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HARDING ASKS POSTPONEMENT OF BONUS LAW

Declares Enactment of Adjusted Compensation Act at the Present Time Would Greatly Imperil the Financial Stability of the United States.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Enactment of the adjusted compensation legislation for the veterans of the world war would "greatly imperil the financial stability of our country," President Harding told the senate today in the second address he has made to that body.

"Every obligation is to the disabled and the dependent," the President said, "and the executive branch owes it to the country to frankly state the difficulties we daily are called upon to meet and the added peril this measure would bring."

"This menacing effort to expend billions in gratuities will imperil our capacity to discharge our first obligation to those we must not fail to aid. If this measure could be made effective at the present time, without disaster to the nation's finances and without the readjustment of our taxes, it would present an entirely different question than that which is before you in the personal, as well as the public manner which ought to be a plight of good faith."

"I have commended a policy of generosity to the defenders of the nation, not as a part of any contract, not as a payment of debt owing, but as a mark of the gratitude of the nation."

"It is unthinkable to expect a business revival and a resumption of normal ways of peace while maintaining the excessive taxes of war. It is quite as unthinkable to reduce our tax burden while committing our treasury to additional obligation which ranges from three to five billions of dollars."

"Our government must undertake no obligation which it does not intend to meet."

"Our greatest necessity is to return to the normal ways of peace activities," the president emphasized. "A modest offering to the millions of service men is poor palliative to the many millions who may be out of employment. Established finance and a well established confidence are both essential to the restored commercial and industrial life of the nation," the President declared.

"Three things are necessary for restoration," said the President, "the reduction of international taxation, the refunding of the war debt, and the adjustment of the foreign loans."

CANNERY MAY MOVE HERE

FARM BUREAU MAKING SURVEY FOR PROSPECTS.

Eastern Concern Has Its Eye On La Grande as a Possible Field For Operation.

At a recent meeting of the farm bureau executive committee the chairman from the various sectional bureaus in the county were instructed to make an investigation regarding the available fruit and vegetables for canning purposes. The communities which were especially asked to make reports include Cove, Union, Elgin and Imbler.

The purpose of this investigation is to determine the available tonnage a cannery would be able to draw from here. An eastern concern has made inquiries regarding the possibility of securing sufficient tonnage to establish a cannery here.

BY EILERS ACQUITTED OF EMBEZZLING FUNDS

PORTLAND, July 12.—By Eilers has been acquitted of the charge of embezzling \$1,000 from the Eilers Talking Machine Company.

FIVE BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE

CLOVERDALE, July 12.—Five business houses were destroyed today by fire, thought to have been started by boys shooting off firecrackers. The loss is \$20,000.

IRISH REPUBLICAN LEADERS LEAVE FOR LONDON CONFERENCE

DUBLIN, July 12.—The Irish republican leaders who were chosen to participate in the conference with the British government Thursday, left today for London.

All But One Nation Accepts Invitation

Premier Briand of France Personally Expresses His Gratitude, While Senate Enthusiasms.

PARIS, July 12.—The French government will accept with pleasure and without reserve an invitation to a conference on the limitation of armaments, said a letter sent to the American embassy today for President Harding.

Premier Briand later publicly expressed his thanks to Harding for his "kind invitation," while the Chamber of Deputies broke into cheers. The senate also aroused to enthusiasm when the announcement was made in that body.

Is Epochal Event.

LONDON, July 12.—The world is on the eve of one of the most epochal events in its history, is the verdict of the newspapers and statesmen here, following President Harding's offer and the acceptance by the British government.

All But One Accept.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Favorable responses have been received from all but one of the powers to which the United States has suggested a conference for disarmament.

ANTI-BURGLAR SYSTEM IS NOW USED BY BANK

There Is No Doubt in the Minds of La Grande National Officials That Lock System Is Not Effective; Bad Wire Caused Lockout Yesterday Morning.

