

## REPUBLICANS RELIEF PLAN FOR FARMERS

### G. O. P. Leaders Tell What Can Be Expected During the Coming Year

## LARGER AND MORE LIBERAL CREDIT

### Cheaper Interest Rates Advocated by Administration — Senators Pledge Their Support to the Program.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The new administration program for immediate financial relief to farmers was formulated and practically perfected Thursday at a conference between President Harding, Secretary Wallace and 12 republican senators, headed by Senator Watson of Indiana. It will be put before congress at once and passed with the full force of the administration.

Broadly, the plans bring together in one administration measure the approved portions of various relief measures already pending in congress, and contain also provisions to make the intended relief available to the small farmer as well as to the large cattle raiser and grain growers.

The conference was arranged by Senator Watson, who has been making an active survey of the question of relief. It was presided by a series of conferences between Secretary Wallace and department of agriculture experts. Thursday President Harding kept his Thanksgiving dinner waiting while he heard the general program outlined and gave his general approval.

### Details Worked Out.

The plan proposes to utilize the federal farm loan board as the agency through which relief is to be given. The details of the financing have been practically worked out. The general purpose is larger and more liberal credits and cheaper interest rates. The opinion of those participating in the conference was that while the war finance corporation had been of great value in alleviating the distressed condition of certain limitations, did not reach down to the average small farmer, who raises a few cattle or has small quantities of grain to market. By using the federal farm loan board as the agency to carry out the plan of financing, the administration plans propose to make the government relief available directly to the small farmers who need it.

### Relief Believed Necessary.

The whole subject of farm relief work was discussed exhaustively, but the marketing problem was touched upon only in a general way. The general opinion at the conference was that to extend the program now to include so complex and much-controverted a subject as co-operative marketing would only serve to delay the immediate object of relief. The president was told that the pressing need was to provide at once financial aid to thousands of farmers who face mortgage foreclosures because they are unable to dispose of their cattle and crops without tremendous loss.

As the senators present gave their approval to the program and pledged their support for its immediate consideration in congress.

## VOLCANO IS IN ERUPTION

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Stromboli volcano, off Stromboli Island, off the Sicily coast, is in violent eruption since a home dispatch.

## James E. Mahoney Was Hanged Today for the Murder of Aged Wife

(By Associated Press.)  
WALLA WALLA, Dec. 1.—James E. Mahoney was hanged in the penitentiary here today for the murder of his aged wife, Kate Moore Mahoney, in Seattle in April, 1921. Only the necessary number of witnesses were present.

## Elks Memorial Day Will Be On December Third

Sunday, December 3rd, will be observed by Elks all over the nation as "Elks Memorial Day," a day that is devoted to them to remember those of their brothers who have passed on. The La Grande Elks, P. O. Lodge No. 433 will hold their services in the Elks Temple at eight o'clock in the evening and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Past Exalted Ruler H. E. O'Kedge will deliver the eulogy and the Honorable Walter M. Pierce, governor of the state, will deliver the benediction.

## DEATH SUMMONS PROGRESSIVE BLOC TAKES FORM TODAY

### Prominent Illinois Congressman Dies After Years of Public Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Representative James R. Mann of Illinois died at his home here Thursday night after a brief illness.

Mr. Mann, who has served for a quarter of a century as a member of the house, was stricken a week ago, first with a chill, pneumonia developed, his condition became desperate and the end came at 11:15 o'clock. He was 66 years old.

With him at the end were Mrs. Mann and the physicians. It was said that although he had recently passed two restless nights, his condition did not definitely develop for the worse until 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He rallied slightly at 6 o'clock, but again suffered a relapse and sank rapidly. The end was peaceful.

The veteran legislator, an ardent advocate of the shipping bill, sent word to house leaders early in the week and again Wednesday that while he was ill he would go to the capitol and help in the fight if needed. He was urged to stay at home though none of his friends realized that his condition was serious. One of his colleagues, Representative Sabath, democrat, Illinois, against the bill, was paired with him, and so Mr. Mann was recorded in the vote.

Only last week, Mr. Mann announced he would not be a candidate for speaker in the next congress in answer to reports that his selection for the office would be urged by several members. He was then apparently in excellent health. He was the leader of the republicans as the minority party in the house from the 62nd to the 65th congress.

## LIVES LOST AS SHIP GOES DOWN

(By Associated Press.)  
CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 1.—Captain Nelson Bernard and six members of the crew of the Canadian steamer, Maple-Hulk, lost their lives early today when the ship broke up a mile west of the Portage Lake dam during a heavy gale. Nine members of the crew were rescued by jumping from the bridge into life boats.

## COMMISSION HAS MEETING

The La Grande city commission, at its regular weekly meeting, received a report that Mrs. J. E. Foley had signed over the right-of-way for the scenic highway running across her property.

The remainder of the meeting, which was short, was devoted to discussion and routine business. All three members were present.

