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County Court Decides On Cove-Union Road

CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED IN JUNE

PLAN IS TO PRESENT AMENDMENT AT SPECIAL ELECTION IN JUNE FOR PUTTING CITY BEHIND IMPROVEMENT BONDS—WILL SAVE 18 PER CENT.

Adams Avenue Macadam Would Be Replaced With Hard Surface, If Amendment Carries, and Old Improvement Districts Would Be Revived and Paved—Work to Begin Immediately After Election If Amendment Carries—Districts Already Formed This Year Would Also Be Included With Old Districts.

LA GRANDE MAY BE THE AIR BASE

MAJOR ARNOLD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BURNS AND THIS CITY

Timber Owners and Commercial Bodies Urge La Grande to Be Chosen By Department.

If La Grande is selected for the new air station of the forest service it will mean that five government airships will make headquarters here this summer while patrolling the forests of Eastern Oregon for fires.

Major Arnold, who has been in Portland and is today at American Lake, in his Delahaville plane, stated to the Portland newspapers that the choice of the stations lays between Burns and La Grande.

Last evening William Miller got in telephone communication with Col. Greeley, of Portland, in regard to the matter, but was assured that Major Arnold has the handling of the air stations.

Today the commercial bodies, timber owners, city manager and county judge wired Major Arnold at American Lake to visit this city at his convenience and the matter of landing fields and proper accommodations for the service would be taken up with him by the people here.

ATHLETES USE FAIR GROUND

The La Grande high school has received permission from the city commission and the county fair board, acting for the county court, to use the fair grounds for staging their track meets for this season. It is their intention to put the track in first class shape as soon as possible for the races that are soon to take place. In order to do this vehicles of all kinds will be prohibited from entering on the track, whether to race or for a ride on a smooth lane. The city officials will see that this is enforced and City Manager Garrett says that no infringement of this rule will be tolerated.

ENTIRE ARMY IS IN DANGER

PARIS, Apr. 8.—The Turkish nationalists have resumed their advance in the Bursa sector of Asia Minor, according to official dispatches. Fears are entertained for the safety of the entire Greek expeditionary force. The magnitude of the Greek reverse is greater than was at first supposed.

Presbyterians Will Plan For New Church House

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church last night, a building committee, consisting of Robert Eakin, Charles Playle, Garrett Taal, Wm. Miller and Albert Hunter, was appointed to begin preparations at once, looking toward the erection of a new church building. It is not expected to begin the actual work this season. They are to study plans and look out for a desirable site, investigate costs of different styles of buildings and building materials, etc.

This action was the natural result of the splendid record the church has made during the past year. All reports were most encouraging. The budget plan adopted last year with the elimination of all other ways of raising money except actual giving to the Lord and His Church has resulted in a very large increase in the income of the church. All local bills were paid promptly the first of each month, the amount given to benevolence was more than twice what

CLEAN-UP BEGINS TOMORROW

The spring clean-up begins tomorrow morning. It is to be done by the Boy Scouts and school children, supervised by the Neighborhood club members. Boundary lines of districts will be printed tomorrow, showing each section of the city. All Scouts and others who take part are asked to get busy tomorrow morning on the task of cleaning up La Grande.

STEAMER CREW ON WILLHILE IS IN MUTINY

SAILED FROM NEW YORK ON MARCH 5.

Has Crew of Fifty Aboard; Cruiser Tacoma Sends Boarding Crew To Take Possession

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 8.—The steamer Willhile, accompanied by the cruiser Tacoma, is steaming up the California coast to San Pedro, with her crew in mutiny, according to a message received here. The steamer sailed from New York on March 5, via the canal. She has a crew of fifty.

The mutiny was so serious that the cruiser sent a boarding party to take possession of the Willhile. The mutiny occurred while the vessel was off La Union, Salvador.

URGER GRAIN GROWERS TO AFFILIATE

CHICAGO, Apr. 8.—The northwest group of grain growers should maintain their present organizations, which provide for one hundred per cent pooling contracts, but should affiliate with the new national co-operative grain marketing corporation, which has adopted the plan of optional pooling, said George C. Jewett, of Spokane, general manager of the northern wheat growers' association, today.

The directors of district number one of the national co-operative grain marketing corporation, comprising the states of Washington, Oregon, and California, as chosen today were George C. Jewett, of Spokane, and V. H. Smith of Waco, Oregon.

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E. D. TOWLER SUCCEEDS H. M. DU BOIS

ELECTED AS PRINCIPAL OF LA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1921-22.