There is no doubt in the minds of La Grande National Bank officials that the Loc-Alarm system of burglar-proofing is efficient. The installation was completed last week and when officers of the bank came down yesterday morning they found that the vault door would not open. A representative of the Norris Safe and Lock company, of Seattle, who was in Enterprise, was called on the phone and immediately drove down to locate the trouble. One of the wire connections was loose and this automatically locked the door, showing conclusively that any tampering with the wiring or other part of the system would result in locking the vaults.

The system was introduced in the northwest by Gordon Burns, head of the sales department of the Norris company, and he personally interested the banks in Union, Wallawa and Baker counties in the new device.

These systems, when in operation, positively prevent either burglaries or hold-ups in that there is a system of loud alarms on the outside of each bank which calls out the public in case the bank robber attempts to blow a vault door, use an acetylene torch or drill, or in any way tamper with the interior of the bank. This is brought about by a system of sensitive wires so laid that it is impossible to do a thing inside the bank without electrical contact being brought about which touches off the loud alarm and the robbers are at once in the hands of officers and the public.

For hold-ups a series of buttons are placed throughout the bank and even the top of the stenographer has with this system a bank's cash for when the order is given to hold up loud sounds are heard so very quickly but at the same time pressed the top of her shoe on the little button under the desk and the gongs begin to sound.

Gordon Burns, the head of the sales department, is an experienced man with electrical education, having been connected with several houses that manufacture and sell systems of different kinds, and his conclusion was when he first saw the Norris system, when it was exhibited by the inventor, Mr. Palmer, that it was far superior to anything ever before offered and he immediately contracted for the introduction of the system. At present several states have been covered and a number of installations have been made in British Columbia.

GERMANY MUST FULFILL TREATY

PARIS, July 12.—Paris has informed Germany that she will continue the occupation of the Rhine region until Germany complies with the conditions of the Versailles treaty, relative to the punishment of war criminals. Premier Briand told the senate. He characterized the findings of the Leipzig court as "scandalous."

Fall Wheat Found Reasonably Sure Cure For Stem Maggot; County Agent Compiles Best-Known Means of Handling Situation

COMEDY PLAY ON TONIGHT

Walter Jenkins, Community Singer of Portland, Also On for This Evening

Laughs in a great measure and not a moment of gloom is the exact situation that will prevail this evening when the Keighly Players, an all star cast, present "Nothing But the Truth," at the chautauqua. Extra seats have been moved in for the occasion, the directors knowing that La Grande likes a comedy play, especially when presented by such master actors as comprise this company. The story is extremely funny, the parts being well taken, and it will be an evening of real fun and frolic.

Singer Performs Tonight

To say that Walter Jenkins of Portland "performs" is stating it just right for he does and makes his audience perform. He made them sing this afternoon and he will do it tonight. He appears with a pride, and will have his crowd laughing and singing with him.

In Seats Early

In order that there will be no disturbance, those coming late will not be seated during the presentation of any one act. The play will start about 8:30.

McFarlen Tomorrow

Tomorrow night Peter Clark McFarlen is here, and brings with him just the kind of a lecture that his magazine and news paper stories are. Everyone has read him and in addition to his clever wit, he is a good orator, too.

WESTERN PART OF STATE FAVORED IS REPORTED

Tuberculin Testing Funds Being Spent Mainly on Coast—Investigation Being Made.

Albert Hunter was instructed by the executive committee of the farm bureau at its last meeting to get into touch with Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, and find out whether Eastern Oregon is being given a square deal in the tuberculin testing work being done free by the state and federal governments.

According to reports Western Oregon is getting nine tenths of the testing work in the state. If this report is correct an effort will be made by the farm bureau to have a man stationed in Eastern Oregon to give this part of the state its share of the work.

A huge number of farmers have made requests through the farm bureau to have their cows tested. Dr. H. W. Riley, who is a deputy state sanitary inspector, has also been doing considerable testing of dairy herds.

