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NEW MEMBER DAY AT THE CLUB DINNER

Ad. Club "Jiners" Given Royal Welcome by the Old Heads of La Grande

LOUNSBERRY TALKS OF FREIGHT RATES

Resolution of Condolence Passed on Death of W. H. Talbott—New Depot Talk Gets Rousing Ovation.

The new members of the Ad Club met with a hurrah reception today at the Foley hotel during the lunch of the organization. And there were a lot of new members, all of whom took to the work with a will.

Dr. Landis, chairman of the committee of the club which was ordered several weeks ago to go forth and bring in a new railroad depot, reported progress and said he did not think the matter was entirely hopeless. This met with a loud cheer and a great ovation for La Grande has been sorely in need of a new depot ever since J. M. Buckley and J. P. O'Brien used to play seven-up to see who would work the night "trick" at this station.

Dr. Murphy asked that all stores be closed on Armistice Day in honor of the Legion celebration and the request was unanimously adopted.

A resolution deploring the death of W. H. Talbott, a member of the club, and offering profound sympathy to the family of the deceased was adopted.

H. E. Lounsberry, of the O.W., spoke at length on freight rates as they affect the inter-mountain country. He took issue with many things that had been said relative to lowering rates and offered several exhibits to prove his contentions. He insisted that more than twelve per cent reduction in freight rates had voluntarily been given the people and said the coast to coast could not be as low as the interior rate.

While few understood the details of the argument, all were interested in hearing Mr. Lounsberry, for he is a jolished talker and represented officially the railroad company.

Dr. Ruckman was named as the next chairman for Tuesday's luncheon.

Dr. Bacon Suffers Serious Stroke Of Paralysis Today

Dr. C. T. Bacon, veteran La Grande physician, lies at his home in a serious condition as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered at about 11 o'clock this morning at the Club cigar store.

His age and his not having been in the most robust health recently leads his family and friends to much fear regarding the outcome of his present illness.

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The services, arranged and conducted by the men were largely attended. C. E. Short, president, presiding.

The music was especially fine, and the men's chorus of the club is destined to a popular year. Judging from the success of its first appearance. The entire chorus, a quartet and duet from the club furnished the various numbers. An early re-appearance in an evening's concert is now the plan of the men.

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HUNDREDS ARE SEARCHING FOR MAIL BANDITS

Illinois Mail Train Held Up Last Night; Hundred Thousand Dollar Pouch Overlooked.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—The six robbers who held up a train near Paxton last night, after fighting a 45-minute battle with the train crew in which five were wounded and the mail car was dynamited, got \$400,000, according to E. A. Gerner, chief postal inspector. They took two pouches of registered mail but overlooked two others, one containing \$100,000.

PAXTON, Ill., Nov. 8.—Hundreds of men in possession today began searching for bandits who last night held up an Illinois Central New Orleans limited train ten miles south of here and wounded ten train employees and stole two pouches of registered mail and escaped, after setting fire to a mail car.

CELEBRATION AT UNION TO BE A BIG ONE

UNION, Nov. 8.—(Special)—Union is going to have a real honest to goodness hilarious celebration on Armistice Day. Cove, North Powder and Hubler are also going to aid in giving color to the festivities which will insure a good crowd and as the storekeepers will close from ten o'clock until evening there will be nothing to keep the people elsewhere.

The program, as arranged by the Union American Legion Post which is the hand behind the gun, is a parade at ten o'clock from the school house to the M. E. church at which a program including speeches, etc., takes place. After the program the parade saunters down to the Union hotel where everybody in uniform gets fed in the good old army style (hash and everything) by Ray Hamm, chef of the Union hotel.

In the afternoon comes a spirited clash between the Hubler high school juggernaut and the Union high Super-Broadnought as a preliminary to the classic of the day for with the ending of the above mentioned battle comes the big game—at least most of the players are reported to average around two hundred pounds of bone and muscle—between the North Powder American Legion "T. N. T." and the Union Post's "P. D. Q's." This will be the first time Union and North Powder town teams have met on the gridiron in years and as Union has defeated them in basketball and baseball regularly the Powder River aspirants are seeking revenge. After the smoke and dust clear away from this halo of destruction the next big attraction will be supper. At eight o'clock the Union Concert Band, bolstered up for the occasion, will render some harmonious tunes on the front porch of the Union hotel and at nine Union will "usher out her large day" with an old-time dance at Smith's hall. Union invites everyone to be there.

