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CASH FEATURE ELIMINATED FROM BONUS

Republican Members Reach a Final Agreement On Matter

CERTIFICATES TO BE ISSUED TO MEN

In Lieu of Cash Banks Would Lend Money On Paper Given by Government, Is Plan.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Unanimous agreement to eliminate the cash feature of the soldiers' bonus, except in the case of those men whose adjusted compensation would not exceed \$50 was reported today by the special sub-committee of Republican members of the house ways and means committee.

In lieu of a cash payment for other service men it was agreed to add a new provision under which men accepting adjusted service certificates could borrow immediately from banks on those certificates 50 per cent of the total adjusted service pay, computed at the rate of \$1 per day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for foreign service.

Committee members said it was not proposed to change the vocational training, farm and home aid and land settlement features of the Forney bill. Some of them thought, however, that the certificate feature would be so attractive that a great majority of the men would elect that option of the bill.

Under the plan now contemplated, the face value of the adjusted service would be equal to the sum of the adjusted service pay of the veteran (one dollar a day for domestic service, and \$1.25 a day for foreign service, less \$60 bonus paid at the time of discharge), increased by 40 per cent, plus interest thereon for 20 years at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent a year, compounded annually. The total face value thus would be approximately 3 1/2 times the amount of cash that a veteran would have received under the cash feature.

Immediately after the certificate was received, the service man could obtain from a bank an amount equal to 50 per cent of the total.

CLERKS WILL PLAY AT BAKER

The Clerk's basketball team left this morning for Baker, where they will endeavor to avenge the defeat they received last Saturday at the hands of the Water Front Five who trounced them 26 to 17 on the local Y. M. C. A. floor.

They are expecting to have a much greater chance to win this time than before as Theison was out of town and Garrity was unable to play the full game. With these two men back in uniform tonight they expect to surprise the Baker bunch.

Those making the trip were Theison, Garrity, Proctor, Barnes, Woods and Lindley.

Hampton Re-Elected as Head of City Schools

A. C. Hampton, for several years superintendent of La Grande's city schools, was re-elected to that position for a term of two years last evening by the school board, stipulated salary being \$3,000 per year. The four school principals were also elected at last evening's meeting and those who have presided over the different buildings for the past year will be retained for the coming year. They are: E. D. Towler, principal of the high school, at a salary of \$2,000; Miss Janet Jones, principal of Central school, at a salary of \$1,440; Nellie G. Neill, principal of Rivera, salary \$1,050, and R. A. Wilkerson, principal of Greenwood, at a salary of \$1,350.

The work of the past year was reviewed by the board and the business of the district was discussed.

WOOL MEN ASK REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATE

Western Growers Appeared Before Interstate Commerce Commission Wednesday Afternoon.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Western wool growers at the interstate commerce commission general rate hearing Wednesday asked not only for removal of alleged discrimination in the application of rates.

F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool Growers' association, declared that the sheep business was operating generally at a loss under present conditions, while freight rates were 51 per cent above pre-war schedules.

Conceding that recent advances in wool prices had helped the finances of growers, he declared nevertheless that a profitable era had not yet been reached. The 20 per cent reduction on livestock freights which took effect last year should also, he contended, be applied to wool.

The charge of discrimination was advanced by W. H. Prickett, representing both the wool men and the Utah railroad commission, in the presentation of the series of existing rates schedules. These demonstrated, he said, that rates on wool moving to Boston from typical shipping points in Utah, Nevada, Idaho and intermountain territory averaged about \$3 per hundredweight while for the shipment of wool from San Francisco to Boston a materially longer distance, the rate was \$1.50 per hundredweight.

The commission discussed with the witness the responsibility of water competition for the situation and also the question of what the rates should be from intermountain points to the Pacific coast, in combination with railroad ocean freights to Boston and other eastern consuming centers.

