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HARD SURFACE SIDE TRACKED BY THE BOARD

Larson Explains Original Intent When the County Bonds Were Voted

MISINTERPRETATION OF PAVING IS SHOWN

State Highway Commission and Eastern Oregon Committee Differently Interpret Term "Hard Surface."

Speaking before the Union County Ad club at their regular noon-day luncheon which was held today in the Y. M. C. A., G. L. Larson, chairman of the goods roads committee, answered an article that appeared in the Forum of the Observer last evening, dealing with the paved roads versus macadam roads.

"When we originally made arrangements for the road program, that was voted on by the people of Union county with the idea that they would have paved roads, we, like they, believed that that was what we would receive and we were working in good faith with the sole intention of getting a permanent paving instead of macadam surface," he said.

"Three and one half inch black top paving entered into our plans but when we found that it would not hold up, and that five or six inches would be required, our plans were halted in respect to paving."

"And," he continued, "the state highway commission interpreted hard surface roads not as we did while we interpreted the term as applying to pavement they interpreted it as applying to macadam. At least that is what the state highway commission under the present administration applies to the term."

With these two items to be taken into consideration, the plan of paving the highways necessarily had to be abandoned and macadam surfacing used instead. Bruce Dennis, colon R. Eberhard and William Miller supplemented Mr. Larson's statement.

Tourist Question

Feeling that they might be swept into the discard, part of the tax reduction plan, the Oregon Tourist Association and Information Bureau forwarded to the Ad Club a communication asking that the Ad Club take action in supporting their work. The matter was presented to the members and Representative Albert Hunter and Bruce Dennis gave their views on the matter.

"Oregon, under the administration that will soon be in effect, is asking for a reduction of taxes," Mr. Dennis stated. "The Oregon Tourist Association and Information Bureau may be one of the first items to be backed with the aid of tax reduction. In this state and in this country the benefits derived from the tourists does not warrant the continuation of the bureau. We could easily seat every tourist that has located in La Grande in this one room during the past few years. If we follow the policy of tax reduction that the people of Oregon pledged themselves to in the past state election, we will not advocate the continuation of this bureau." Mr. Hunter supplemented the statement made urging that the matter be left to the legislature.

A. W. Nelson spoke briefly on the Wallis cut-off and stated that a telegram had been dispatched to the

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Dads and Sons Will Eat Friday Eve; Delegates To Conference Invited

The fathers and sons of La Grande will break bread together Friday evening in the L. D. S. Amusement hall simultaneously with fathers and sons all over the nation. Fathers and Sons Day has become an established date in the United States, a day when the younger and older generation meet, not separated by the intervening years, but as pals, a day set aside to foster the feeling of comradeship that all dads should have for their boys.

And the "dads" will be well supplied with some Friday evening for not only will they have their own son but an adopted son, adopted from the ranks of delegates to the Older Boys' conference that is to be held in La Grande on December 7, 8 and 9.

HALF MILLION RECOMMENDED BAKER PROJECT

President Harding Transmits Budget for the Fiscal Year; Informs Congress Not to Cut Items.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Oregon's budget appropriations recommended by the president totaling \$2,300,000. They are the Indian school at Salem, \$200,000; Baker reclamation project, \$500,000; Umatilla project, \$900,000; Klamath, Oregon-California reclamation, \$700,000.

President Harding transmitted the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1923 to congress today. It aggregates \$3,078,940,000. He warns congress that further slashes will not be approved by the administration.

In the amounts recommended for national defense President Harding provides for an army of 12,000 officers, 125,000 enlisted men and a navy of 86,000 men.

President Harding says the retrenchment since the armistice has resulted in a "most satisfactory reduction of public moneys." The special session of congress ended at 11:50 a. m. today and the new session began at noon.

WINTER COMES FOR LONG STAY

An Average of at Least Six Inches of Snow is Registered; Yarn Artists Get Into Action.

