

CITY IS NOW READY FOR CHARITY DRIVE

Wants to Buy Court House FINAL PLANS BEING LAID

BARGAIN TO BE OFFERED THE COUNTY

City Manager Reviews Court House History in Report Made to City Commission With Recommendations as to Settling Matter Neglected by County Court.

City Manager O. A. Kratz this morning said that he is in receipt of another flattering offer on the building now occupied by the county as a court house, this offer being made by an organization not connected with the Catholic church. It accepted by the city, he declared, La Grande will have another hospital with a sanatorium in connection.

Reports to the effect that a petition was being circulated by a number of taxpayers from points outside of the city asking La Grande taxpayers to request the city to renew its option on the building for \$20,000 and at the old rental of \$200 per month, could not be verified today.

Other rumors in the court house situation today were to the effect that lawyers and others who have business at the court house are contemplating finding a way to secure a temporary downtown court house until the county is able to build a permanent home, thus releasing the present building to the city at an early date.

Kratz Files Report.
City Manager Kratz has filed a report with the city commission in which he outlines his recommendations, which are in substance the same as those quoted in an interview with President W. D. Grundy of the city commission several days ago.

The court house situation is reviewed as follows in the report:

"Beginning with 1904 to date the county courts have either been dilatory or else were content to let La Grande pay their bills, and thereby show economy at the expense of the local city government. For instance, the mill levy for the county for 1921 is 11.29 while that for La Grande is 12.3, but if the city had been relieved of the city hall burden at the end of the fifteen year period the city's tax for 1921 would have been 11.5 mills and the county's somewhat more.

No Sinking Fund.
"What the county should have done beginning with 1904 was to have put \$2,000.00 per year in a sinking fund which in fifteen years would have amounted to over \$45,000.00 with interest at 6 per cent.

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Retail Meat Dealers Attacked in Report

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The cost of selling meat through retail stores averaged 5.36 cents a pound in 1921 compared with 3.19 cents in 1915, wages and other overhead expenses having increased or remained virtually stationary, while wholesale prices were declining in the last few years, according to a survey by the department of agriculture covering more than 800 stores. Salaries and wages were shown to be the chief item in the cost of retailing meat.

INQUEST TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

Suicide Victim Fired Only One Shot Into Body Instead of Three.

The investigation and inquest to be held over the body of Stephen T. Godsey, who committed suicide yesterday morning will not be held until tomorrow morning, Coroner Hal Bohmke announced. The investigation will be held at Union where the body was taken.

Further reports show that Mr. Godsey did not shoot himself three times but shot twice through the floor in order to ascertain if the revolver was in working order and then fired the third bullet through his head, the bullet entering just behind his ear and coming out through the top of his head. Death followed about four hours later. His wife, hearing the first two shots, entered the room in time to see him fire the final shot.

The only motive known for his suicide is poor health and business worries. He is survived by a wife and five children, two boys, Buster and Chester, and three girls, Neva, Frances and Ethel.

Funeral arrangements have not been made but will be announced after the investigation tomorrow morning, Mr. Godsey's suicide was a great shock to his many friends and relatives.

Wife of La Grande Man Passed On In California City

Word has just been received from Dr. Glen Caylor, prominent physician of Los Angeles, California, of the death of his wife in the southern city. Mrs. Caylor was a California girl and it was while Dr. Caylor was attending college in Los Angeles that he met her. She has suffered for some time past with tuberculosis, but within the last few weeks has been continuously confined to her bed, and under the constant care of physicians and nurses. Dr. Caylor is a former La Grande man, being a brother of Cam Caylor of this city. The sympathy of all of Dr. Caylor's La Grande friends is extended to him in his bereavement.

Budget of Country Club Discussed at Meeting This Week

The board of directors of the Country Club at its meeting this week outlined a budget for the year. Discussion of the various items on the tentative budget will be continued at the next meeting of the directors which is to be held Wednesday evening, February 22. It is also expected that it will be acted upon at that time.

The matter of securing a caretaker in place of Mrs. Grace Berry, who is leaving this week, was also taken up. It was decided to secure a temporary caretaker until such time as a permanent one can be secured. The club house will be open as usual but the dining room will be closed for the time being.

FREE STATE BILL PASSES IN THE HOUSE

Amendment Altering Boundary Is Defeated by Decisive Vote

KIDNAPPED MEN HAVE BEEN RELEASED

Sentiment in House of Commons Is Strong Against Changes In Bill, According To It's Vote Today.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 17.—The bill establishing the Irish Free State passed its second reading in the house of commons today after an amendment offered by Captain Charles Craig, leader of the Ulster Unionists, for altering the boundary provisions of the Anglo-Irish treaty had been defeated by a vote of 302 to 69.

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Feb. 17.—Forty-two Ulster Unionists kidnapped recently across the border have been released.

Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow At Two from Church

The funeral of Mrs. Lois A. McPherson, who passed away Wednesday evening, will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Christian church, Reverend O. W. Jones will deliver the funeral sermon.

The body will be interred in the Masonic cemetery.

LIFER IS NOT GUILTY SAYS THE GOVERNOR

Man Convicted in Wisconsin Eleven Years Ago Is Set Free by Executive Action.

(By Associated Press)
MADISON, Wis., Feb. 17.—John A. Johnson was released from state prison today after serving ten years and six months of a life sentence for the murder there in 1911 of seven-year-old Anna Lemberger, a crime which Governor Blaine is convinced Johnson did not commit.