ATTENDANCE WAS HEAVY

The grand total attendance Farmers' Week was 521. A careful count of the attendance on the different days indicates that approximately 348 different people attended the sessions of the week. The horticultural sessions brought out practically the entire community interested in the line of work at Imbler and the meeting at Cove was also well attended. The farm crops program which centered largely on grain production problems, was the most popular subject throughout the county and was the most heavily attended. Considering the condition of the roads and the difficulty in getting from place to place, it is felt that the week was very successful. This record of attendance is considerably better than that for previous years.

Williams Undecided As to What He Will Do

J. A. Williams, formerly part owner in the Foley Hotel Barber Shop, having sold out his interests to George Perry a few days ago, states that "until the school term is out I will remain here, and then I may either return to my old home in Tennessee or possibly get into some business in La Grande." He has not definitely decided as to what line of business he will enter, but has been thinking of several—insurance being one of them. He has contemplated selling his barber business for some time past.

First Woman in House of Lords

Petition Granted Today by Upper House of England

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Mar. 2.—Lady Rhonda's petition to sit in the House of Lords was granted today. If she takes a seat she will be the first woman in the upper house, as Lady Astor was in the lower house in parliament.

LEASE UPSETS SEVERAL FIRMS

Lilly To Get the Gangloff Building—La Grande Investment Company Will Move Into Palmer-Roesch Corner.

The signing of a lease has upset several business firms in the city and moving day along with uncertainty as to quarters for some constitute the business topic of the inside district.

When Sherwood Williams purchased the Joseph Palmer interest in the brick block on Adams and Depot streets he has in mind making the corner room a home for the La Grande Investment company at some future time. Carrying out this plan this year was apparently the proper time for such a change and the old tenant, F. L. Lilly who has conducted a hardware business for a number of years in that location, was refused a long term lease on the property.

Mr. Lilly naturally sought quarters that would be desirable and permanent and in the business scramble that followed he lined up a ten year lease on the Gangloff building one door from the L. and L. drug store corner. But in consummating this lease the tenants, J. C. Holm and George Young, were forced to find other locations. Young tried for a time to secure suitable quarters but failing to do so today threw up his hands and sold his equipment and fixtures to William Wade of Imbler, who will remove the property to Imbler and start a new business in that city. In the deal Young agrees to work for Mr. Wade for a reasonable period of time. Mr. Holm has two or three locations under consideration and it is thought he will secure one that will be appropriate for his grocery line.

Moving day is set for April 1st and all preliminaries are being worked out before that fateful day when show cases will be pulled up by the roots and shelving dismantled as the work of shifting stocks to other quarters proceeds.

EXPIRATION OF RAILROAD GUARANTEES

Uncle Sam No Longer Has to Meet 6 per cent Return

NO MORE LOANS CAN BE ASKED NOW

Last Days of Effectiveness of Act Resulted in Flood of Applications for Government Money.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 2.—Two important changes in government policy toward the nation's railroads became effective March 1.

The section of the transportation act fixing 6 per cent as the return on railroad properties which railroads are entitled to earn under interstate commerce commission regulations expired today. Also there expires the period during which railroads which were controlled by the government during the war are entitled to ask government loans to aid them in continuing operations after return to private management.

The 6 per cent clause, generally called the guarantee provision, was superceded today by the transportation act provisions, which hereafter require the interstate commerce commission to make rates that will give railroads "a reasonable return on the value of property used in transportation."

The commission is expected therefore to define for itself what earnings constitute reasonable return. This has already been taken up formally by the commission for the purpose of obtaining agreements from railroads and interested parties to proceedings before it in relation to rate regulation.

Applications from railroads desiring the government loans have been pouring in to the commission in considerable numbers during the last few days in the endeavor to get in before the limitation began.

Reciprocity Turned Down by Congress

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—William S. Fielding, who came here several days ago advocating a tariff reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, has been advised by congressional leaders that congress does not favor at this time such an agreement.

Mary Pickford Wins in Court

Decision Saves Her \$108,000 Claimed by Employment Agent

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—Mary Pickford need not pay Mrs. Cora C. Wilkinnig any part of \$108,000 which Mrs. Wilkinnig claimed as commission for getting Miss Pickford a raise of \$10,000 per week, according to a federal court verdict today.

