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President Would End State Of War

BOTH LA GRANDE BANKS TO BE BURGLAR PROOF

WEARY WILLIE WITH HIS CROWBAR, OR THE PROFESSIONAL BANK ROBBER, WILL NOT FIND GOOD PICKINGS IN LA GRANDE IN FUTURE.

TO PASS ON WATER RIGHTS

STATE WATER BOARD HAS FULL CALENDAR

Many Important Matters Relative to Water Use Will Be Determined This Week

George T. Cochran, State Superintendent, goes to Salem this evening to attend a water board meeting. At this meeting many important matters relative to water rights and use of water will be determined. A number of irrigation districts in Southern Oregon have conflicting rights and this meeting of the board will endeavor to straighten them out. The decision of the board will probably be rendered as to Burnt River and its tributaries, and a water master can then be placed upon that stream for the coming irrigating season. A number of contests over water permits are before the board, on which testimony will be taken at this meeting, looking toward the settlement of those disputes.

MRS. W. W. GRAY PASSES AWAY

WAS WIFE OF SAWMILL SUPERINTENDENT AT PERRY.

Had Been Ill Only a Short Time—Funeral Services Will Be Held Thursday Afternoon.

Coming as a shock to her many friends, was the death yesterday afternoon of Mrs. W. W. Gray, of Perry. Mrs. Gray is the wife of the sawmill superintendent for the Grande Ronde Lumber company, and had been ill only a brief period. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have resided in Perry for about twelve years and have many friends in that vicinity.

Mrs. Gray was forty-five years of age at the time of her death and, besides her husband, leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Bohlenkamp Chapel. Her maiden name was Lorraine Wilding. Interment will be made in the Masonic cemetery.

Umatilla Agent Favors U.S. Grain Association

PENDLETON, April 12.—Fred Bennion, county agriculture agent, is in favor of the United States Growers Association, plans for which were outlined at a national convention held in Chicago and which Mr. Bennion attended as one of the delegates from the state of Oregon. Mr. Bennion returned here Sunday.

"It is unquestionably the biggest grain association ever organized," said Mr. Bennion. "The big debate of the convention was between the North-west growers, who favored compulsory pooling and between the Middle West growers, favoring the plan whereby farmers would be permitted to sell, consign or pool grain. The decision reached permitted the latter system."

May Modify Plan. Mr. Bennion pointed out that the Oregon and Washington Grain Grow-

New System Protects Vaults From All Robbers or Bandits. As When Alarm Is Turned In, Sound Is Heard In Various Parts of City, and Bank Vault Is Locked For Seven Hours.

The "Weary Willie," with his crowbar, or the professional bank robber with his safe-cracking kit, acetylene torch and hard steel drills, or even the bold daylight bandit with his nerve and grace of six-shooters, will have no field to work in La Grande in the future, for both the United States National bank and the La Grande National bank have contracted with Gordon Burns, representing the Palmer Magnetic Lock company, of Seattle, for the installation of the latest and most perfect electrical protection for bank safes and vaults ever installed.

It is an entirely new system and besides electrifying the vault doors and safes, causing alarms to sound in different parts of the city the moment entrance is attempted, it also gives physical protection by electrically throwing two heavy locks which will not open for anyone until seven hours after the attempted robbery.

Insurance Rates Reduced. So perfect is the working of the new system that insurance companies writing burglar insurance on banks have reduced their rates fifty per cent on institutions that have the new system in operation.

When the crime wave started a few years ago and banks were being held up and robbed at night, E. S. Palmer, of Seattle, set to work to invent a system that would stop the robbers. His record as an inventor is well known in the northwest and his success in this undertaking was freely predicted by those who best know him. When he announced his system ready for inspection, bankers, safe makers and insurance men put the system to the severest tests. Pursues were made up by these men and offered to professional locksmiths and mechanics who would beat the Palmer system and enter a vault where the protection was installed. Effort after effort was made but no one has ever succeeded in beating it. Mr. Palmer is so positive of its merits that he has a standing offer to anyone who will enter a vault after his protective system has been installed.

