurer's reports with the recorder's reports. It seems this method has never been carried out before in the city offices and the result is very satisfactory. Although the report as given out by the city treasurer can hardly be called a treasurer's report, it is a report of the receipts and disbursements of the city of La Grande for the year 1920.

The report is as follows:

Sal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1920	\$5,982.48
Received from Water	37,593.60
Fines	4,929.00
Pound Fees	179.25
Licenses	2,498.00
178 Dog Licenses	182.00
157 Building Permits	78.50
2 Moving Permits	7.50
560 Electric Permits	180.00
Telephone Franchise	1,200.00
Special Int. (Taxes)	11,900.25
Library (Taxes)	1,984.51
Park (Taxes)	1,880.81
Beaver Creek P. L.	15,077.31
Imp. Bonds, Sinking Fund	29,835.13
Imp. Dist. Int.	6,549.25
Revolving Fund	117.91
Septic Tank	87.59
Rents	1,142.09
Roads	31.29
Advertising	43.42
General	30,792.90
Improvement District	
1 A	594.75
1 E	91.08
1 E Int.	6.66
27	1,713.78
34	4,484.80
34 Int.	1,073.35
88	225.42
88 Int.	52.93
89	8.13
89 Int.	3.17
90	109.74
90 Int.	15.56
91	92.71
91 Int.	31.23
92	43.41
92 Int.	9.06
93	20.34
93 Int.	9.75
95	106.67
95 Int.	15.73
96	39.32
96 Int.	22.51
97	14.70
97 Int.	4.65
97 B	5.72
97 B Int.	111.63
99	85.70
99 Int.	32.71
100	11.74
Sewer	
1-5	53.73
1-5 Int.	25.49
1-6 Int.	2.40
2-3	378.84
2-4 Int.	113.40
3-4	35.94
3-4 Int.	26.93
3-5	1,371.35
3-5 Int.	507.24
	\$214,155.94
Disbursement—	
Water (Filling Fee)	8.00
Contingent	2,239.23
Special Int.	12,200.00
Library	4,500.00
Park	1,575.80
Imp. Dist. Int.	8,922.98
Rents	457.36
Imp. Bond Sinking Fund	51,212.21
General	88,541.85
Beaver Creek Pipe Line	
Sinking Fund	10,000.00
Imp. Dist. 54	4,333.45
Dist. 54 Int.	4,783.21
Sewer 1-5 Int.	44.76
Sewer 1-6 Int.	20.56
Sewer 2-4 Int.	62.15
Sewer 3-4 Int.	92.15
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REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES ASKED

SIX LARGE WESTERN CATTLE ORGANIZATIONS ACT.

Spokesmen Claim That Prices in Cattle and Wool Have Fallen Below Expense of Freight.

LASSEN PEAK IN ERUPTION

REDDING, Calif., Feb. 7.—After two short periods of activity yesterday and early today, Lassen Peak resumed eruption at 10 o'clock today.

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY TO BE OBSERVED.

Schools of Both City and County Will Hold Exercises in Honor of Lincoln and Washington.

Appropriate exercises will be held in all city and county schools in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday, which occurs on Saturday, February 12. In the city schools the exercises will be held on Friday, while in the county schools the exercises will in some cases be held on Monday, February 14, being combined with Valentine day exercises in a number of instances, while other schools will hold their exercises either on Friday, the day preceding the birthday anniversary, or combine their exercises with the exercises on Washington's birthday.

While Lincoln's birthday is a legal holiday, generally speaking, it is not included as a school holiday in Oregon, but the schools of La Grande and Union county observe the day with special exercises. In the country schools the exercises will be arranged so that the minds of the pupils will be brought into contact with the virtues and the wonderful life of Abraham Lincoln. The exercises will be in charge of the teachers of the schools, the teachers' own initiative being used in arranging the programs, according to announcement of Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county superintendent of schools.