DEMONSTRATES HAT MAKING

La Grande Women Make Twenty-five Hats Under Supervision of O. A. C. Extension Service.

Miss Esther B. Cooley, clothing specialist of the O. A. C. extension department, closed her three days demonstration here late yesterday afternoon and left for Ontario where she will conduct her next demonstration. During the three days she has been in La Grande she has given valuable lessons in color effect, practical construction, selection of materials and many other items that have much to do with the manufacturing of hats.

About 40 women from this part of the county attended the demonstrations during the three days and the hats made showed that the housewives of La Grande and vicinity can make hats that compare favorably with the professional milliners products. The saving in the hats made at the demonstrations over the ready made hats was estimated by Miss Cooley at from 50 to 75 per cent.

Twenty-five hats were made by the ladies attending Miss Cooley's demonstrations and on each hat it was estimated that an average of \$7 was saved. The hats were made of many materials, gingham, crepe, organdy and many other materials.

O. A. C. Lad Gets a Position As County Agent of Benton

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Mar. 2.—Cyrus R. Briggs will be county agent for Benton county, filling the position vacated when George W. Kable went into state drainage work, according to Paul V. Maris, director of the college extension service. Mr. Briggs, who was graduated from the college in 1921, has been in county agent work in Idaho and with the United States veterans' bureau.

TAYLOR CASE SUSPECTS ARE TURNED LOOSE

Los Angeles Police Clear Men Picked Up Tuesday On Woman's Information.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 2.—The six men arrested Tuesday on information from Mrs. John Rupp, housekeeper, have no connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, Detective Sergeant Cline, in charge of the investigation, announced today. He said that investigation had convinced detectives that there was no foundation for the woman's statements that the men threatened Taylor's life.

BAKER SCOUTS TO PLAY HERE

The local Boy Scouts will be hosts to the Baker Boy Scouts basketball team tomorrow evening. The two teams will play on the Y. M. C. A. floor, the game starting at 8 o'clock in the evening, and after the game the local scouts will entertain the visitors at their home during the evening, as the Baker boys will not be able to return to their home until the following morning.

From all accounts the Baker boys have one of the fastest scout teams in this section of the country. They defeated the Baker Hi-Y team, a squad of much older and more experienced boys, decisively a short time back and have been cleaning up on all teams in their class.

The La Grande scouts expect to give them a hard battle tomorrow night and have hopes of a victory. C. C. Snow will referee and a small admission will be charged. Arrangements are being made to have another game at the Y on the same night if possible.

Railroads Ask for Changes in Rates

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—The railroads of California, Idaho, Oregon, New Mexico and Arizona applied today to the interstate commerce commission for a modification of the hay and grain rate reductions ordered last fall insofar as they affect barley and other coarse grain.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Mar. 2.—Three were killed and 24 injured in a disturbance at Tanta, Egypt, says a Cairo dispatch. Native soldiers restored order.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—A reduction of the army to 115,000 enlisted men has been tentatively agreed upon by the subcommittee drafting appropriations. The present strength is approximately 137,000.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Dr. Herbert Work, first assistant postmaster general, whose home is at Pueblo, Colo., will become postmaster general Saturday when Postmaster General Hays' resignation becomes effective.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—Ten more were indicted today on racketeer charges as the result of the investigations of the district attorney's office of brokerage houses. The list of failures of Wall street brokerage houses has climbed to the 50 mark.

City Ready to Sell the City Hall to County

At the meeting of the city commission last evening President W. D. Grady and City Manager C. A. Kratz were appointed as a committee to enter into a contract with the county court for sale of the city hall building occupied by the county as a court house for the past 17 years. The lease on the building expired February 1, and it was unanimously decided by the city commission to charge a rent of \$500 per month from that date.

This noon Mr. Kratz had not yet heard from the county court on this matter but he declared that that body would probably meet with the commission appointed last night at an early date.

Weather

Tonight and Friday rain in the west and probably rain or snow in the east portion of the state with strong southerly winds.