Push Buttons Employed. For protection from daylight hold-ups the banks are wired in such a way that entrance of a stick-up man may be announced from any one of a half hundred push buttons, some of which are on the floor in convenient places. Thus a robber orders all employees to throw up their hands and as the order is complied with any one of the employees, for instance, the stenographer presses a button on the floor with her foot, and the whole town is aroused by the alarms which sound.

Only a few banks in the United States are equipped with the systems that will be installed in the two La Grande financial institutions and these banks are in the foreground in making their institutions absolutely safe for their customers. Safety deposit boxes always suffer from bank robbery and it is still a mooted question as to whether a bank is responsible for theft from these boxes in case of robbery. With the new device-

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President Calls Senate Members In Conference

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12.—President Harding this morning called the Republican members of the senate foreign relations committee to the White House to present to them the statements in his message regarding foreign relations. The League of Nations opponents among the senators were satisfied with what the message contained on that subject.

T. E. FOSTER PASSES AWAY

DEATH CAME YESTERDAY AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS.

Was Raised in Union County and Lived in Eastern Oregon Most of His Life.

The funeral of Thomas E. Foster, who died here yesterday morning, will be held from the Henry chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Foster lived most of his life in Eastern Oregon, with the exception of a short time spent in Athens, where he went to school. He was born and raised in Cove, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Foster, who now reside at Union.

Deceased would have been 36 years of age had he lived until June 21. He is survived by his parents, his widow and a five-year-old son. He was a brakeman on the O.-W. at the time of his death. Death came following a several weeks' illness.

The Masonic lodge will be in charge of the services. Mr. Foster joined this lodge at Athens a number of years ago. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Sanitary Condition Must Prevail

This week is Clean-Up Week.

Today and tomorrow, health posters, made by the pupils in the fifth grade of the city schools, ranging in age from nine to ten years, will be on display in the various business houses. On Wednesday, special prominence will be given the posters by the merchants, in order to emphasize the sanitary side of Clean-Up Week.

Not only is Clean-Up Week for the gathering of tin cans and other refuse, but also for a clean-up of piles of trash which would later serve as a breeding place for the much-hated house fly. This house pest brings disease and dirt, and it is for this reason that the city officials are looking to the cleaning up of the unsanitary conditions about the city. If the resident having such conditions does not clean them up of his own accord, the work will be so ordered by the Board of Health, and done at the owner's expense.

All unburnable trash should be piled in boxes or sacks and placed along the parking on the street by Friday evening, so that the city wagons may gather same up when they start to work early Saturday.

During this week, special permission has been given for the burning of trash piles without a permit.

OBJECTIONS TO ROAD ARE OVERCOME

LA GRANDE-COVE ROAD CAN BE BUILT THIS YEAR

LEGAL PHASES OF ROAD BOND ISSUE EXPLAINED

Judge Crawford Tells Ad Club Members There Is No Ground for Delaying Work Because of Alleged Limitation of Amount of Bonds Issuable—Act Under Which Voted Provides Otherwise.

At the weekly noon luncheon of the Ad Club today Judge T. H. Crawford discussed the proposed La Grande-Cove road, pointing out some legal phases of the bond issue under which the road is to be built and calling upon the Ad club members to demand that the county court take immediate action that will assure the building of the road.

Judge Crawford reviewed the history of the bond issue passed October 11, 1919. At that time the people of the county voted to bond the county for slightly less than a million and a half dollars and of this sum the sum of \$275,000 was to be used for building the road from La Grande to Cove. This money was voted for building the road immediately and not for the purpose of building the road at a re-

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Supreme Court Approves Plans For Stockyards

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12.—The new plan under which the Swift and Armour companies will divert themselves of the stockyards and terminal railroad interests, including the Portland stockyards, was agreed to by the department of justice and approved by the district of Columbia supreme court.

AIR LANDING FIELD ASKED

AD CLUB FAVORS PROVIDING MUNICIPAL FIELD.

Tourists Will Travel Via Air This Year Says Pilot—Forest Patrol Field Is Possible.