LA GRANDE SAID TO BE FIRE SAFE

Inspector Finds That Conditions Here Are Good—New Laws Next Year

La Grande's business houses are better protected from fire than those in many cities, according to James S. Gleason, deputy state fire marshal, who was in La Grande yesterday inspecting fire hazards and electrical wiring with C. C. Murchison, fire chief and also deputized by the state fire marshal to enforce the fire regulations.

In commenting on the conditions of buildings he pointed out that there was little serious trouble and that practically all owners have agreed to make such changes as were required to bring their buildings up to the safety standard set by the state laws.

One dance hall was reported by Gleason to have a dangerous fire escape and some wiring in a number of buildings was found to be in a condition that needed attention.

The new laws relating to fire prevention, which are now being printed, according to Gleason, will necessitate many changes, a year being given in which to make these changes. One of these changes will affect all garages with wooden floors. Cement floors will have to be installed within a year. Moving picture houses where people reside above the theatre, will have to make certain changes in order to better fire proof the building, separating the upper stories from the lower, by walls with an air space between.

What It Is:

The wheat stem maggot (meromyza americana) is a small green or greenish white worm which attacks growing grains or grasses. It burrows into the center of the stalk, eats out the embryo head, working preferably on grain which is in the early jointing stage, usually the spring planting. Its occurrence:

This little pest, while apparently never before recognized as destructive in Oregon previous to this year, has been known in the North Central states since the year 1856. Many wheat growers here have noticed occasional dead heads of wheat in fields in past years, just previous to ripening. The damage to the wheat in earlier stages, if any, was so small as to pass unnoticed. This year moisture in abundance furnished ideal conditions for the development of the maggot. In place of two generations of the worms hatching—one in March or April and the other in May or June—it is likely that there has been a continuous development of flies and maggots beginning as far back as last fall, and continuing as soon as the weather moderated this spring.

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ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



WHEAT YIELD IS CUT DOWN BY MAGGOTS

Nearly Million Bushels of Wheat Are Expected to be Harvested in Union County; Crop in Entire United States Is Expected to Outstrip Last Year's Crop.

Present indications are that Union county's wheat crop will be around 950,000. This includes both fall and winter wheat and takes into consideration the loss suffered by many farmers because of the wheat stem maggot which has made such ravages in the spring wheat that some farmers are plowing their spring grain under.

The county assessor has not yet completed tabulating the crop acreages for the various crops, so exact figures as to the acreage planted to wheat this year are not available.

But taking other years' statistics as a basis and making some allowance for a slight decrease because of some change in crops the above result was obtained. The estimated acreage in winter wheat used as a basis for estimating the crop was 26,000 and the spring wheat acreage was placed at 39,000.

Some High Yields

According to Harry C. Avery, county agent, who has talked with numerous farmers in various parts of the county and also examined numerous fields the winter wheat crop will be heavy this year and an average of 25 bushels per acre is expected. A number of farmers who are considered conservative in making crop estimates have placed the average of winter wheat at thirty bushels. The best looking fields have been estimated at 65 bushels but 50 bushels per acre is probably a safe figure to place them at. If the crop will average 25 bushels per acre winter wheat will contribute 585,000 bushels to the county's total.

Spring Wheat Damaged

The spring wheat crop has been practically cut in two because of the wheat stem maggot, according to Mr. Avery. This would make the yield around 375,000 bushels, the average year being around 19 bushels as a rule. This amount may, however, be greatly increased if favorable weather conditions prevail. The maggot which has spread through the fields in many parts of the county is so destructive this year largely because of the excessive moisture bringing out more hatches than usual and if weather conditions are favorable some of the destructive effects can be overcome.

Better Cultivation of the Summer

fall, winter wheat, and where spring grain is planted rye and oats instead of wheat," is the prescription Mr. Avery has given farmers to prevent a recurrence of the unfortunate conditions of this year due to the stem maggot's abnormal breeding. It will be necessary to follow these rules for several years to get rid of the maggot, Avery said.

