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ROBBERS ENTER COVE BANK

AMENDMENTS ARE FAVORED BY REALTORS

Entire List of Real Estate Men Give Argument for Changes in Charter.

CEASE VOTING "NO" ON ALL OFFERINGS

Hinder and Delay on City Improvement Bound to Follow Unless Charter is Properly Revised.

Members of the Union County Realty Board, reading at La Grande whose names are attached hereto, in their regular monthly meeting, unanimously passed a resolution to go on record favoring the amendments to the charter of the City of La Grande, now before the voters and particularly that change in the charter which will permit the improvement of the residential districts without the excessive cost now prevalent.

To make it possible to obtain improvements at a reasonable cost, the proposed changes are necessary and in consequence if economy is to prevail, in connection with future street, sewer, and sidewalk districts this amendment should meet with the approval of every voter. There are now before the commissioners many petitions for local improvements, greatly desired by the petitioners, and for which they are willing to subject their properties to the consequent lien of a bond issue, which improvements are delayed and in all likelihood will be held in abeyance, all on account of the fact that contractors withhold their bids and buyers refuse to purchase the bonds when the issue is subjected solely by the abutting property.

Fix this one point in your mind in consideration of this amendment. The property adjoining and benefited by any improvement is the one assessed for, and the one which must pay for the improvement, but a general obligation of the city is entered into the bond which assures the holder of the bond, whether he be contractor or bond buyer, that the city is responsible for the collection of the assessments, and will guarantee the full retirement of the bonds at maturity, making up from the general fund any deficiency which may exist in the collections, and the city not the bondholder, therefore, water into the stream of foreclosure against property owners who have failed or refused to pay their assessments.

Do not be misled or confused by the statement which is heard here and there, that changing the charter is to empower the commission with a right to issue and offer for sale bonds of the city in unlimited amounts for use in municipal improvements, to provide water supply, electric lighting plants, or any other such enterprise, for such is not the fact. The charter already provides the method by which such utilities may be secured which must have the consent of the electors, given by vote at an election called for the particular purpose of voting on the questions named on the ballot to be used at that time.

Every signer of a petition now on file with the city and every friend of those petitioners should recognize the fact that to vote no on the question of this amendment

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NORTH POWDER POST ENROLLS LAST EVENING

Rousing Meeting Held at North Powder; Armistice Day Celebration is Discussed; Fred Kiddle Gives Talk.

At a mass meeting of members of the Union county council and of Legionnaires held at North Powder last evening in the Community hall, North Powder officially joined the Legion county council and pledged herself to co-operate with the remaining posts in the county in putting over the big Armistice Day celebration to be held in La Grande. North Powder, due to her isolated position in regards to the other posts in Union county, has been unable to attend any preceding meetings and as a result had not yet enrolled in the council. The meeting last evening was held largely for the purpose of lining up their post with the others, who are all represented in the council.

Meeting Successful. The meeting, which was attended by twenty La Grande Legionnaires and about twenty-five from the Imbler, Union, Elgin, Cove and North Powder posts, can be considered as nothing but highly successful. North Powder was enrolled in the county council. Armistice Day plans were discussed and final arrangements for the "big day" were made, the dinner, which was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary, was of the finest quality and the spirit manifested by all was of a kind that insured the success of the coming celebration.

Fred Kiddle Speaks. Fred Kiddle, vice-commander of the Oregon American Legion, gave an interesting talk on the results that had been achieved in the state by the Legion and several other parts of the state work. Dr. Ray Murphy, commander of the La Grande American Legion Post No. 45, spoke on the aims of the Legion county council and discussed the constitution fully. Professor Campbell, of the North Powder schools, completed the speaking with a talk on the "Hommes 40 of Chevreux 8" society.

Business Houses to Close. In connection with the discussion relative to the plans for Armistice Day, it was announced by the La Grande representatives that a movement was in progress to ask the merchants and other business interests in La Grande to close their doors Saturday. The barbers in La Grande have already announced that they will not open on Saturday but will hold over Friday night until the usual hour for closing time that is generally observed on Saturday.

The trip was made by cars, the La Grande Legionnaires leaving about 5:30 o'clock from W. H. Bohlen Kamp's Hardware company.

LARGE CROWD HEARS SPEECH

Filling a return engagement in La Grande, having held a series of meetings here last week, Sister Lucetta spoke in the Star Theatre last night to a large audience. Her talk, it is stated, was similar to the ones delivered at her meetings last week and dealt with her views on the religious question.

THE WEATHER
PORTLAND, Oct. 31. Tonight and Wednesday will experience occasional rains through the state.

HUGHES TELLS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN PLAN

Policy of the Government is Outlined in Secretary's Boston Speech

HELPING HAND IS EXTENDED EUROPE

Great Powers of Old World Cannot Agree on Anything is Present Trouble With International Affairs.