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OUTLOOK IS AVERAGE FOR WHEAT CROP

World Survey by Department of Agriculture Gives Conditions

SOUTH AMERICA IS SOWING GRAIN LATE

Rains Have Benefitted Crop in Many Sections of the World During Past Month

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Plowing and preparation of the soil for winter seeding has made good progress throughout most of the northern hemisphere and is nearing completion in many countries, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. Recent rains in Germany, Rumania, Hungary and central Europe in general have put the soil in excellent condition and will tend to increase this average. Recent rains have greatly facilitated fall seeding in Great Britain and the soil is generally in excellent condition. The present outlook, however, indicates a probable reduction in acreage. The drought is again becoming serious in France and fall seeding is being delayed.

Further good rains have generally benefited conditions in British India and it is probable that a normal acreage will be sown to wheat. The prospects are not favorable for an increase in the wheat acreage in North Africa as the growers are discouraged over present prices. Moisture conditions have been favorable in Canada and the seeding of winter wheat is nearly completed. Seeding is practically completed in the northern and central sections of the United States and some seeding is being done in the far western states, but rain is greatly needed in this section to facilitate seeding and germination.

A recent communication from Argentina states that "on September 20 in the northern province of Buenos Aires and in the Pampa Central, wheat is still being sown, which is nearly a month later than is usually done. This is due to the extremely cold and dry weather of July and August so that seeding was impossible at the customary time." The wheat acreage for Argentina, as given by the Argentine government for the year 1921-22 is 13,927,000 acres, compared with 14,957,000 in 1920-21. The director of Agricultural Statistics for Argentina also states "that in his long experience of 25 years he has never

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A PICNIC WITH A STRING TIED TO IT



W. H. TALBOTT FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOME

Well Known Grain Buyer Meets Tragic Death While Alone in His Residence.

With a bullet through his left side, which had caused almost instant death, W. H. Talbott, grain buyer, was found dead at his home on Main avenue yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. A revolver with an empty shell lay close by him and various theories have been advanced as to his death. The first supposition was that he had suffered from severe kidney trouble for the moment and took his own life, but later conclusions seem to be that the revolver was exploded accidentally while he was examining it. He sat in his chair in the living room of the home and to all appearances was asleep when friends found him. But the second look showed the wound in his side which caused his death.

Mr. Talbott was very well known throughout Eastern Oregon, having resided in La Grande for the past eight years. Most of that time he was head accountant for the Kiddle mills of this valley and was one of their most honored employees. Later he became local agent for the Wallowa Milling and Grain company, one of the Max Houser corporations, and while connected with that institution he did a large business. A few months ago he opened individual offices and since that time he has been handling grain for his own firm.

It was known to many of his close friends that he had been ill for some time with an acute kidney trouble, although he kept constantly at work. This is given by many as cause for the rash act, if he did end his own life. Mr. Talbott and his family are held in the highest esteem by La Grande people.

The body will lie in state tomorrow afternoon from 2 o'clock until 4 at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman parlors and in the evening the remains will be shipped to his old home in Cincinnati, Ohio, for burial. Mrs. Talbott and their daughter, Miss Lora Jane, will accompany the remains east.

Rebekahs Meeting Here In District Convention Today

The district convention of the Rebekahs opened this morning at 10 o'clock at the Odd Fellows' hall with about 60 delegates from various parts of Eastern Oregon present. A number of committees were appointed at the morning session and at noon the La Grande lodge served a lunch in the hall.

The session this afternoon will be devoted to business matters and the election of officers. Nearly all of the district officers are present.