### REPORTS DECLARED FALSE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 1.—Reports of a revolution in Western Thrace are declared in responsible quarters to be pure Turkish propaganda.

## James E. Mahoney Was Hanged Today for the Murder of Aged Wife

After a sleepless night Mahoney was calm but nervous. His knees quivered as he grasped the railing when mounting the scaffold a few minutes before seven o'clock. The trap was sprung at 7:02 and he was pronounced dead at 7:03.

## HARDING WILL RUN FOR THE SECOND TERM

The Secretary of Commerce Gives Out the Official Announcement

### COUNTRY WILL BE OUT OF ALL TROUBLE IN 1924

### Hoover Thinks People By That Time Will Be Appreciative of the Sane and Progressive Character of Administration.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The movement to organize a "progressive bloc" in congress took definite form today at a conference of more than a score of senators and representatives called by Senator La Follette, republican, of Wisconsin and Representative Haddock, democrat, of Alabama. It was regarded by some quarters as a form of a possible third party, but La Follette disclaimed any intention to break the present party lines.

PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 1.—"The republican presidential candidate in 1924 will be Warren G. Harding," Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover said today in an interview at his home in this city.

"Moreover, by that time," Hoover said, "the public will be highly appreciative of the sane and progressive character of the policies that will have brought the country through the reconstruction period."

The statement of Herbert Hoover is looked upon by many public men as an official declaration of Harding's candidacy for the second term. It is argued that the statement of the secretary of commerce was the first of the year and that the cabinet of the republican organization are behind the Hoover statement.

## BUSINESS MEN APPREHENSIVE

### Should Southern and Central Pacific Be Separated, Fears are That Service Would Be Weakened.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Business interests of California and Pacific coast in general are apprehensive of increased transportation expense and business transportation services if the Central Pacific is separated from the Southern Pacific. Seth Mann, manager of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, testified today before the interstate commerce commission.

## WAXMAKER SEVERELY ILL

(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—The condition of John Waxmaker, who has been ill at his home here several weeks, was reported Thursday night by his physicians as having assumed a grave aspect.

"Though resting comfortably now," the doctor's bulletin stated, "Mr. Waxmaker has Thursday passed through an exhausting series of attacks of coughing, and as a result his condition has assumed a grave aspect."

## THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—Tonight and Saturday will be fair.

## "A Regular Fellow" To Be Presented Tonight

"A Regular Fellow," a delightful three-act comedy-drama will be presented this evening in the high school auditorium by the La Grande boy scouts. Miss Frederika Schike, who so successfully directed the high school opera, is in charge and the scouts are confident of producing an excellent presentation.

The curtain will rise shortly after eight o'clock and the doors will be opened at 7:30 o'clock. Reserved seats went on sale this morning at the Glass Drug Store and although they are going fast, many good seats may still be obtained.

The play deals with the transformation of a millionaire's son from a mollusc to a real boy and the plot is filled with exciting scenes, including the thrilling capture of a moonshiner and his band. The first act takes place in a boy's camp, termed Camp Good Luck; the second act, Scene 1, in the same place, and in Scene II, six weeks later. The third act is around the campfire.

The cast, which has been carefully chosen and contains the finest of young actors, is: Leo McCorkie, Commander Haynes; Fern Kelly, Mr. Scudder, a millionaire manufacturer; Jack Coolidge, Harold Scudder (Harold); Tom, the camp cook; Irvin Zundell; Brian Cole, a budding poet; Raymond Griffin; Phil Maybrick, an ardent entomologist; Clate McKenney; Jim Bosson, a practical joker; Hampton Trayner; and Martin Howell will serve as pianist.

Between acts Mildred Lovett will furnish a piano solo and Clark Fitzgerald will render a violin solo.

## CLEMENCEAU SAYS MISSION SUCCESSFUL

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—Clemenceau, the Tiger of France, arrived here today enthusiastic over the results of his mission, declaring it "much better than he had expected." The police guarded him and he did not alight from the station because anonymous threats against the Tiger had been sent Mayor Kiel.

## JOHNSON BOYS HOLD REUNION

### After Thirty-Eight Years Separation Tom and Frank Johnson Enjoy Meeting.

Thirty-eight years is a long time for brothers to be separated. Families are raised in that time, children grow to manhood and marry and have families of their own. Such is the case with Tom and Frank Johnson who had not seen each other for thirty-eight years until a few days ago when Frank Johnson came in from La Pine, Oregon, to visit his brother, Tom Johnson, the Grande Rouge auctioneer and head of the democratic party in this part of the universe.

## BULLETINS

### MARKET QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—Cattle are weak, cows and heifers 25 to 50 cents lower; hogs steady; lambs 10 cents lower; sheep steady; east mountain lambs \$10.50 to \$12.00; eggs weak and butter firm.

### WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—Wheat is quoted today at \$1.15 to \$1.50.

## RIOT PROTESTS ACTION

(By Associated Press.)  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—Seventeen are dead following riots here last night in which the police fought a mob which gathered protesting against Albern's action causing a water famine.