BOSTON, Oct. 31.—A foreign policy of helpfulness and good understanding without entanglements which would better American independence, was outlined by Secretary Hughes of the state department in an address at Symphony hall Monday night, reviewing the record of the Harding administration in the field of international relations.

By the lead it took in the armistice conference, the secretary said, and by its efforts toward harmony among the nations of the western hemisphere, the American government during the last 20 months has set a record of accomplishment far beyond what was expected of it when the new administration came into power.

So far as Europe is concerned, Mr. Hughes declared, President Harding and his advisers always have been ready to lend a helping hand where it would do the most good, but are not willing to interfere away the influence of the United States by intervention in controversies that rooted an age-old national rivalries.

"The chief trouble at this time in Europe," he continued, "is that the great powers have not been able to agree on questions which, being distinctly European questions, directly concern them, and their want of agreement is due to different conceptions of international policy. For us, international cooperation does not mean that we should embroil ourselves in controversies not involving our own interests."

U. S. Might Name Judges. The secretary added that he believed a way might be found for the United States to participate formally in the selection of judges to the recently organized international court of justice, a project that from

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NOT GUILTY IS JURY'S VERDICT

Jury Finds A. E. Phippens Not Guilty; Case of State vs. Appy L. Waite is Dismissed.

After a twenty-five minute session the jury returned a verdict yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock of not guilty in the case of the State of Oregon vs. A. E. Phippens, charged with maintaining a public nuisance. The case of the State of Oregon vs. Appy L. Waite, charged with the same offense, was dismissed.

Recently the county and city officers raided the Depot Pool Hall, owned by Mr. Phippens and discovered a quantity of liquor. Phippens and Waite were both mentioned in the complaint and their trial was set for yesterday-morning at 10 o'clock in the justice court.

Both Waite and Phippens asked for a separate trial and the latter's trial lasted until about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon when the jury of six went to consider the case. Upon their returning a verdict of not guilty, the case against Mr. Waite was dismissed.

Justice Arthur Williams heard the case and Ed Wright, prosecuting attorney, represented the state. R. J. Kitchen was counsel for the defense.

DEATH CLAIMS NOTED PRIEST

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Father Bernard Vaughan, one of the most prominent Jesuit priests in the world, passed away today.

BODY EXAMINED. HAVRE, France, Oct. 31.—Examination of Mrs. Margaret Cardon's body was begun today by doctors Hamilton and Williams of Havre, to determine the cause of the bullet which ended her life at the time Rev. Mr. Christler was killed. Examination is being made with a view to ascertaining probability of wound having been self-inflicted.

S. P. Passenger Train Hits Wortham Shows

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—Southern Pacific passenger train No. 103 westbound from New Orleans, crashed into the rear end of Sell's Photo Carnival company special train early today near Adeline, Louisiana. Three persons are reported killed and four seriously hurt. Both trains were moving in the same direction. The fast train smashed a number of sleeping cars occupied by the show folk.

ROME TO SEE FASCISTI IN NIGHT PARADE

Fifteen Thousand Selected Members to March Through City

ORDERS ISSUED TO DISBAND AFTERWARD

Twelve Persons Killed Yesterday; Semi-Official Reports Say Conditions are Normal in Italy.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Oct. 31.—Fifteen thousand Fascisti, selected from many thousands gathered near Rome, plan a triumphal march through the city tonight celebrating victory which brought Mussolini into power as premier.

Fascisti have been ordered to demobilize after the patriotic demonstration tonight.

The situation throughout Italy, according to semi-official expression is regarded as normal again.

Twelve persons were killed yesterday in clashes between Communists and Fascisti, several Fascisti being killed by snipers.

Ambassador Resigns. (Special to The Observer.)
PARIS, Oct. 31.—Count Storck telegraphed today his resignation as Italian ambassador to Premier Mussolini, saying the new government should have in such posts men in thorough accord with its policies.

WOMAN IS ACQUITTED. (By Associated Press.)
KIAMATH FALLS, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Ottilie Blowers was acquitted by a jury last night of the killing of Tom Montoya, sheep herder, near her roadside at Crescent several weeks ago.

FULL RETURNS TO BE GIVEN AT REX HALL

Election Night Important Event to La Grande People and Large Hall is Provided.

Heretofore returns from state and national elections have been received by the Evening Observer either at its office on Adams avenue or in some of the clubs and never has there been sufficient accommodations for those who wished to stay until results were known.

This year interest in the returns is more intense than ever in La Grande for governor, and the compulsory bill which is on the ballot for approval or rejection.

