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AD CLUB ENDORSES ROAD WORK

SENTIMENT UNANIMOUS FOR
RUSHING PUBLIC IM-
PROVEMENTS.

WOULD RELIEVE SERIOUS
UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

The members of the Ad Club attending this week's luncheon at the Foley hotel at noon today voted unanimously in favor of the proposed road and street work in the county and city. A motion was unanimously carried endorsing the proposition and calling on every member of the club to attend the city commission meeting tomorrow evening, in order to impress on the minds of the commissioners the fact that every member of the club wants to see a big start made this year on improving the roads of the county and starting a street improvement program that will place La Grande in a class without rival in the state, as well as letting the city fathers know that the club has the right feeling for the mer- unfortunates enough to be out of work now.

A second motion was made instructing the secretary to wire to Judge U. G. Couch, of the county court, who is now in Portland, meeting with the state highway commission, to use all his influence in securing the endorsement of the proposed program by the highway commission.

Situation Serious.
The discussion at the luncheon this noon brought out the seriousness of the unemployment situation, as well as the necessity for immediate improvement work on the roads. So far as the matter of work on the city streets is concerned, Bruce Dennis stated to the meeting that he had talked with Commissioner J. D. McKennon and that McKennon had given the scheme his whole-hearted endorsement. While none of the other commissioners have discussed the matter, so far as could be learned this afternoon, it is believed that they will probably take a favorable attitude on the matter.

In explaining the case with which funds could be secured for the county road work, Mr. Dennis pointed out that Union county is in a fortunate condition in that it has a large amount of money available through authorized bonds which the state highway commission will take at par in payment for the work. It is also comparatively easy to make arrangements to have work done under the supervision of the commission so that these bonds can be used to pay for the work, he said.

It was the general sentiment that the best policy in constructing roads and streets this spring would be to grade, rock and gravel the highway and leave the hard-surfacing until a later date.

Conditions Deplorable

C. E. Short, in discussing the county's side of the matter, said that the time is here where action, and quick action must be taken. Over in the Cove section, the people are "red-headed" because of the impossibility to get in and out during the winter, he said. The roads are in a terrible condition in winter and the train that is supposed to reach there every week or so got within a half mile or so last

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PACKERS WILL REDUCE WAGES IN ALL PLANTS

OVER 100,000 PERSONS ARE SAID
TO BE AFFECTED.

Whistle Will Blow at the End Of the
Eight-Hour Day Just the Same
As Heretofore.

CHICAGO, Mar. 8.—The packers have announced a 12 1/2 per cent wage reduction in all parts of the country, effective March 12. This affects 100,000 persons.

The packers are not intending to return to the ten-hour day, and the "whistle will blow at the end of eight hours, the same as usual." The revision of the working time will affect chiefly the killing gangs, which will work, when necessary, ten hours, at the regular rate, and if over ten hours, will receive time and a half.

FREE FREIGHT FOR DONATIONS

NEAR AND FAR EAST FUND
CONTRIBUTORS SHIP FREE.

Local Committee Expected to Take
Further Action on Advisability of
Entering Statewide Campaign

The Union Pacific railroad has practically assured the committee in charge of the near and far east relief that free transportation will be given all grain shipped from La Grande and other Oregon points for shipment to the Orient for relief purposes, according to a telegram received this morning by A. W. Nelson, of the local committee, on this relief work.

The telegram states that a ship will sail April 4, from Portland with wheat and other grain and that "personal interviews with men just from the stricken areas confirm earlier stories of suffering. They urge utmost generosity and haste."

State Reports Good.
Indications are, according to the telegram, that the state of Oregon will respond to double the amount applied for. Eugene, Salem, Corvallis and Albany are among the cities where an active drive has already begun.

About a month ago a committee was appointed to take charge of the work of raising Union county's quota in case it was decided that it was feasible to take an active part in the drive in this county. Frank McKennon, of Alice, is president of this committee and C. E. Miller is secretary. The other members of the committee are H. K. O'Brien, Ed Reynolds and A. W. Nelson.

At that time action was postponed because the committee felt that it was desirable to first know whether or not adequate shipping facilities would be placed at the disposal of the relief fund committee.

Grain in Place of Cash.
The plan suggested by the state committee is to have the farmers give grain in lieu of cash and others give cash with which to buy grain. Among the suggestions made was that of each farmer giving one or two sacks of grain and those not giving the equivalent of the allotment of grain made to the farmers. If every male adult in the county, it was pointed out, gave his share in this manner, no difficulty would be encountered in securing the proper quota.

**Reclamation Service
TO AID OYSEE PLANS**
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—(Special) —Senator McNary, after a conference with the secretary of the interior, was advised that the reclamation service would at once submit a contract and send an engineer to Oregon to investigate the Oysee irrigation district in Malheur county. The Oregon legislature passed a law authorizing the expenditure of \$5000 in cooperation with the United States for the development of this project.