Winter, suddenly rushing into the Grande Ronde valley and firmly establishing itself in a few days, holds sway in La Grande. Covered in a mantle of snow, that is brightened to a dazzling whiteness by an occasional ray of sunshine, the city presents the aspect of a spoiled town today.

Snow fell intermittently during the past three days but began falling in earnest last night and continued during the greater part of today. One citizen swears that it measured eight inches on the level this morning but it is safe to state that the snow is at least six inches deep where unmolested by scrapers or brooms.

With the advent of winter, the Hot Stove League begins practicing regularly and the champion yarn spinners and checker players get into action. The prize winning reminiscence to date was cracked by a former Easterner who, talking about cool headiness, told of the man who dove from a tower at one of the big swimming resorts and whose head cooled the water, then froze it, and the result was that he broke his neck when he finally struck what had been running water but a short time before. We will not vouch for the truthfulness of this tale but it held the champion emulators of Baron Munchausen for awhile.

BROTHERHOODS WILL CONVEENE

The monthly meeting of the fellowship brotherhoods of La Grande will be held in the evening of December fifth, in the Presbyterian Church. Walter M. Pierce, governor-elect, will address the brotherhoods and several important matters will be dealt with at this time.

KING GEORGE APPROVED THE IRISH STATE

Legislation Settling Irish Free States As A Dominion Finished

TIMOTHY HEALY IS GOVERNOR GENERAL

Shipments of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives to Southern Ireland Seized By England on Seas.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—King George tonight approved the legislation settling up the Irish Free State as a dominion to the British Empire. Timothy Healy has been appointed the first governor general.

Rifles are Seized. (By Associated Press.) LIVERPOOL, Dec. 5.—Local police today seized a large quantity of rifles and ammunition including explosives on ships sailing for Southern Ireland.

MYTHICAL II TO BE NAMED

Fifteen Coaches of Eastern Oregon Teams Will Select Eleven Best High School Gridiron Men.

The Eastern Oregon mythical eleven, composed of the eleven best interscholastic football players of 1922, will be announced through the columns of the La Grande Evening Observer on Wednesday, December 13. The team, which will be truly representative, will be chosen by the football coaches of La Grande, Pendleton, Baker, Joseph, Enterprise, Walla, Elgin, Imbler, Union, Horn Powder, Haines, Athena, Hermiston, Halfway and Milton-Freewater.

PORTLAND HAS SNOW

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—Snow during the night and early today covered the ground here with a white mantle which is the second snow of the season.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—Cattle were barely steady late yesterday. Choice steers went at \$6.25 to \$6.75; hogs were steady; feeder stock higher; sheep steady; lambs, weakened tendency; eggs steady and butter firm.

MATRON FORCED TO LET GIRLS MAKE ESCAPE

(By Associated Press.) OLYMPIA, Dec. 5.—Seventeen girl inmates of the training school at Grand Mound overpowered the matron last night and escaped.

They cut the telephone wires. Police in nearby towns were notified today to be on the lookout.

Three girls returned to Grand Mound at midnight, six had been arrested at Chehalis, leaving eight unaccounted for at noon today.

MURDER CHARGE NOW DISMISSED

Mrs. Obenchain Did Not Kill Kennedy, According to Late Evidence.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Indictments against Arthur C. Burch and Mrs. Madalyn Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Nelson Kennedy, young Los Angeles broker, were dismissed Monday by Judge John W. Shenk on motion of District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine.

Mr. Woolwine moved dismissal of the indictments on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

Paul W. Schenk, attorney for Burch, then swore out an insanity complaint against his client, and Judge Schenk directed that he be committed to the psychopathic ward of the county hospital for observation.

Mrs. Obenchain left the Los Angeles county jail early Monday night for an unannounced destination. She was escorted by her chief counsel, Jud Rush. They departed in an automobile.

Woman Arrested in 1921

Mrs. Obenchain was arrested here in August, 1921, after she had reported at the police station at Beverly Hills that Kennedy had been slain on the steps of his little summer home in Beverly Glen, where she had accompanied him to look for a "lucky penny" after they had spent an evening at the beaches nearby.