Johnson pleaded guilty but told the governor he did so through fear he would be mobbed. The girl's father was charged with manslaughter last year and was accused of killing the girl with a bear bottle. The case was dismissed under the statute of limitations.

Thirteen Men Are Drawn on Special Venire Yesterday

First Venire in Circuit Court for Present Term Was Exhausted Yesterday.

A special venire of thirteen men was selected yesterday to supplement the list of jurors that had been drawn late in January. Several of the jurors selected then are unable to serve on account of sickness.

The thirteen men selected were: W. E. McClure, farmer of La Grande; Isaac Shaffer, farmer of Island City; E. C. Rayburn, of La Grande; W. P. Mohr, merchant of La Grande; Julius Roesch, retired merchant of La Grande; Lee Reynolds, farmer of La Grande; Lehl Wright, farmer of La Grande; Arthur Mulholland, farmer of La Grande; L. B. Mos, farmer of La Grande; L. A. Stoen, insurance agent of La Grande; L. H. Russell, of La Grande; C. E. Short, merchant of La Grande and Andrew Mullenburg, farmer of La Grande.

FRAMING OF BONUS BILL IS DISCUSSED

Fordney Says Republicans Will Pay It In Talking to House

DOLLAR A DAY IS AMOUNT PROPOSED

Reclamation and Home Owning Features are Provided as Substitutes in Bill.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The soldier bonus bill will be reported to the Republican committee within ten days and "Republicans in the house will pay it," Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee declared in the house today, during the discussion over the manner of framing.

The provisions of the proposed bill are as follows in regard to the bonus:

1. Cash—\$1 for each day of home service or \$1.25 for each day of foreign service. Maximum for home service, \$500, and for foreign service, \$825. For all grades up to captain.
2. Payment on a 20-year paid-up insurance policy amounting to 3.25 times the cash bonus. Example: A man entitled to \$500 cash bonus may take in lieu thereof \$1600 on a 20-year paid-up insurance policy.
3. Vocational training to the extent of 140 per cent of the cash bonus to which the man is entitled.
4. Allowance on the purchase of city home or farm to the extent of 140 per cent of the cash bonus.
5. Reclamation features. An allowance of 140 per cent of cash bonus for payment on irrigation farm.

Committees Named and General Plans Made for Charity Drive to Begin Monday Morning—Meeting in City Hall on Sunday Afternoon of All Members of All Committees—Response to Solicitors Promises to Be General as All are Interested in Charity Work Being Done by Red Cross Chapter Right Here in La Grande.

Everything is being put in readiness for the Red Cross Home Charity Fund Drive which begins Monday, February 20 and lasts until the 28th, during which \$3000 must be raised to carry on the charity work of the Red Cross for 1922.

At an executive committee meeting held yesterday evening it was decided to make the drive start promptly on Monday morning, and it was also decided to have a meeting of all committees Sunday afternoon in the city hall for the purpose of getting a line on the work expected of each committee.

At the Sunday afternoon meeting each committee named to solicit each district will be given the boundaries of the district with a list of names and addresses of all the people living within those boundaries.

The whole town is interested in the Home Charity Fund Drive for it means replenishing the money used for home charity work. Every dollar of the amount will be spent in La Grande to feed the hungry, clothe the children and buy fuel for those who need it. This department of the Red Cross is so organized that an index is kept of everyone needing charity and there are no applications. No other agency attends to this particular kind of work in the city and the money you give to Red Cross Home Charity Fund goes direct to those in distress.

Work to Be Done Quickly.
It was the opinion of the committee at yesterday's meeting that the drive can be made quickly and every person in La Grande be given an opportunity to give to the Charity Fund and with this in view the city has been laid off into a number of districts with the boundaries so arranged that each committee knows exactly where to work thus avoiding any haphazard solicitation.

No One Will Be Missed.
The pleasure of giving to this worthy cause will be given to every citizen. No one will be missed. It is necessary to raise \$2000 for the work and the prediction is that when the solicitation will have finished that fund will be in the treasury and the charity work of the city will be assured for the entire year.

See If Your Name Is There.
The following committees were appointed yesterday and everyone should read the list closely and see if his name is not included, and if it is he is sure and meet promptly at 2 o'clock in the city hall Sunday afternoon to become familiar with the work.

Committees on Preparation.
Church and Sunday School Committee—Rev. Gunn, Rev. Quigley, Rev. Father Leeper, Elder W. O. Jones, Rev. Storm, Bishop Davis, J. Stoddard, Rev. A. R. Sifton, Mrs. (Continued on Page Five.)

Eberhard Says he will be a Candidate Again

Colon R. Eberhard, state senator from Union, Morrow and Umatilla counties, expects to file his formal announcement of his candidacy to succeed himself either tomorrow or early next week, he announced today. Mr. Eberhard is not expected to meet with opposition for the nomination at the Republican primaries in May from Morrow and Umatilla counties, according to dispatches from Pendleton, and no Union county opposition is expected.

Senator Eberhard is married in two regular and two special sessions. He is a lawyer who came to Oregon in 1904 and from that time until 1909 he practiced law in Joseph. In the latter year he was appointed receiver of the U. S. Land office here, holding this position four years, following which he returned to Oregon, now going into partnership with Geo. T. Cochran.

During the war he was chairman of the legal advisory board of this district and chairman of the home service section of the Red Cross.

He has been a member of the La Grande school board for a number of years and filled an unexpired term as district attorney for several months at one time.

Mr. Eberhard is a comparatively young man, being 40 years of age. He has a wife and two children.



Tonight and tomorrow rain with fresh southerly gales.