The Evening Observer realizing that the crowds will be large and deeply interested has arranged to transfer the telegraph and telephone to Rex hall where plenty of room for all is furnished as well as seats in the balcony and on the lower floor. Reports will come both by telegraph and telephone and there will be something doing all the time.

An orchestra has been provided so that dancing can be enjoyed throughout the evening while waiting for reports and awaiting the compilation of figures.

Dancing will start by 9 o'clock and continue as long as desired.

A nominal admission fee will be charged to defray the expense, but the citizens who have been interviewed on the matter are delighted to have a place of comfort to await the returns. The young people of the city are arranging to have a good time, and the older ones who dance will likewise enjoy the social side of the event.

It is open to the entire public. P. J. Powers will have charge of the floor.

AMALGAMATION SEEMS CERTAIN

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Amalgamation of the United Association of Railway employees of North America and American Federation of Railroad Workers, independent organizations of railroad employees, is about a certainty, said officials of the two organizations today.

WHEAT MARKET.
PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—Wheat was \$1.10 to \$1.20 today.

Christian Tone to The Community is Advocated by Prominent Speakers

Appearing before the Y. M. C. A. directors of La Grande at a luncheon today as their guest, A. S. Allen, general secretary of Seattle, A. C. Meahan, "boy" secretary of Portland, Secretary Goodwin of Idaho, and Fred Lockley of the Portland Journal who represented the laymen, each talked in a most encouraging manner of not only the Y work which is in progress over the northwest, but gave assurance of a religious feeling among men that he is slowly but surely arising.

Mr. Meahan laid stress upon the boys' motion of the work, but emphasized every director that boys in La Grande will only advance in Christian work to the extent that the fathers set the example. He pleaded for a closer relationship between the men and the boys in religious effort.

Lockley Well Known. It was the coming home for Fred Lockley, of the Journal, to visit La Grande, for he personally knows most of the other citizens here. Formerly he lived in Bend, Ore., and throughout his administration with the Journal he has paid visits to this vicinity occasionally.

In his talk Mr. Lockley told of the work the newspapers are doing every day in their endeavor to teach the right way of living; in their constant effort to put the spiritual side of life in foreground. "The Y work," said Mr. Lockley, "is to make the world a little better for us having lived here. And then he urged the need of special week and day to take too much stress on the business end of life.

Reminiscence of the attempt of the press of Oregon to wipe out racial and religious feeling is dwelt very strongly on the part of the Y. M. C. A. in planning its important undertaking as well as the newspapers.

ATTEMPT TO ROB BANK AT COVE FAILS

Burglars Fail to Open Safe; Jam Combination; Undiscovered Till Today

ROBBERS SEVERED TELEPHONE WIRES

Investigation Fails to Disclose Any Important Clue; Escape Would Have Been Easy if Successful.

(Special to The Observer.)
An attempt to rob the Cove State Bank, one of the oldest institutions in the valley, failed this morning due to the inability of the burglars to open the safe. Apparently an attempt was made to work the combination and, this failing, a dry or similar instrument was used in an attempt to pry the door open. Entrance to the safe was not effected although the dial was broken and was in such a condition this morning that the cashier, Grover Duffy, found it necessary to drill into the safe to open it.

An investigation early this morning found no clues that would give any trace as to the identity of the robbers and the exact time of the entrance to the building was not known, although it must have been between midnight and 2 or 3 o'clock this morning.

Out Wires. Plans for the robbery had probably been laid out very carefully beforehand as the telephone wires and two long distance connections were severed, making it impossible to get into communication with outside points until the robbers had had sufficient time to effect their "getaway." Despite this careful planning, it appears to be the work of inexperienced criminals as the safe was not blown or were they clever enough to fashion the combination.

Quite a sum of money was in the safe at the time and if they had been successful the haul would have been of considerable size. The first evidence that all was not well was discovered this morning at about 9 o'clock when the cashier arrived at the bank.

Investigation Follows. Immediately after the telephone wires had been connected the sheriff's office was notified.

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Officers Raid John Doe And Find a Tin Still

"John Doe" is now listed among those who will appear before the county court on the charge of manufacturing liquor illegally. This isn't the first time that "John Doe" has appeared on the docket, but as there are many different "John Does" on the record, some with black hair, some with brown hair and some without any hair, he isn't the hardened criminal that constant reading of accounts of the arrest of "John Doe" in the press of the nation would indicate. This real John Doe lives at 2194 Fourth street and last evening, between 6:30 and 7:00 o'clock, he received an unwelcome visitation from the combined county and city officers who conducted a search that brought to light a complete ten-gallon tin, about forty gallons of mash and one gallon of pure alcohol, and one of the finished product. When questioned, "John Doe" denied that he had any more of the stuff in his home, but the officers he insisted it

YEA, VERILY, POLITICS DOES MAKE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS.

