

DRIVE IS NOW ON!

SALES TAX IS TO BE TAKEN UP TUESDAY

House Ways and Means Committee Refers Matter to Subcommittee

MACNIDER INDIGNANT AT DILLY-DALLYING

President Said To Be Receiving Many Letters Opposing Bonus Legislation At This Time.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The majority members of the house ways and means committee referred back today to the special tax sub-committee the whole problem of how the soldiers' bonus is to be financed.

The sub-committee is to meet tomorrow and go into the question of a sales tax and many other things. White House officials said that many letters and telegrams opposed the enactment at this time of bonus legislation.

The executive committee of the American Legion made public a telegram to the president from Commander MacNider asking that legislation be no longer delayed. MacNider said that the American Legion did not understand "first commitment, and then retraction" of the bonus.

Traffic Accident During Snow Storm

A traffic accident occurred yesterday afternoon on the intersection of Adams and Elm. A man by the name of Lawrence Spencer was driving a Ford car and collided with W. H. Bohnenkamp's truck. The damage was slight to the truck but the driver received considerable injuries. Neither driver was injured. According to reports, the truck had the right of way but owing to the falling snow the Ford's windshield was clouded and prevented him from seeing the approaching truck. The police department decided the case as unavoidable.

Woodcutter Passes After Short Illness

George Stans, a woodcutter quite well known in this vicinity, passed away this morning at nine thirty o'clock. He became ill yesterday and was brought from his cabin to La Grande, his death following in a short time.

Healing of the Sick Is Opportunity of Churches

"There are today in the United States only one-half enough hospitals," said Rev. Robert C. Edgington of Helena, Montana, speaking last night at the Methodist church, on the White Cross for which he is secretary of the northwest division. He gave a scathing indictment of the Protestant churches, declaring they have less than 500 hospitals in America today; compared with 593 hospitals belonging to the Catholic church, although Protestantism is six times as strong in this country.

All Enthusiastic For Home Charity Fund Drive Week

UNIVERSITY MAN SPEAKER AT AD CLUB

Dean Robbins of School of Business Administration Selected for Tomorrow's Luncheon.

E. C. Robbins, dean of the School of Business Administration at the University of Oregon, will be the main speaker at the Ad club luncheon tomorrow noon. Dean Robbins has a particular message for business men and the club is fortunate in having him here.

Dean Robbins is in popular demand over the state and Chairman Bruce Dennis made a ten-minute luncheon in obtaining the dean as tomorrow's speaker.

University of Oregon men who live in La Grande expect to be out in force and U. of O. will be much in evidence.

The Ad club chapters are framing up to spring some U. of O. melodies.

Mrs. E. E. Lyon Passed On Here Saturday Night

Mrs. E. E. Lyon passed on Saturday night at ten thirty o'clock after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, her little daughter, and her parents, who live near Nampa, Idaho.

The remains were shipped to Nampa, where the interment will take place, this morning by the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co.

CURTAIN RISES AT 8:15 THIS EVENING.

At 8:15 sharp this evening the high school auditorium the curtain will rise on the initial performance of the comic opera "Babalu," which is being staged under the direction of Mrs. Norman Freese, with Mrs. A. L. Richardson as musical director. The production is probably the most elaborate ever undertaken in this city and the proceeds from the two performances will go towards the scholarship fund, which is used for aiding local girls to attend college.

There will be dances, beautiful costumes and many other attractive features that will make every minute of the evening a chuck full of enjoyment.

The seat sale for tonight has been very heavy, indicating that the public is appreciative of the hard and effective work done by those in charge of the production. All are urged to secure their seats for tomorrow at Van Burken's immediately, as they are going rapidly.

Workers Turned Out In Large Number Yesterday When Final Instructions Were Given On Plan of Campaign.

If anyone thinks the spirit of neighborly affection, of brotherly love, of wishing to do for those who have hard luck has vanished in La Grande, let him reconsider things for such is not the case. Responding to the call of the Red Cross for a meeting of willing workers yesterday afternoon at the city hall a large crowd was in attendance. Everyone was there because he wanted to be; he was there because he felt it his pleasant duty to help. The group, the tightwad, the self-centered individual was not present.

Inspiring talks were made by such men as Rev. J. W. Gunn, Bishop David I. Stoddard, Rev. A. R. Sifton, Rev. Father Loesser, G. M. Curtiss, A. W. Nelson, J. H. Pearce and Judge T. H. Crawford. That it is blessed to give and help the other fellow was brought out by Judge Crawford in the most powerful manner.

Organization perfected. Representatives of all committees were present and the word was sent back to every organization represented telling of the Home Charity Fund drive which started this morning at 10 o'clock and will continue until \$5,000 is raised to feed and clothe the poor of the city.

Women Ready to Work. It was refreshing to see the ladies who were willing to wade the snow and help in the work. There was no dodging the issue. They did not want to be left off the committees because they were ladies, they wanted to work for in that work for others, in that giving to aid the distressed there is after

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WEST LEADS THE EAST IN THE STYLES

Idea that East Is In Lead In Fashions Is Erroneous Says C. E. Short.

"Some people still have an idea that the East is the real criterion of fashion," C. E. Short of J. C. Penney & Co., remarked today, when speaking of the new spring styles. Then he went on to say that as a matter of fact every manufacturer of women's garments pays far more attention to the west, with the exception of one or two catering solely to Fifth avenue, and dealing for the most part in extremes of style. The earliest models are put out a 'feeler' but before the real business of making the season's garments is in full swing, anything to which the public does not 'take' is thrown into the discard. Mr. Short explained that although an idea still persists that the 'East is a year ahead of the West in styles,' this is a fallacy. The reason for its being is largely on account of the tryst models appearing in the east and in the fashion magazines, as well as on the screen or stage. But when it comes to styles destined to live the season through the West in the final deciding factor.