THIRD MAN PROMOTED FROM LOCAL FACULTY

Teachers and Members of Board Declare that New Principal is Expected to Be Creditable Successor to Du Bois—Has Had Several Years of Administrative Experience.

At a special meeting of the La Grande school board yesterday evening E. D. Towler, head of the science department of the high school, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry M. DuBois, principal, who recently announced that he will not be available for the position next year.

The election of Mr. Towler to the principalship is in line with the policy of the board of promoting members of the local faculties whenever the opportunity arises and teachers filling the requirements for the higher administrative positions are found in the faculty. Mr. Towler is the third man promoted from a teaching position in the local schools during the past several years. The others are Mr. DuBois and A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools.

Mr. Towler's election was unanimous and his salary was fixed at \$2,000 for ten months. The principal of the high school is hired on a ten months basis, while the teachers are hired on a nine months basis, the reason for the extra month being that the principal is expected to do much work during the month of August, in preparation for the coming school year.

For the past two years Mr. Towler has been head of the science department of the high school. The year previous he spent in military service, having been in an officers' training camp, failing to get his commission, however, because of severe illness shortly before he was ready to receive it.

He was head of the history department of the Excelsior Springs, Missouri, high school from 1916 to 1918 and during the year 1916 he was also principal of that school. He had graduated from the University of Missouri in the spring of 1916, receiving a degree of B. S. in education. Previous to his work in the university, he had attended the normal school at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and from 1912 to 1914 he was principal of the Bloomfield, Missouri, high school.

His work in college was directed along several lines. The branches of education he devoted most of his time to were history, science, English,

MINERS WILL GO ON STRIKE ON TUESDAY

ALL EFFORTS AT RECONCILIATION BY LLOYD GEORGE FAIL

Greatest Industrial Controversy in England Will Be Precipitated by Strike Tuesday Morning

LONDON, April 8.—All efforts of Premier Lloyd George to bring the miners and mine owners together to settle the coal strike having failed, the miners' executives went into conference this afternoon with their three partners in the triple alliance, the transport workers and the railway men, to decide when the sympathetic strike should begin.

This would precipitate the greatest industrial controversy in England for years. Announcement of the decision of a sympathetic strike was made by J. H. Thomas, leader of the railroaders.

Tuesday is Date Set

The railroad men and the transport workers decided tonight to strike Tuesday morning in sympathy with the miners.

Reserves Called Up

Lloyd George has announced that the government would call for volunteers for the transport and other essential services, in view of the respective triple alliance strike. A royal proclamation will call up the army and navy reserves.

MILK PRICE IS REDUCED

PORTLAND, April 8.—The distributors today met the producers price of milk to grocers, but did not reduce prices to the residence, which remained from thirteen to fifteen cents a quart. Some of the grocers are selling at ten cents a quart.

BIGGEST SHOW OF ITS KIND

BAKER, Apr. 8.—(Special to the Observer)—The Baker Automotive and Merchant's Exposition is the biggest thing of its kind in the state. The municipal natatorium is beautifully decorated and the displays are fine. Thousands today and yesterday visited the scene. The show will close officially on Saturday evening. A real wedding on a raft in the municipal pool, is to feature the last night of the show. La Grande and Union county people are especially invited. The doors will be open Sunday because of the immense crowds.

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WORK EXPECTED TO BE UNDER WAY IN TEN DAYS

CO-OPERATION OF COMMUNITIES IS PROMISED TO THE COURT ON EIGHT-MILE PIECE OF ROAD BETWEEN UNION AND COVE.

More Road Work Will Probably Be Done This Year Than Again In Any One Year, Declares Commissioner—Work On State Road Projects Will Be Under Way In Several Weeks, It Is Now Believed—Cost of Road Estimated at About \$1300 a Mile, Including Grading, Graveling and Installing Culverts.

Cove came to La Grande yesterday over 100 strong, with intentions of returning home in the evening with a promise from the county court that a road passable the year 'round will be built this year. When they went home they had assurance that within about 10 days grading of the road between Union and Cove will be under way, the co-operation of Union and Cove making possible this decision of the county court to get work started immediately.

The decision to build this road immediately does not, by any means, affect the building of the La Grande-Cove road, but means that Cove is to have a passable road at the earliest possible moment, only a gravel road now, but later, when the road to La Grande is built, there is a strong possibility that a paved road will be built immediately.

The proposed road will be about 8 miles in length. The Cove people agreed to do \$2,000 worth of work on the road, while the Union people agreed to do \$1250 worth of work on the road. One mile is now rockier, so that the county will have only about 4 1/2 miles to grade and gravel.

Low Cost Estimated.

