

COUNTY AGENT AND NURSE TO BE RETAINED

Economy Plans Frustrated By Delegation of Taxpayers Yesterday

COUNTY COURT VOTES AS UNIT ON MATTER

Argument Arose Between Farmers' Union Representative and Farm Bureau Head Over County Agent.

Shall Union county retain her county agent and nurse?

That was the question which yesterday afternoon brought a large crowd of taxpayers to the court house when after an argument which at times grew very warm, was decided in the affirmative by the county court after hearing the pro and con arguments of those present.

The economy warfare which has been going on in the state and county for some time was expected to bring the agent and nurse to a finality by some, but when the delegations arrived and the free speech which Judge Couch insisted upon, got into full swing it was very plain that the consensus of opinion favored by a large majority of those present keeping the nurse and agent.

Frank McKenna, as farm bureau head, called W. J. Case, representing the Farmers' Union, when the county agent matter came up for consideration. Mr. Case opposed to keeping the agent and Mr. McKenna went squarely to the front in support of that official. According to the farm bureau head the county agent has done excellent work in Union county, making experiments of great worth and showing farmers how to raise more wheat on an acre of ground than they ever raised before. It was very apparent that the union and the bureau are not functioning in the most harmonious manner.

When all had had their say a canvass of these present showed the delegations in favor of keeping both the nurse and the agent and the county court voted to retain them for the coming year.

The library tax for county libraries had been eliminated from the budget and therefore could not be considered, although several who were present expected it to come up at yesterday's meeting.

A little talk between H. H. Weatherperson, fruit inspector, and Judge C. H. Finn was of interest. Judge Finn took the ground that inspection had been ineffective and the department should be abolished. Mr. Weatherperson opposed the judge in this and the argument went back and forth like a rapid fire gun.

It was generally agreed that the meeting of the taxpayers was of merit and more of such meetings should be considered, but it was also admitted that the economy program insofar as it actually cuts out departments is going to be a hard one to put over.

There is apparently strong convictions on both sides of the question. One side holds that it is not economy to do away with these departments, while the other side thinks it is economy to cut out the expenses of the departments. The former contends that the expense is small compared with the benefit derived, and the latter thinks differently.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS
PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Wheat is \$1.18 to \$1.50.

Eleven Men Arrested During Past Three Days

For sixteen long wintry days the could be obtained, the city hotel, sometimes called the police station, has security in the shape of watches, clothing and other articles in lieu of the usual cash.

Arrests Many.
Citizens of La Grande who chanced to be on the streets Sunday afternoon at the time a policeman was escorting a man from Baker, too stewed to know his name, to the jail, were treated to a conglomerate of cousin that would have put many a correspondence school mule-skinner to shame. He got relieved of \$20, too.

The records show that during the month of November 22 were arrested, ten for drunkenness, four for traffic violations and for disorderly conduct. In October only nine were hauled before the city court and in September and August 24 and 21 were snared in the coils of law and order officials.

Altogether, since August 1, 1922, 87 arrests have been made by the city police. Volstead violations made up the largest single item in the roll especially during the periods when Armistice day and Thanksgiving were celebrated.

Not only was the ranks swelled by drunken brothers but Carl Workman and Dan Little were tried for drunkenness yesterday morning and a fine of \$20 slapped on them. Another man was fined for driving over the fire hose during the Christmas.

Not all of the recipients of the law had enough money to pay the fine and in addition to wait money

BOOST OREGON URGES LEADER OF UNIVERSITY

President P. L. Campbell, of the U. of O., Speaks Before Ad Club on "Oregon."

"Boost Oregon" was the subject of President Prince L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, who spoke this noon at the Ad club Christmas luncheon. "Every citizen of Oregon should tell the world that we have the greatest state in the Union, the finest people to be found anywhere, wonderful natural resources, infinite possibilities, in fact, our state, an empire in itself, is a state that any man can boost to the best of his ability without a quiver."

Three things should be done in opening up Oregon, he states. First, investigate; second, ascertain; and third, exploit it. "It pays to advertise," applies to "selling" Oregon just as well as it does in the mercantile game," he announced.

Looks To Big Growth.
President Campbell predicts a rapid growth in the coming decade, in wealth, development and population. At the end of the ten year period, he expects to see an iron industry flourishing in western Oregon that will rank with any in the west. In other branches corresponding developments should take place.