A. C. Hampton, superintendent of the La Grande schools, stated this morning that in the grades exercises would be held in each room while the high school would observe the day with an appropriate address by a speaker to be selected today. In the upper grades of the grammar school and in the U. S. history classes of the high school, Lincoln will form the subject of Friday's lesson. The special flag salute will also be observed in all the schools.

Washington's birthday, which falls on a Tuesday, will be a half holiday in the city and county schools. The morning will be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature while the afternoon will be a holiday.

STEAMER IS ABANDONED

SCHOONER KAMATH IS ABANDONED TODAY.

Rescue of Passengers and Crew Is Due to Heroism of Sailor Who Swam Ashore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The schooner Klamath, wrecked early Saturday morning at Del Norte, 35 miles north of here, has broken in two and been abandoned, according to a wireless message.

MAY DIE OF HUNGER, EXPOSURE

WOODCHOPPER RESCUED SATURDAY NEAR HERE, IS CRITICALLY ILL.

BERNARD A. HEINZ IS REMOVED TO HOSPITAL

Although Food Was in Cabin On Timber Claim, Heavy Snows Made It Impossible to Get Wood to Make Fire—Little Hope Is Held For His Recovery.

Bernard A. Heinz, a woodchopper, is at the Grande Ronde hospital in a critical condition as the result of being snowed in at his cabin on his timber claim seven miles from La Grande. He left for his claim about six weeks ago and when found by a rescue party, composed of Harry Clark, Harry Baker, Charles Montgomery and Mark Clark, his feet were frozen and he was so emaciated from hunger that amputation of his frozen limbs could not be immediately performed.

He told his rescuers that he had some corn meal in his cabin, but could not get out to get wood so as to be able to cook what food there was in the house.

Heinz has been in and around La Grande for the past nine years and has many friends here. He is about 45 years of age and was a man of 200 pounds weight when he left here over a month ago, but when rescued had wasted away to only about half his normal weight. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

SENATE TODAY OVERRIDES VETO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The senate today overrode Wilson's veto of the resolution directing that enlistment be stopped until the army was reduced to 175,000. The house overruled the veto Saturday.

INVESTIGATION IS AIM SOUGHT

SALEM, Feb. 7.—An investigation by the legislation committee of the rigging transactions of the past and contemplated schemes is sought by a resolution introduced by Representative Gallagher. The resolution charged that some districts made cost plus contracts, and imported Mexican laborers.

COUNTRY IS NOW SOUND FINANCIALLY

CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY MAKES REPORT.

Deflation So Obvious a Year Ago, Has Come—Middleman Must Rearrange Profits.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The country is now, in many respects, on a sounder basis financially than for the past four years, the controller of currency, John Skelton Williams, has informed congress in his "seventh and last annual report." The deflation obviously inevitable a year ago, has come, he said, and the prices of many basic commodities and war materials have returned to pre-war levels or below. It now remains for the middleman to adjust the profits before the consumer will receive the benefit.

MRS. N. CHRISTY WANTS DIVORCE

CHARGES DESERTION ON PART OF NIXON N. CHRISTY.

Wife of Former La Grande Man Says That, Since 1918, Christy as Chosen to Live With Other Women

SALEM, Feb. 7.—Charging desertion, Mrs. Lillian Alice Christy has filed complaint for divorce from her husband, Nixon Neal Christy, otherwise known as O'Neil Christy.

The couple were married in Salem, December, 1912, but since 1918, Christy has chosen to live with other women, according to the charges of his wife. She claims that he has pretended to be married to other women, and at different times has registered at a hotel in La Grande, Oregon, with Miss Dorothy Bedwell and Mrs. Dorothy Winnie as wife.

She further states that he has not contributed to the support of their four-year-old child, only at times when she forced him to, and that at present and for the last six months his address has been unknown.

She asks that the court allow her the sum of \$250 and a monthly allowance for the support of the child.

Senate Votes to Recall The Roosevelt Bill

SALEM, Feb. 7.—The senate, by a vote of 17 to 12, voted today to recall from the house the Roosevelt highway bill for reconsideration.