Kennedy was killed by the charge from a shotgun.

Burch was taken off an eastbound train at Las Vegas, Nev., a few days later and was returned here to stand trial. The state's theory was that Kennedy, who had been much in Mrs. Obenchain's company, had decreased his attention and that Burch had slain him, with Mrs. Obenchain's connivance.

Ralph R. Obenchain of Chicago, the divorced husband of Mrs. Obenchain, at once came to her assistance and aided in her defense at her first trial.

PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM WAS BEGUN TODAY

Would Amend the Constitution To Begin With

ELECT PRESIDENT BY A DIRECT VOTE

Change in Dates of Taking Office and Inauguration of a President Also Included in Measure.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The new Progressive bloc won its first legislative victory today by obtaining from the Senate agricultural committee a favorable report on the resolution to amend the constitution to provide for a direct election of president and vice-president, change the inauguration from March 4th to the third Monday in January, and provide members of the senate and house beginning their terms of office the first Monday in January after the biennial elections. Congress would meet in regular session annually the first Monday in January.

FIREMEN PLAN TO HOLD HOP

At their regular monthly meeting, the La Grande fire department last night began arrangements for their annual dance, which will be held some time in January. A committee, to make arrangements for the affair, was appointed, consisting of C. O. Murchison, C. L. Mackey and Nate Zweifel.

Pleases California Audience

The Herbst recital to be held in La Grande on December 13th pleased the California people as can be judged by the following press notice from the Marysville Appeal:

"The great aria from 'La Traviata,' which closed the program, was a revelation of the vocal art of this great singer. Thrills and raptures and great perfection were there. The audience rose to the greatest enthusiasm after this number, and Mrs. Wright-Herbst was repeatedly recalled. Mrs. Wright-Herbst's voice is a coloratura soprano of great beauty and is always under splendid control. The power of the artist lies in her capacity to alter the quality of her tones, to indicate pathos, anguish or joyousness and so carry the audience where she will."

HUSBAND DISAPPEARS

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Armour Phillips, husband of the woman, disappeared yesterday from his local stopping place. Efforts to find him today were unavailing. Investigation showed at least three persons aided in Mrs. Phillips' escape. At least two aided her on the roof and one or two more waited for them in an automobile on the street.

SAMMY HALE IS SOLD

(By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 5.—Sammy Hale, Portland's third baseman, was sold today to the Philadelphia Athletics for players and cash amounting to \$175,000. The announcement was made at the Minor League convention here today.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—Tonight and Wednesday rain or snow in western part, and snow in the eastern portion of the state. Continued cold.

CLEMENCEAU HAS MEETING WITH HARDING

Old Tiger Appears in High Hat Right on the Dot of the Appointed Hour.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Clemenceau today paid his respects to President Harding, arriving at the White House at three minutes before ten, the hour at which the president was to receive him.

He was ushered immediately into the executive offices. The old Tiger looked jaunty, wearing a high hat for the second time since his arrival in America. He was accompanied by Ambassador Jusserand. Late tomorrow Clemenceau is to call on ex-President Wilson.

IMPEACHMENT CASE MOVING

House Authorizes Committee to Send for All Persons and Papers Needed.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The house Monday directed its judiciary committee to send for all the persons and papers it needed in its investigation of the impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty, as filed by Representative Keller, Republican, of Minnesota.

The was no discussion or division when Chairman Volstead asked and obtained consent for authorization. He explained that the committee, earlier in the day, had agreed unanimously to take this course.

Appearing before the committee with Jackson H. Halston as his counsel, Mr. Keller declared that he was not prepared to proceed at once, and December 12 finally was fixed as the time for taking up the charges.

The bill of particulars, in which Mr. Keller set forth 14 charges against the attorney general, and the latter's answer, made public Sunday night, were formally filed with the committee.

Wrangle for an Hour

There was an hour's wrangle in committee over the time and method of procedure before it was cut short on a motion by Representative Graham, Republican, Pennsylvania, to go into executive session to determine whether the house would be requested to do as Mr. Keller had urged—get the witnesses and papers.