## AN OBLIGING FERRYMAN



## PORTLAND HAS FIRE TAKING THREE LIVES

### Ben Hur Hotel Burns With Loss of Lives and Heavy Damage to Property

### BENSON AND OREGON HOTELS IN DANGER

### Police and Taxicab Drivers Rescue Many People from the Burning Hotel Before Explosions Stop Them.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—Three people are dead and a property loss of \$75,000 is estimated as the result of a fire which early today burned the Ben Hur hotel, a three story frame structure on Oak street, between Park and Broadway.

The dead are Christomo Madarang, aged 24; Thomas Carino, aged 26, and J. J. McDonald. The first two were Filipino bus boys employed at the Imperial hotel.

Police and taxicab drivers rushed into the building saving many lives, until explosions stopped their efforts.

The fire started in the furnace room. Neighboring buildings suffered a loss from water in the basements. The heaviest financial loss was to a firm of furniture dealers which occupied the ground floor.

Guests in the Benson and Oregon hotels were warned and many left their rooms.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—McDonald, fire victim, was forty-six years of age and was foreman for the construction company.

## ENTERPRISE IS DEFEATED 45-0 BY LA GRANDE

### By Winning from Enterprise La Grande is Champion of Three Counties and Favorite for Eastern Oregon Honors.

### Thanksgiving Day Results.

At Enterprise: La Grande 45, Enterprise 0.  
At Baker: Pendleton 27, Baker 19.

By winning from Enterprise yesterday afternoon La Grande won the championship of Union, Baker and Walla counties and now has the strongest claim for the Eastern Oregon championship, the latter to be officially settled by the State High School association.

La Grande, although suffering one defeat, has completed one of the most successful seasons in many years. The first team, in games with Imbler, Aluni, Enterprise, Baker, Pendleton, Elgin, Walla and Union ran up a total score of 350 points to her opponents 43 and the entire La Grande squad has scored 462 points to their opponents 45. In seven association games she won six giving her a season's percentage, played with representative schools, of 85.8. Pendleton, the only team that defeated her, finished with 129 points scored against her opponent's 106 with three eastern Oregon wins and two losses, giving her a percentage of 400. In games with Prairie City, Walla Walla and Hood River, she won from Prairie City and lost to Walla Walla and Hood River, the final scoring being 168 to her opponent's 168. With such a record, which fails to compare favorably with La Grande's, she claims the championship and possession of the Sheehan cup.

### Slippery Field.

La Grande took the field against Enterprise yesterday and kicked off, then holding Enterprise for downs and forcing them to punt on a field covered with snow and slow and slippery in nearly freezing weather. La Grande marched down the field 70 yards on off tackle plays and end runs, one pass from Larson to Boarden netting 20 yards. E. Metcalf went over from the five yard line but failed to convert. In a few brief flourishes by both teams, interspersed with punting, the quarter ended with La Grande leading 6 to 0.

### Scores Twice.

In the second quarter the Blue and White scored twice, Tigs going over at the end of a series of line plays. Metcalf again failed to convert. Tigs again went over the line at the end of a series of punts and La Grande advances and Metcalf converted. In the advance down the field Larson roared off a fifteen yard run that was one of the class.

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## La Grande People Had Glorious Thanksgiving

If all the turkey eaten yesterday by La Grande people and their guests were moulded into one big turkey it could stretch across the state of Oregon with one foot on the Blue Mountains and the other foot on the Coast Range and the wings would sweep the shores from Mt. Hood, while its "cackling, gobbling, gobbling" could be heard by people residing in Chicago.

This is the final conclusion of those who, with full stomachs, dreamed of turkey dreams last night and thought they could visualize this turkey of tomorrow.

La Grande's inhabitants had a great day yesterday. It was a day of feasting, a day of pleasure. Feasting, fellowship, cheerfulness and clean enjoyment marked the occasion. With weather

## SHOOTS SELF WITH A RIFLE

### Richard Mortier Accidentally Injured Himself With a .22 Calibre Rifle Yesterday.

Richard Mortier, 602 Division street, accidentally shot himself in the right leg about 11:30 Thursday morning. Mortier was playing with a sawed-off .22 calibre rifle shooting at a tin can near the stock yards; he lowered his gun to allow a man to get out of range, forgot the trigger was up, pulled and the shot entered his right leg near the knee, ranging downward for about 8 inches. He was taken to the Grande Roads hospital pending developments from the injury. Mortier is 38 years of age, and employed with the Grande Roads Meat company of this city.

## WHO HAS CARD NUMBERED 128

Who had the card numbered 7128 at the Wing, Pin and Fleet-foot club banquet that was held in La Grande recently? For the owner of that card will receive a nice \$70 fishing rod from Harry Holston, of Lyons, Oregon, upon presenting it to Al Andrews, secretary of the club. At the hour that the Observer went to press today no one had been found yet who held the lucky number.