U. S. Crop Bigger

According to the crop report of the department of agriculture the 1921 crop will be greater than last year's crop. The crop estimate announced last week placed the total in the country at 800,000,000 bushels, compared with a crop of 737,000,000 bushels in 1920.

In Umatilla county an exceptional crop is expected this year. Although the excessive heat has damaged the wheat some during the past ten days it has been estimated that 250,000 more bushels will be raised there this year than even before.

Reservation Wheat Heavy

The Umatilla reservation section has such a heavy crop that it is reported that it is literally falling over and only special machines can harvest this fallen grain. Everywhere in the world's greatest wheat county the grain crop promises to be greater than usual.

Sherman county is also expecting a large yield. The wheat in Sherman county is reported to be cleaner than usual. Some smut and some "Jim Hill" is reported but the heavy moisture of this season has tended to keep these two pests off the crop.

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CASE OF WARD SMITH REVERSED

SALEM, July 12.—The Supreme Court has reversed and remanded the case of the State vs. Ward Smith, appellant. The appeal is from Union county on the plea of former jeopardy under the prohibition act.

Charges 2000 Japs Smuggled Into U. S.

Suit Brought in Tokio Court Against So-Called Japanese-Mexico Industrial Development Co.

TOKIO, July 12.—That over 2,000 Japanese have been smuggled from Lower California into the United States by pulling the wool over the eyes of the Japanese foreign office, is one of the sensational charges made in a suit brought in the Tokio courts by a Japanese named Harada against the so-called Japanese-Mexico Industrial Development company.

Harada also charged that Japanese Consul Oyama, of Los Angeles, issued fraudulent certificates of connection with the activities of the corporation. Harada charged that the corporation entered the smuggling business as a side line, charging \$500 to \$800 a head to bring each Japanese across the line.

The foreign office issued a statement, however, saying it believed the number of smuggled Japanese to be highly exaggerated, because it had no records, and the steamship company had no records, which would indicate that any such number of Japanese had emigrated to Mexico.

BUSINESS MEN OF LA GRANDE FAVOR LIGHTS

New System in Downtown Section of City Gets the Support of Large Number of Property Owners; Many Believe Expense Will Come Anyway.

L. E. Bragg, chairman of the electric affairs committee of the city club, today announced that the majority of business men on Adams avenue, Depot street and Elm street, where it is proposed to erect an ornamental lighting system this year, have given their approval to the proposition.

"Many of the business houses are in rented places and these men have usually declined to express an opinion but the business houses owning their own property favor the new system although it will mean some expense in rewiring their buildings," Mr. Bragg stated.

"Among those favorable to the project and who have promised to send representatives to the city commission meeting tomorrow evening are the La Grande Investment company, N. K. West, the La Grande National Bank, the United States National Bank and the Oregon Hardware and Implement company."

The question of installing an ornamental lighting system on Adams avenue between Fourth and Greenwood and on Depot from Jefferson to the Elks Club and possibly on Elm from Jefferson to Washington, was brought up in city commission meeting two weeks ago when J. P. Lottridge, general manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, appeared before the commission and told that body that his company will rebuild the Adams avenue pole line this year and that if the ornamental system is installed now they will remove their poles from the street to the alleys.

Mr. Lottridge pointed out at that time that it would be impossible for his company to go to the expense of removing the poles a year or even five years from now if the city postpones its ornamental light system at this time and forces the rebuilding of the line along Adams avenue.

He also pointed out that the business houses along Adams avenue would be put to the expense of rewiring which would cost from \$25 to \$100 per building, the average probably being about \$50.

The city commissioners at the meeting two weeks ago decided to refer the matter to the business men and if the business men agree to stand their share of the expense in rewiring the city would take favorable action on the proposition.

If the work is done it is probable that the city will defer it until the fall installation of taxes comes in as it is understood now that there are not sufficient funds now for the work which would cost the city between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

Weather

Tonight and Wednesday fair. Warmer Wednesday, except near the coast.