Taking up the charges generally, Chairman Volstead pressed Mr. Halston, who said he was counsel for the American Federation of Labor, as to what witnesses he had in mind. Mr. Halston mentioned Donald E. Ritchie, a lawyer of Chicago, who was counsel for railway employes in the recent strike injunction proceedings, and Steven, a lawyer of Cleveland, O., whose initials he could not give off-hand.

"We are not trying to prevent this investigation, but we control procedure and do not intend to let anybody run this committee," said Chairman Volstead, at one stage of the wrangle.

RUSSIANS AND TURKS UNITED AT LAUSANNE

Full Turkish Control of the Dardanelles With Right To Fortify Is Asked

ISMET PASHA IS THE SILENT STATESMAN

Being Carried Along by Tchitcherin Is the Opinion of Delegates at the Near East Conference.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 5.—Ismet Pasha is still being carried along behind Tchitcherin's chariot Monday night, so far as the members of the Near Eastern conference have been able to learn. Whether Ismet is willingly allowing Russia to speak for Mustafa Kemal's government, or dare not assert variance with soviet Russia's view on control of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, is not clear. Ismet is silent; perhaps he is awaiting instructions from Ankara.

Ismet Pasha says he wants to hear the views of England, France and Italy control of the straits, before he sets forth the definite Turkish plan, but his admission that Russia's project for absolute control of the straits and adjacent territory by Turkey alone and the exclusion of all warships except Turkey's from the straits, approaches nearer the Turkish idea than any other suggested, has created the general impression that Russia is dictating the Turkish policy.

Mr. Tchitcherin's plan was placed directly and concisely before the delegates at the morning session, he insisting that Turkey should have control of the straits, that foreign warships should be prohibited entry and that Turkey should be permitted to erect fortifications. He declared that troops and ships would not influence the settlement of the problem of the straits and that their retention there was not possible.

Lord Curzon retorted significantly that foreign troops and ships were there now and were a very definite factor in the Near Eastern situation, though he hoped they would not be a permanent factor in the straits.

Ismet Sees Tchitcherin

Ismet Pasha had a long conference with Tchitcherin late Monday afternoon, and so far has not indicated to conference officials that he has a definite Turkish proposal to submit. Consideration of the straits control consequently is at a deadlock, awaiting some communication from the quiet little Oriental general, whose immovable face and extreme deafness have made him a difficult study for the conferees who sit opposite him.

Lord Curzon had a long conference with Marquis di Garroni and M. Barriere and many Italian and French experts, including General Weygand.

The Turkish delegation Monday night issued a statement attacking Curzon's attitude at Monday's session. The Ankara representatives employed the same words for the head of the British delegation that entente representatives used earlier in the day in speaking of Mr. Tchitcherin. "Lord Curzon," they declared, "was certainly provocative and aggressive. He was using an old English maneuver and trying to beg for the real issue. His statement that Ismet Pasha was not showing respect for the conference because he was not ready to outline Turkey's position in detail, certainly was disrespectful to the head of our delegation."

The Turkish position is that Turkey is master of the straits and is at home there; it was only natural therefore that she should wish first to hear what the European powers want done with the straits.

Clara Phillips Saws Bars of Jail and Makes Her Escape This Morning

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Clara Phillips, who was sentenced to from ten years to life imprisonment for the homicide murder of Albert Meadows, escaped at 2 o'clock a. m. today from the women's section of the county jail where she was held pending her appeal.

Bars of cell was sawed with steel saws, probably with the aid of other inmates, said the sheriff.

After crawling through the window she dropped to the roof adjoining the building and climbed down the fire escape, disappearing. The matron, making the rounds, found Clara's bed vacant and also discovered the saws.

May Be Clara's Fur

(By Associated Press.) LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 5.—A fur similar to that worn by Clara Phillips during the trial was found in an abandoned automobile here today. Authorities are trying to determine whether she put it on in a motor boat or as she left with friends.