CABINET IS FACING BIG PROBLEMS

FIRST SESSION OF NEW CABINET
IS HELD BY PRESIDENT
HARDING TODAY.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS
FROM RHINE DISCUSSED

Panama-Costa Rican Situation Comes
In for Discussion and Also the
Legislative Program For the Session of
Congress Which Will Probably Be
Called April 11.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—The Panama-Costa Rican situation, the question of withdrawing the American troops from the Rhine, and the legislative program for a special session of Congress starting probably on April 11, were among the subjects discussed by President Harding at his first cabinet meeting today. Vice-president Coolidge also attended.

The question of the troop withdrawal occupied a large place in the discussion, and some indication of the administration's policy is expected soon.

Favors New Tariff.
The Republican Congressional leaders who dined with the President last night stated early this morning that he favored a new temporary tariff for the year, pending preparation of a permanent law replacing the Underwood act. The program is to be laid before the President soon.

Urges Treaty Ratification.
President Harding is negotiating a special message urging the immediate ratification of the Colombian treaty, under which the United States would pay Colombia \$25,000,000.

Secretary of War Weeks, after the cabinet meeting, said withdrawal of the American forces from the Rhine is not under consideration.

BLAKELY JURY HAS DISAGREED

MEDFORD, Mar. 8.—The jury which was trying Mrs. Blakely, charged with malfeasance in connection with the funds in the failed Jacksonville bank, disagreed.

**SAFETY MOVIES
TO BE SHOWN AT
CLUB THIS WEEK**

For the benefit of its employees and the public, the O-W. railroad will show moving pictures on safety at the club room tomorrow and Thursday. These pictures are very interesting and educational and instructive as well, according to an announcement issued by W. Bellows, superintendent of this division.

The showing of the pictures is in charge of J. E. Grodzki, general safety agent of the system, and every employee of the road is urged to attend one of the "shows" in the club rooms, which will be free. The pictures will be shown both afternoon and evening on both days.

KERENSKY IS IN KRONSTADT AIDING BATTLE

WAS PREMIER OF RUSSIAN GOV-
ERNMENT WHICH FELL IN 1917.

Over 100,000 Are Said to Be On Strike
in Moscow, and Several Hundred
Have Been Killed.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 8.—Alexander Kerensky, premier of the Russian government which was overthrown by the Bolsheviks in 1917, is reported to be at Kronstadt directing the revolutionary offensive against Petrograd.

Several Hundred Killed.
LONDON, Mar. 8.—Several hundred persons were killed and many wounded during the recent bombardment of the workmen's quarters in Moscow, says a Helsingfors dispatch. Over 100,000 are on strike in Moscow.

HOOVER FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—(Special) —Senator McNary in discussing the matter of shipping board appointments with Secretary of Commerce Hoover found him very favorably impressed toward Senator Chamberlain being on the board.

**B. G. FRITTS IS DRAGGED
BY AUTO, SLIGHTLY HURT**

B. G. Fritts was slightly injured yesterday afternoon at the corner of Adams avenue and Depot street when he was struck by an automobile. Mr. Fritts had just stepped off the curb when the machine, which he apparently failed to see, struck him and dragged him a short distance.

He was taken to his home by F. L. Lilly. The name of the driver of the car was not learned, but apparently no blame for the accident is laid to the driver. The accident happened between 4 and 4:30.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Wednesday, fair.

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It is an ideal suggestion and will be reasonable in price for property owners and give the city more improved streets.

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British, Belgian and French Troops Have Entered Dusseldorf

PUGET SOUND CITIES
WITHDRAW APPLICATION

SALEM, Mar. 8.—The public service commission has received a telegram from Washington, saying that the Puget Sound cities had withdrawn their application for a rehearing of the Columbia Basin rate case in which the Interstate Commerce Commission awarded Portland a ten per cent differential on shipments from south of the Snake river.

Announcement Denied.
SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 8.—The attorney for the transportation bureau of the Chamber of Commerce denies the report that the Puget Sound cities have withdrawn their application for a rehearing on the Columbia Basin case.

WILL NOT SELL WOOL IN BOSTON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—John W. Weeks, secretary of war, at the request of the western senators, including Robert N. Stanford, of Oregon, has suspended the war department orders for the sale of 6,000,000 pounds of army surplus wool at Boston next Thursday. The senators said the sale would be disastrous as the new clip is being made.

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German Cabinet Has Decided to Take No Action Opposing the Allied Forces, the Invasion of Which President Ebert Terms "Foreign Despotism"

MAYENNE, France, Mar. 8.—The British, Belgian and French troops entered Dusseldorf this morning. The French and Belgian troops occupied Duisburg at noon and the allied Rhine flotilla took possession of Rhuror.

GERMANS TAKE NO ACTION.