"Physically, intellectually, and morally, the people in Oregon rank with the finest in the world. Literacy, practically is the lowest in Oregon," he continued. And in closing, President Campbell said that the slogan of every newspaper, every commercial body and everybody in the state should be to boost, boost, boost; for "we have no great state."

Program Delightful.
The Ad club luncheon, held at the K. of P. hall, was a Christmas luncheon with a Yuletide program. Dr. E. P. Massman was chairman of the day and the Royal Neighbors catered. Royal Neighbors sang "Silent Night," and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and following President Campbell's address, they sang the state song "Oregon." G. L. Dutton sang a tenor solo, "Kashmiri," and responded to a resounding applause with an encore.

Several Announcements.
Many announcements were made during the luncheon. Announcements were made relative to the Salvation Army benefit concert to be given at the high school Wednesday evening, the raffling of a pig donated by Mr. Hamilton of Summerville by the Salvation Army to be held Friday at the intersection of Adams and Depot, regarding the sale of Christmas seals by Mrs. Charles Playle, concerning the message that Walter Stoddard, commercial representative to the O. A. C. body from the Ad club, would deliver regarding La Grande, an announcement relative to a membership committee that had been appointed consisting of A. W. Nelson, George Glass, Charles Reynolds and Leo French, an invitation was tendered to the Ad club to be present at the O. A. C. and Alumni dance to be given at the Ice hall, an announcement regarding outside solicitors by H. E. Dixon, and a short talk on the recent fire and a request that some plan be made whereby firemen could be covered by insurance while on duty, by C. L. Short, which was answered by Charles Reynolds.

The meeting was opened by Rev. George Quigley who gave thanks and preliminary to the closing Earl Reynolds, secretary, announced that there would be no noonday luncheon of the Ad club next Tuesday on account of the nearness of Christmas day.

HARD LUCK DAY FOR OBSERVER

Plasterers Take Charge of Plant and Issuing Today's Paper Has Been Some Job

"It is a fine thing that Julius Roach is not susceptible to human criticism, for if he were today he would be a miserable man. The Evening Observer is located in one of the many Roach buildings. It was erected without thought of cold, winter weather and the present winter brought to mind the cost of coal in heating it. After several conferences with Julius it was decided to lath and plaster the interior. Having been raised on the slogan "Do it now" Julius went at it forgetting that a daily newspaper has right of way over everything on his earth except the collector.

Today when the Observer came to work they found Harry Hoffman and a gang of his plasterers had taken charge. Whenever a linotype operator would raise a protest about the chaotic conditions which prevailed Harry would take a swipe with his trowel over the newly plastered wall and hit the operator in the eye with a wad of wet plaster making it smack much as the pumpkin pie smacked him it hit the dean in the eye in Uncle Tom's cabin show.

Thus we have been running at cross purposes, worse than that, for everyone is out of humor and there has been threats of hanging Harry Hoffman to the line shaft but for some reason he paid no attention to the threats as he swatted first one and then the other with his wet plaster and kept hammering away.

Promises have been made that the job will be finished past the danger line late tonight. Everybody in this shop hopes so, and the next time there is a room to be plastered it will be done when there is no print shop located therein, when Julius has a clearer conception of the right of way of a daily newspaper, and Harry Hoffman has ceased to be such an accurate shot with his "wad" from the shovel.

ARMY OFFICERS GO TO ASTORIA

Will Investigate Conditions and Make Report to Federal Government.

A communication was received today by the city manager of La Grande from George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to President Warren Harding, answering the letter sent by the city in connection with Astoria's request for government funds amounting to \$3,000,000 to aid in restoring the city.

Extracts from the letter state that army officers have been dispatched to Astoria and that as soon as a report is made, necessary steps will be taken to give an expression in a suitable form to congress regarding measures that have already been proposed for the relief of the city.

ORPHANS OF THE STORM

Christmas



SEVEN PUT TO DEATH IN IRELAND

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—Four military men and three laborers were executed today for interfering with trains in County Kildare. Seven were captured November 13th by Free State troops in a house containing a quantity of stolen goods, rifles and ammunition.

GRAND ARMY—

Word has been received of the death of S. C. Byers, at the old soldiers home at Roseburg, Oregon, where he has been since last spring. He is an old civil war veteran, born in Ohio on April 29, 1832, being 91 years of age. He was a charter member of Farmers No. 49, I. O. O. F. of Summerville and was an uncle of C. W. Hamilton, and W. G. Hamilton, and a great uncle of W. E. Hamilton of La Grande.