The cost of the road is estimated at about \$1300 a mile. This includes grading, graveling and installing culverts. Representatives from both Cove and Union were at the meeting of the court yesterday when the agreement was made.

County Commissioner J. F. Hutchinson declared this morning that more road work will be done in Union county this year than will probably be done again in many years, during any one year. Work is to be done on the Elgin and Katherine Creek market roads and for several weeks a crew has been working near Union on a small piece of road.

Many Contracts to Be Let

At the next meeting of the state highway commission, in May, it is believed that bids will be opened on the Hot Lake-Union section of the Old Oregon Trail, on 1 1/2 miles of paving through the city of Union and on the graveling of the Union-North Powder section. It is possible, however, that the paving through the city of Union will be let a month later as it might not be possible to get the specifications and plans ready in time.

Within two weeks it is believed that work on the Elgin-Minam road will be started. This contract was let last July and the contractor has kept his bonds up so that it could be re-let. The amount for which this contract was let is \$84,000. The matter was delayed awaiting a decision of the state to finance the project, taking its pay from the county in bonds for that part of the work the county is to pay for.

It is also expected that work on the road from here to Kamela will begin within less than 30 days. This work will be done in two sections, the contracts for which were let Wednesday by the state highway commission at a price much below the estimate of the state highway engineers. The piece of road along this route from La Grande to Hilgard, 6.3 miles in length, will be graded by Rojette and Winter for \$98,000. The figures on this contract were erroneously reported in press dispatches yesterday as being \$79,999.

The Kamela-Hilgard stretch will be graded by Elliott and Scroggin for \$172,078. This figure is \$199 lower than that bid by the nearest competitor, the Houser firm, which bid \$172,277. The bidding on this section, as well as on others was very keen and contractors figured costs to a pretty close figure, judging from the bids. This piece of grading is 12.75 miles in length.

Portland Markets

PORTLAND, April 8.—The local market report gave cattle, hogs, sheep, eggs and butter, steady.

Weather Forecast

Tonight and Saturday, fair, warmer in the eastern portion of the state. Saturday, light frosts in the morning.

MANY CONTESTS ARE SCHEDULED

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL IS TO HAVE A BUSY SEASON.

Pentathlon Will Be Held at the Fair Grounds Tomorrow, Contestants Being Men Now Out For Track

The schedule of the track team of the La Grande high school has taken on a definite shape within the last week and something is promised for every Saturday from now until the Annual Eastern Oregon Meet, which will be held at Union on May 14.

Tomorrow the local team will stage a pentathlon at the fair grounds starting promptly at 2 o'clock. Although the pentathlon is something new to the followers of track and field sport of this city, it should prove very interesting to them due to the wide variety of events. The versatile athlete will have the decided advantage over his competitors as the 100-yard dash, javelin throw, broad jump, shot put, and mile run are the events that appear on the program and each man must compete in each event if his score is to count.

On Saturday the 16th the annual class meet will settle the dispute as to which class will carry their number at the Faculty Cup. Union comes here for a dual meet on the 23rd and the local team goes to Pendleton on the 30th to try for honors there. On the 7th of May the Baker team will put in their appearance here to endeavor to repeat their win of last season.

Captain Thelen is leading a team that is just as determined that La Grande shall have the larger score at the end. On May 14th, Union will be the meet to settle the championship of the eastern part of the state. Forty men are turning out regularly and, according to Earl Reynolds, there is some promising material to be found among them. Almost an entirely new team must be built up this year, but with the right kind of support La Grande expects to carry off more than her share of the prizes.

LIGHT OPERA TOMORROW

LYCEUM NUMBER TO BE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Some Fine Talent Represented in the Program of the Letter Light Opera Company

The Letter Light Opera company will appear here tomorrow evening at the high school auditorium in a number of selections from classical and popular light opera. A modern light opera, "The Philosopher and the Lady," will also be put on by the company, which ranks very high.

This company will appear here under the auspices of the local lyceum bureau in a post-season number which was decided on in order to raise funds for taking up the deficit of the course. Because of the co-operation of the Ellison-White lyceum bureau it will be possible to put this number on for a popular price of 50 cents, the usual price for the company's program being from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

All of the numbers presented will be given in costume. A fair idea of the entertainment that La Grande people have in store for them tomorrow evening can be gained by glancing over the program which includes selections from the following: "The Mikado," "La Boheme," "Robin Hood," and "H. Trovatore." The company includes the following singers: Hazel Hunt, contralto; an artist of exceptional ability and for some years soloist in the First Congregational Church of Evanston; Martha Cook, soprano, as a voice of remarkable purity and flexibility. She was presented

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The End of a Perfect Day