Mr. Short exhibited a number of the newly arrived frocks, pointing to the bouffant or hoop skirt effect as a fashion that is meeting with decided favor from the public and one that will have a predominating effect on the styles for some time.

FAILED TO GET OUT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—Shelby MacBuck, who Thursday pleaded guilty with James Burstadt to holding up the East Side Bank, attempted to save his way out of the county jail. He tried sawing a hole in the steel covering of the ventilator shaft in a cell.

President Replies To Senate and Says Records Not Kept

No Secret Exchanges of Notes But Negotiations Were Mostly in Confidential Manner.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The president in replying to the senate resolution relative to the negotiation of the four-power Pacific treaty, stated it was impossible to furnish the requested information because most of the negotiations were conducted without keeping records.

He said it was not compatible with public interest to disclose confidential negotiations but declared that "there were no concealed understandings and no secret exchanges of notes." The senate foreign relations committee ordered favorably reported the treaty regarding Yap.

Former La Grande Man Gets a Jail Term in Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—Alonso Hewitt, formerly of La Grande, was arrested here Friday night with two other men and one woman and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The quartette had been living in one room for two weeks and none was working and the woman was supposed to have confessed to having planned to hold up a taxicab the night they were arrested.

Hewitt was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year here about a year ago and later paroled. The charge on which he was convicted was larceny of a dwelling house. Following his parole he was again sent to Salem. Previously to making his home here he had served a term in the county jail in Portland.

ASKED TO CUT RATES.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Feb. 20.—The public service commission Thursday in a letter called upon the Southern Pacific railroad to make grain rate reductions recently authorized by the interstate commission. The commission said that the controversy results from the company's refusal to establish uniformly the ten per cent less differential on coarse grains.

SLUSHY WEATHER IS NO HINDRANCE TO WORKERS IN GOOD CAUSE TODAY

ROESCH BID IS HIGHEST OF BIDDERS

The La Grande branch of the Inland Motor Co. was sold this morning at ten o'clock to Julius Roesch for \$11,500. The sale was conducted by the bankruptcy agents and was accepted by the creditors.

Several bids were made on this property and were as follows: Julius Roesch's bid of \$11,500 or 85 per cent of the appraisal; M. A. Harrison's bid of \$11,189.33, or 80 per cent of the appraisal; and bids by Leonard Smith and the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., of \$10,884 and \$10,515.27, respectively. A few bids were received on the Enterprise branch but were not accepted. This branch will be sold at a later date.

Mr. Roesch this afternoon announced that he will move the stock and equipment of the Inland Motor company to the old Hiland garage at the corner of Adams and Fir.

ASSERTS HIS INNOCENCE.

(By Associated Press)

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 20.—Joe Vukovich, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Jerry Sheal here February 12, 1921, was hanged Friday morning. He went to the gallows with a firm step and stoutly maintained his innocence.

BILL APPROVED.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary of Interior Fall Thursday approved the McNary reclamation bill appropriating three hundred fifty million dollars initially to begin the construction work for reclamation of arid and swamp lands.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

BELFAST, Feb. 20.—Members of the Irish Republican army football team, captured at Drogheda last month, were released from Londonderry jail today, in conformity with an order issued last night by Viceroy Fitzalan.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The house passed and sent to the senate a resolution extending until June 30, 1923, the three per cent restriction immigration law.

(By Associated Press)

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 20.—Sister John, aged 79, is believed to have lost her life in a fire which destroyed several buildings of the Ursuline convent and St. Joseph's Catholic school at St. Ignace, Mont., early today.

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Committee to Consult on Proposed Cove Road

La Grande and Cove will each send one man to Portland next Tuesday to back up the county court of Union county in a plan it has adopted to obtain finances with which to build at least a part of the road between Island City and Cove this year.

The county has obligated itself to give to the state highway department the sum of \$250,000 next fall, and if this is required there will be no funds available to build the Cove road until a year hence. The plan which was announced upon today was to appeal for more time in repaying the \$250,000 or a part of it, and to seek such funds for the Cove road.

Entire City Is Being Covered by Small Army of Solicitors

ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO SUCCESS

Downtown Office Reports that Enthusiasm Shown at Meeting Yesterday Has Increased Among Workers Over Night.

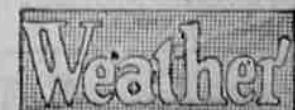
At the downtown headquarters of the home charity fund drive, in charge of Mrs. Donald M. Pague and located in the La Grande Investment Company's offices, it was stated this afternoon that to all appearances the entire membership of the various committees soliciting funds today, the first day of the drive, is over-anxious to reach the goal of \$3,000 before the week is over.

Realization of the importance of raising this fund so that those unfortunate families depending in some way or other on the Red Cross, in whose hands La Grande has placed practically all her charity work, is firing the many workers who are out today wading through slush and snow with an enthusiasm such as has not been put behind any cause in La Grande since the war days.

Men and women workers alike were on the job at 10 o'clock this morning and with the exception of a short hour for lunch this noon, have continued all day in their work of giving to the people of La Grande, who have always shown that they are heart and soul behind any movement that will bring happiness to unfortunate men and women and children who are in some way or other dependent upon their fellow beings an opportunity to contribute to this fund.

Interviews with city and county officials today showed how utterly dependent official agencies are upon the Red Cross for providing for the care of the unfortunate officials come in contact with through

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Tonight and Tuesday fair with light northerly winds.