RAILROADS MAKE DEMAND FOR LOW PAY

Post Notice of Ten Per Cent Wage Slice on Western Roads

WANT QUICK ACTION BY RAIL LABOR BOARD

Executives Apparently Do Not Want to Wait Until Other Matters Are Settled.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—The managers of the western group of railroads today announced a decision immediately to post notices of a ten per cent wage reduction. The roads represented at the meeting yesterday included the Santa Fe, Great Western, Rock Island, Northwestern, Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, and Great Northern.

The railroad labor board announced when the strike was averted October 20 that wage reductions would not be considered until after it had passed on the working rules and schedules. But the roads decided to press the wage reduction offer so these might be brought to the attention of the board as soon as possible.

UNION SNAKE SPENDS DAY IN LA GRANDE

Producing everything over-size, Union has come to the front again with a snake measuring five feet four inches long, which was captured by C. H. Ficklin in south Union yesterday.

Today Mrs. and Mrs. T. P. Ficklin and Mrs. James Johnson acted as escorts for the snake which was brought to the county seat where the chap will bask in Frank Lilly's window while he is getting acquainted.

"Wild Cat" Cadwell of Union had a good deal to do with boxing the snake on its trip to La Grande and it is said when he had finished tying the last string he hailed a passerby, saying, "I don't know whether there is a snake in that box or not. If there is, he is a whale of a big one, and if there is none in there, then all they say about this moonshine getting a man in quick time is true."

LEGION LINEUP FOR ARMISTICE DAY ANNOUNCED

Team to Play Alumni Contains Many College Stars as Well as Former High School Players.

The lineup for the football game to be played on Armistice Day between the American Legion picked team and the high school alumni team has been chosen, and will be as follows: Center—E. Rosenbaum, Callahan; guards—Groupe, Smith, Brown; tackles—Ash, Thompson, Griener; ends—Reid, Woods, Hunt; quarter—J. Rosenbaum; halfbacks—McGinnis, Crippen, Childers and fullback, Johnson.

Most of these men are well known to the fans of La Grande. Some of them are former stars from high school and college teams. This is the greatest all-star team ever assembled in Eastern Oregon and the game promises to be one of the best ever played in La Grande.

The alumni of the high school have arranged to put a very strong team in the field and football fans are assured of their money's worth.

The game will be called at 3 p. m. at the high school ground, immediately following the patriotic program at the L. D. S. Tabernacle.

TEAM WORK IS BEING DONE AT LOW COST

Bids opened by the city commission for contracting team work revealed that labor has come down more than had been anticipated. When the matter of adjusting the estimates for the city's budget for next year was discussed at the meeting of the budget committee it was decided that the price paid for a man with a team should not exceed \$6, this figure being considered the figure at which teamsters would hold their services with team.

The bids, opened by the city ranged from \$4.98 to \$6.50, J. G. Parish being the low bidder. The amount of the bond for the teamster has been set at \$500 and a year's contract will be entered into as soon as the bonds can be arranged. During the past year \$7 a day has been the prevailing figure, \$8 a day having been paid the year before.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The president discussed today with the cabinet the means to end the wave of postal robberies throughout the country.

OMAHA, Nov. 8.—Snowstorms are raging today throughout parts of Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The revision bill was passed early this morning by the senate. It now faces its third re-writing by the house and senate conferees.

PORTLAND, Nov. 8.—Judging prices and beef cattle, sheep, swine and goats is continuing at the Pacific international livestock exposition. Ex-Governor, Leaden of Illinois, Governor Hart of Washington and Governor McElt will speak this afternoon.

PORTLAND, Nov. 8.—The wholesale and retail price of bread was cut another cent today. The pound loaf will retail for nine cents.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—American and Canadian officials have agreed on a plan to check the liquor smuggling across the border.

Six Deaths in Election Battle, Five Wounded

JACKSON, Ky., Nov. 8.—Six men were killed and five wounded in an election fight shortly after the polls opened at the Clayhite voting precinct on Troublesome creek, Breathitt county, near here today. The dead are Cleveland Combs, Leslie Combs, Ephern Allen, George Allen, John Roberts and George McIntosh.

Fighting is reported to have started when Edward Combs, uncle of the Combs boys, who was defeated in the primary as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county judge and had been supporting the republican



Tonight and Wednesday fair weather will prevail in the entire state.