The body will arrive in La Grande this evening and will lie in state at the Shodgrass and Zimmerman undertakings parlors until funeral arrangements are made. Interment will be made in the Summerville cemetery.

LOST PILOT IS SAFE ON RANCH

(Special to the Observer)

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 19.—Air Mail Pilot Henry G. Bonstra, who has been missing since Friday morning when he became lost in a blizzard en route to Rock Springs, Wyoming, has been found alive at a ranch four miles southeast of where his wrecked plane was discovered late yesterday.

Bonstra declared that except for a slightly frost bitten foot he was unhurt. He was ordered down Friday morning on Pocatello Road twelve miles northeast of Emmett. He hiked through the deep snows until Saturday night consuming 36 hours before reaching the ranch shelter.

AMATEURS SAID TO BE BANDITS

DENVER, Dec. 19.—The city and county of Denver today offered \$10,000 reward for the capture dead or alive of the bandits who yesterday held up the mint carrying with \$200,000 in currency and killed a Federal Reserve bank guard. The chief of police believes that the bandits are not professionals and that they are still in Denver.

EXTRA

SCHOOL BONDS VALID

SALEM, Dec. 19.—Portland's three million dollar school bond issue validated by a decision of the supreme court today holding that the use of words "various polling places" instead of "regular" or "usual polling places" in election notices did not render the bonds invalid. A bond firm has cancelled bids on advice of an attorney that the word "various" made the bonds illegal. The decision today was in a friendly suit in behalf of the school board. The supreme court in effect upheld the constitutionality of the woman's jury law in the case of the state against J. J. Chase, who applied from Lane county from conviction on a statutory offense.

HOUSE TAKES UP BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The house by a vote of 118 to 52 took up the consideration of the Green resolution for the constitution amendment prohibiting further issuance of tax exemption securities.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Dec. 19.—The supreme court today affirmed Judge J. W. Knowles of Union county in the case of J. W. Case versus J. L. McKinnis, appellant. Case and McKinnis both signed on the back of a note for the Union County Telephone company. Mr. Case paid off the note and sued Mr. McKinnis for his share. In the circuit court Mr. Case recovered and now the supreme court upholds the verdict of the jury.

BULLETINS

LIVESTOCK MARKET

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Livestock steady, eggs weak and butter firm.

WALLACE REID RESTING WELL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Wallace Reid is resting easier today with an overnight decrease.

IRISHMEN ARE FIGHTING

CORK, Dec. 19.—Heavy firing for two hours last night in northern suburbs of Cork told of the conflict that was going on. Republicans were using machine guns. One civilian was severely wounded.

TURKS TO HEAR TREATY

LAUSANNE, Dec. 19.—A completed draft of the peace treaty drawn up as a result of deliberations of the Near East conference here will be presented to the Turks Saturday, according to a report today.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Tonight and Wednesday occasional rain in western part and warmer in eastern part with moderate southerly winds.

HIGHWAYS WILL BE KEPT OPEN DURING WINTER

State Highway Commission Installs Snow Plows; Are Planning Snow Fences; Pendleton Hill Will Be Kept Open.

The state highway commission, represented in eastern Oregon by R. H. Baldock, advised by the federal government has installed three snow plows, on the front of five ton caterpillar tractors, which will be used to keep the highways in eastern Oregon clear from snow during the winter season, making auto traffic or traffic by other vehicles, possible throughout the season.

One plow is located at Union and will be used between La Grande and North Powder and between La Grande and Elgin; one is stationed at Pendleton and will be used between Pendleton and Echo, Pendleton and Pilot Rock, and Pendleton and the Washington state line, and the third is at Haines, and will keep the road free between North Powder and Baker, and may be used between Baker and Pleasant Valley and between Baker and a point fifteen miles from Baker on the way to Cornucopia.

Hill Will Be Open.
R. H. Baldock stated today that two ten-ton caterpillars, equipped with larger snowplows were being shipped to La Grande by the government and that they would be installed as soon as they arrived and would be used to keep the Pendleton-La Grande highway clear. They will operate in five feet of snow while the smaller plows will only work effectively in three feet of snow.

Snow Fences Planned.

Another feature of the work to keep the roads free from snow will be the erection of snow fences, identical to the same as are used on the railroads. A line will soon be erected between Union and North Powder and others may be installed. These are much more effective than the plows, as "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The plows were tried out recently and proved very successful.

If it is found that the plow at Union cannot handle the task above Elgin a similar plow will be stationed at Elgin on the road to Elgin which will operate on the road between Joseph and Elgin.