This action was taken over the bitter protest of Senators Hall and Norblad. Hall declared he had not traded his vote on any measure to get votes for the highway bill. He accused Chairman Booth, of the highway commission, of lobbying against it. Norblad also made the same charge.

"Talk about lobbying," he said, "who is lobbying, Senator Hall or Mr. Booth? In all fairness, think you will say that the log rolling has been on the other side."

Hall and Norblad charged the booth offered a level \$1,540,000 to the highway in Lincoln county that county would endeavor to defeat the Roosevelt highway bill.

GOVERNMENT IS AFTER A SETTLEMENT

FRESH OVERTURES SAID TO BE MADE TO EFFECT PEACE IN SOUTHERN IRELAND.

OFFERS TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS

Michael Collins, Adjutant General of the Irish Republican Army, Who Was Reported Wounded, Was Killed While Directing an Ambush Attack Last Week.

DUBLIN, Feb. 7.—Rumors are circulating here that the government is making fresh overtures to effect a settlement with Southern Ireland. One report is that the government is trying to bring the Irish leaders in line with the scheme to persuade the south to accept partition, provided for under the Home Rule act.

A full fiscal autonomy of both sections of Ireland, with an offer to release political prisoners and amnesty of the Irish Republicans generally, is included in propositions by the government, according to the report.

Constable Killed.

DUBLIN, Feb. 7.—Michael Collins, adjutant general of the Irish Republican army, was killed last week while directing an ambush, in which it was previously reported he was wounded.

Constable Killed.

RELEASE, Feb. 7.—One constable was killed and two wounded by a bomb thrown at their while on duty near Dunkirk last night.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Cattle were weak on the local market today, hogs were 50 cents higher selling at \$11 and \$11.50. Sheep were weak, eggs two cents lower the buying price being 30 and 32 cents; the selling of candied eggs 33 and 35 cents, select 38 and 40 cents. Butter was steady.

FOUR PERSONS ARE ACCUSED OF BOMBING

POLICE ARE SEEKING FOR OTHERS BELIEVED IN PLOT.

Residence of Archbishop of Mexico Bombed Yesterday, As Were Other Plants.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—Four persons have been arrested, and the police are seeking others in connection with the bombing yesterday of the residence of the archbishop of Mexico and the plant of Jorgens & Company, American jewelry manufacturers, and newspapers in connection with an outrage with the recent arrival of Bolshevik agents.

HOUSE PASSES BIG ROAD BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The house passed the \$100,000,000 road bill today, and also extended for two additional years the federal funds allotted to the state for road work.

BRUTAL MURDER OF JAPANESE

PENDLETON GAMBLER SLAIN BY COUNTRYMAN.

Slayer Escapes on Passing Freight but is Apprehended at Athena—Body of Dead Man Robbed.

A thorough search was made in La Grande Saturday for Shosho Shibata, aged 30, and a victim of the world war, who murdered M. Okamoto, alleged to be a gambler at Pendleton, Saturday morning. He was received by the local police immediately following the murder, the belief of the Pendleton police being that the criminal was on his way to this city.

Shibata, however, took the Walla Walla branch and, at Athena, got off his freight, and was immediately arrested. The murder was committed because, according to Shibata's story, Okamoto had won all the former's money.

"I was mad, Okamoto won all my money gambling, but I wouldn't do it over for a million dollars," the slayer said in his confession to the Pendleton police.

The chief motive for the killing is said to have been vengeance, but all money and jewelry, including an off link, were stripped from the dead man by the murderer.

At the former's inquest in Pendleton a lone eye-witness was revealed as K. Shiraki, another Japanese, who was in the same room with the murdered man and was awakened when the victim uttered a cry after being struck by the hatchet in the hands of the slayer the first time.

While searching for the slayer here, local police discovered what was suspected of being a game being played for money in violation of the gambling laws of the state. Insufficient evidence gave the Japanese an opportunity to escape this time with nothing more than a warning to be more careful of the kind of games they indulge in.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Tuesday, fair, except for rain in the northwest portion of the state.