The necessity of an air landing field in or near La Grande was discussed at this noon's meeting of the Ad club. William Miller read a letter from Major H. H. Arnold, of the air service. This letter assured the club that it is practically certain that another air forest patrol base is to be established in Eastern Oregon, the location to be either at La Grande or Burns. At an early date Major Arnold will visit La Grande with the intention of inspecting whatever site can be offered here.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the future of the air service is even greater than that of the automotive industry was 20 years ago, development being made much more rapidly than in the automotive industry. He pointed out that it was a community proposition and, on his motion, President E. P. Mossman appointed a committee to wait on the city commission tomorrow evening and request them to take up the matter of providing an air landing field that would be suitable for the government air service. Mr. Mossman appointed the following committee: T. J. Serocornin, H. E. Coolidge, William Miller, J. L. Ingle, Fred L. Meyers, C. E. Short, A. W. Nelson, Judge T. H. Crawford, C. C. Pennington, J. E. Reynolds, and Walter E. Lees.

Walter E. Lees also spoke on this matter. He pointed out that the chances of La Grande being selected for the forest patrol station would be greatly increased if we could have a small field marked when Major Arnold arrives here. He also pointed out that the air tourist travel will increase greatly this year and that there isn't a landing field between Spokane and Portland on the west and Salt Lake on the east. If La Grande puts in a field this spring practically all of this air travel, which Mr. Lees believes will be heavy, will be routed via this city.

Weather Forecast.

Tonight and Wednesday, rain. Strong southwest gales; storm warnings have been raised from the Columbia river north along the Oregon and Washington coasts.

Harding Delivers First Message

DISCUSSION OF PEACE QUESTION OPENED WITH A DEFINITE DECLARATION AGAINST THE EXISTING LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Association of Nations, the President said, Could Not Be Affected Until the World Is At Peace; There Will Be No Betrayal of Vote of American People In the Recent Election Against Taking Part In the Existing League of Nations, In Which the President Says, "This Republic Will Have No Part."

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12.—President Harding, in his first message to congress announced that he would approve a declaratory resolution by congress "with qualifications essential to protect all of our rights," and which would end the "technical state of war against the Central Powers." He objected, however, to the separate peace treaties in view, terming them "our involved peace engagements." The President's discussion of the peace question was opened with a definite declaration against the existing league of nations, in which he said "this republic will have no part."

"There can be no misinterpretation and there will be no betrayal of a deliberate expression of the American people in the recent election; and, settled in our decision for ourselves, it is only fair to say to the world that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

Although declaring against the existing league of nations, the President said: "The wiser course would seem to be the acceptance of the confirmation of our rights and interests as already provided and to engage under the existing treaty, assuming, of course, that this can be satisfactorily achieved by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom from the inadvisable commitments and safeguard all of our essential interests."

The association of nations, the President said, could not be formed until the world is at peace. Other recommendations made by the President were: Readjustment of the internal taxes and the repeal of, or revision of, those which have become unproductive or burdensome. Instant tariff enactment, "emergency in character."

Efficient operation of railroads, "at least which traffic can bear." Rates and costs of operation must be reduced. The strengthening of laws governing federal aid for roads. Harding said that the United States intends to establish and maintain a merchant marine and the "government facilities should be made available for private usage without unduly interfering with private enterprise."

The encouragement and regulation of aviation. A generous and practical expression of gratitude to the service men by Congress is expected by the American people. The President urged the extension of hospital facilities. He also urged the co-ordination of the various government agencies for public welfare.

Endorsed the pending maternity bill. "Congress," said Harding, "should wipe out the stain of barbaric lynching," and he approved a commission of representatives from the white and black races to study and report on lynching. Favored the elimination of heavy burdens of armament. "We are ready to co-operate with other nations to approximate disarmament," but mere prudence forbids we alone disarm."

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Davis Buys Wallowa Marble & Granite Co.

For the purpose of devoting entire attention to its marble quarries in the Lostine basin, where the finest grade of marble west of Vermont is produced, the Wallowa Marble and Granite company yesterday sold its building and retail plant in La Grande to E. C. Davis, principal owner of the Blue Mountain Marble and Granite company. Judge E. C. Davis, of Wallowa, O. T. Campion and Bruce Cox, of La Grande, were directors in the company that made the deal and the announcement today was made by them that the finishing plant and goods of the La Grande end of the Wallowa