Heavy Drifts.
In speaking of the conditions on the Athena-Weston road, Mr. Baldock states that a drift, approximately ten feet in depth, blocked the way for four days but that the drift was finally moved and that a one way road is now open. He will go to Pendleton tomorrow and will make arrangements for further opening the road to the regular two-way traffic.

County May Use Plows.

The expense of such a system is moderate, inasmuch as the government furnishes the major part of the equipment and that the men employed would have been hired anyway to patrol the roads during the winter. The plows would be willingly loaned to the county, if possible, to keep the market roads clear at times. Mr. Baldock stated, which will also insure the farmers clear roads to La Grande during most of the winter.

KESSLER BOUND TO GRAND JURY

Charged With Manslaughter, Wm. Kessler Waives Examination; Awaits Action of Grand Jury.

William Kessler, "Kessney," who was charged with manslaughter of Arthur Cleaver, of Baker, waived his examination in the justice court and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Bonds were set at \$5,000 which Kessler has not raised.

He is in custody of the county sheriff.

Road Fund Over \$25,000 To Be Received By City

"A law, that went into effect in 1919, was passed in Union county that provided that a portion of the license" he continued, "to make the annual county road tax levy would turnover and they have provided to be distributed to each road district in the county in proportion to the assessed valuation of the property in the district," stated City Manager O. A. Kvatz today. "La Grande is a separate road district and upon investigation I found that no money had been proportioned to this district during the past four years."

According to him, in 1919, the city's portion of the road tax was \$6,963; in 1920 it was \$7,926, and in 1921 \$6,791 and this year it amounts to over \$5,000. Roughly estimated, the grand total would be better than \$25,000.

Will Install Fire Pump.

Mr. Kvatz states that he will recommend that a portion of the money be spent by the city in purchasing a fire engine pump which will increase the efficiency of the fire department for a marked degree and will also tend to lower the insurance rates in the city. He will make the recommendation tomorrow evening at the regular council meeting.

MILITARY MAY TIGHTEN HOLD ON CHINESE

Military Leader Has Been Selected as the New Premier

MILITARY PARTY TO REMAIN IN CONTROL

Old President, Known to Be Against War, Will Retire and Give Place to New Military Product.

(By Associated Press)

PEKING, Dec. 19.—General Chang Shao Tseng, military leader, has been appointed premier with the approval of parliament. His selection, which was supported by General Tiao-Kun, is believed to indicate the military party's intention to resume control of China.

Newspapers report President Li Tiao-Kun will soon retire, and that Tiao-Kun will take his place. Another report says Tiao-Kun, with the backing of Chang Tso-Lin, is preparing hostilities against General Wu Pei-Fu for early spring with the purpose of placing the pending government completely in the hands of militarists.

FINE PROGRAM FOR CONCERT

Salvation Army Benefit at High School Auditorium

What is believed to be one of the most enjoyable programs among local people will be tendered tomorrow evening at the high school auditorium when the benefit concert will be given. The program will include a large orchestra, many Christmas songs, and a variety of other musical numbers.

Piano Duet, "Rhapsody" by Harold; Mrs. E. L. Evans, Mrs. L. Reynolds.

Slava song, Teresa Wei Rizer; Love the Pedlar, Edwara German, Mrs. Ray Fuller accompanied by Mrs. W. W. Berry.

Sextette from Lucia di Lamormoor; Donizetti; Mr. Andrew Loney, Mr. P. S. Robinson.

Minuet (left hand alone), Rheinberger; Valse de Concert, Weinawski; Mrs. Lee Reynolds.

Elevations, Oley Spraker; Habanera from Carmen, Bizet, Mrs. Frederike Schlick; accompanied by Mrs. Lynn Wright.

Reading, selected, Mrs. Isabelle Miller.

Nonover (The Not True), Tito Mattel; Borel (Cord D), P. Pado Tosti, Mr. G. L. Dutton, accompanied by Mrs. G. L. Dutton.

Concerto C Major, Beethoven; Beethoven, Mrs. Lee Reynolds.

Orchestra, accompaniment on second piano, Mrs. E. L. Evans.

FIRE SURVEY TO BE MADE

The city manager today announced that a fire survey of the La Grande business district will be made within the next few days, probably to start tomorrow. The fire chief and his assistant will make the survey.

The examination of the fire hazard conditions in the various business establishments will be made with the view of recommending any changes that should be made to lessen the likelihood of fires breaking out.