STORM DAMAGE IS INCREASED

ONE FAMILY OF SEVEN IS STILL REPORTED MISSING.

Timber Uprooted and Farm Homes Wrecked—Blocked Roads Isolate The Damaged District.

PORT TOWNSEND, Feb. 7.—Further details of the storm last week of the west slope of the Olympic peninsula indicates that the loss will reach \$10,000,000. Timber was uprooted and farm homes wrecked. One family of seven is missing and one child of the family is reported to be dead. The region has been isolated by blocked roads.

C. E. MEET PRONOUNCED A SUCCESS

OVER 100 DELEGATES ATTENDED SESSIONS HELD IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

INDIAN PAGEANT ONE OF FEATURES OF SESSION

Effort Be Made to Secure World's Christian Endeavor Convention for Portland in 1923—Birthday Banquet Commemorates 40th Anniversary of Organization of First Society.

The thirty-first annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Christian Endeavor came to a close Sunday evening, the 107 registered delegates having been in session for three days. The convention was pronounced by all attending delegates, who represented 18 towns and cities and 25 societies, to have been a most enjoyable and profitable one. The largest outside delegations came from Baker and Pendleton. All sessions were presided over by Miss Faye Steinmetz of Portland, state president.

The feature of the Saturday sessions was the birthday banquet in the Y. M. C. A. This banquet was in honor of the fortieth birthday of the Christian Endeavor movement. Rev. J. A. Smith acted as toastmaster. Among those who responded to toasts were E. P. Gates, of Boston, national secretary, and Paul C. Brown, of Los Angeles. Mrs. J. Q. Hook, of Boise, Idaho, state president of the Idaho C. E. Union was one of the special guests at the banquet and other sessions of the convention. There were 120 covers laid at the banquet.

Among the matters that were discussed during the closing sessions was the possibility of Portland's entertaining the World's Seventh Christian Endeavor convention in 1923. Portland is very anxious to have this convention and the Eastern Oregon branch pledged their hearty support in aiding Portland to have this convention. There would be between 10,000 and 15,000 Endeavorers from all parts of the world gathered at Portland during this convention if the efforts to secure it are successful.

A special train will probably be sent from Oregon to the international convention to be held in New York City during July of this year. This delegation will present Portland's invitation to the international convention which will decide where the world's convention is to be held.

The fortieth anniversary goals, the program for increase in society membership rolls, for which was decided at the world's convention in Buffalo in 1919, will be announced after the Western Oregon convention which meets next week. It was at first intended to announce the winner at the luncheon in the Baptist church Saturday noon, but because of the later meeting date of the western branch of the Oregon societies, the decision to defer the announcement was made. The goal of the Grande Ronde River union was set at 175 new members, 75 new converts, 175 endeavor members regularly attending church services, 75 courtier degrees, 50 new alumni fellowship members and 50 new Bulletin subscriptions.

One of the most attractive features of the entire session was the Indian pageant put on Sunday afternoon by three Indian delegates from the Umatilla reservations. The pageant was entitled "Seeking the White Man's Book of Heaven." Rev. J. M. Cornelison, for 22 years an Indian missionary, was in charge of the pageant. The Indians taking part in the affair were Parsons Motanis, J. Pottawa and Miss Mamie Pottawa.

Sunday evening E. P. Gates, of Boston, spoke in the Presbyterian church, Paul C. Brown, of Los Angeles, spoke in the Christian church, and Rev. G. L. Clark, of Pendleton, formerly of La Grande, spoke at the Baptist church.

Resolutions passed by the convention express the delegates' thanks to the people of La Grande for their generous hospitality, thank the churches and their pastors for the cooperation extended the visitors and give expression to appreciation for all the favors showered upon the delegates by the various other organizations in La Grande for their hospitality.

The resolutions committee was composed of Agnes D. Blakely, Alice M. Greenwald and J. M. Cornelison.

In Way to Walla Walla.

Mrs. Agnes Rusk, of La Grande, who was with Pendleton, is on her way when enroute to Walla Walla to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Samuels—Pendleton Tribune.