BERLIN, Mar. 8.—The German cabinet has decided to take no action opposing the allied advance. Speaking of the penalties, one member of the cabinet said, "We must bear them with dignity." President Ebert appealed to the German people to meet the "foreign despotism with austere dignity," and admonished against ill-advised acts. In his proclamation, President Ebert said that Germany was unable to use force to oppose the methods of the allies, but she nevertheless protested against an "open violation of the peace treaty." He said that the allies had imposed demands impossible of fulfillment, which the work of a generation could not carry out. "We must not and we cannot comply with it. Our honor and self-respect forbid it," he said.

AD CLUB NEEDS FOUR THOUSAND

CONTEMPLATED INCREASE IN
MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED

Part of Budget Will Be Provided from
Additional Subscriptions—
\$2400 from Memberships

According to the budget for the current year presented to the members of the Ad club by G. E. Miller, secretary at the weekly luncheon this noon, the club will need \$4000 during the year. "Of this amount \$2,400 will be raised from annual memberships, it being expected that 50 additional members will be added to the club's roll, and \$1600 will probably be raised through subscriptions. The budget was discussed at the meeting last evening of the executive committee and Secretary Miller was instructed to present it to the members today.

The only point on which a discussion arose today was regarding the placing of road signs which the club intended to finance. In this matter a resolution was passed asking that the city commissioners be asked to partially pay for the work. With this exception, the budget was adopted as reported by Mr. Miller.

PLANNING FOR CLEANUP WEEK

TWO COMMITTEES MEET TO DIS-
CUSS IDEAS ON SUBJECT.

Another Meeting is Expected to
Evolve Some Sort of Systematic
Plan to Make City Presentable

The advance agents of spring have been busy during the past week and some people have been driven to gardening, some are already getting ready for fishing, some housewives have begun spring house-cleaning and still others have dug their rakes out of the woodsheds and started cleaning up their yards. The spirit of the latter was what caused a joint meeting to be held last night of the child welfare committee and the civic committee of the Neighborhood club, and after discussing means whereby the entire city may be made spick and span for Old Sol's rays, it was decided to hold another meeting later.

The next meeting is scheduled for next Monday evening and besides the two committees meeting last evening, the city manager and the scoutmaster of the local troop of boy scouts will be asked to attend. The former will receive an invitation because systematic plans are to be worked out with the city authorities for "cleaning things up" and the latter was asked because the scouts have talked over plans of doing community service and helping the city keep its hidden corners clean is one of the things that has been under advisement lately.

The details of the campaign will be worked out at the meeting Monday evening and every indication is that La Grande will soon be put on a new shining to greet the summer season.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
PORTLAND, Mar. 8.—The live stock market was steady today, eggs firm, being 2 cents higher, and but- ter was weak.

TAX NOTICES COMING SOON

STATEMENTS TO REACH ALL
WITHIN ANOTHER WEEK.

There Will Be A Lot Of Money To
Collect During Last Few Weeks
Before Delinquent Date.

By the middle of next week tax statements will probably have been mailed to all Union county taxpayers, according to D. Melroy, tax collector. Melroy stated today that statements have so far been mailed only to those writing, phoning, wiring or calling in person for the statements. Those wishing to have theirs immediately can secure them by following that course, but all other statements will be mailed out either the end of this week or the beginning of next week, Thursday night being the earliest possible date before any will be put into the mails.

The work of making out the statements is a big task and Melroy has attempted to work out a plan so that all who want theirs before the regular time so that there will be no congestion in the office while the statements are being made out. However, all who want theirs before the regular batches are put into the mail can get quick action now.

The tax payments are delinquent after April 5 and there will probably be a big rush after the statements are mailed as but very little money has been paid in so far. The total taxes to be collected by the tax collector will be over \$600,000 and thus far less than \$90,000 has been paid. The payments so far received include no large payments, being distributed among about 170 taxpayers. Most of these are out of town residents who send their requests for statements in early every year.

BAKER LAYS PLAN FOR AUTOMOBILE SHOW

BAKER, Mar. 8.—The Baker County Automobile association held a meeting Saturday afternoon for discussion of the auto show. The following committee was appointed to have charge of the show: L. E. Cook, chairman; Bert Hamilton, Ed Rea, W. A. Halliday and S. O. Vorhies, and each day the plans grow, indicating that it will be the best show ever pulled off in Baker.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLILAN

RELIEVED.
An Englishman on an American street-car was looking earnestly at a very homely baby carried by a woman fellow-passenger. Noting the stranger's stare, the mother turned and indignantly exclaimed:
"Rubber!"
"Thank God!" cried the Englishman as he fell back in his seat. "I thought it was real!"

Jensen's Big New Hatchery Steams Up

At the end of this week thousands of eggs will be played in the Mammoth Incubator at the Jensen Poultry Plant, which is now put in operation for the season's run, and in a few weeks, thousands of little chicks will begin the vigorous battle in trying to free themselves from their little home inside the shell, and make a break for liberty, which even little "baby chicks" enjoy.

The big machine holds 200 eggs in one setting, or enough eggs to set 400 hens with 15 eggs under each hen at one time.

