

# MAY ISOLATE RUHR VALLEY

## Ad Club Backs Cove On Island City-Cove Road; Resolutions Made

"Be it resolved by the Union County Ad club that we heartily endorse the Cove Commercial club in their efforts to have the county court of this county to construct a permanent road between Island City and Cove and the best that can be built for the money set aside by the people of this county for such road as expressed in their vote bond measure adopted by the election in 1919, and we hereby ask the county court to have the said road constructed as quickly as possible to the end that the deplorable conditions that exist between La Grande and Cove may be remedied. Signed by C. E. Shaw, president, and Earl C. Reynolds, secretary."

That was the resolution that was passed by the Union County Ad club without a dissenting vote today noon at the regular Ad club weekly luncheon. Carl Helm presided as chairman and the Methodist ladies served a delicious luncheon. The meeting was held in the Methodist church.

### Both Sides Present View.

Although the Ad club adopted the resolution, considerable discussion prevailed prior to its presentation for vote. Mayor Trippier, of Cove, took the floor first and in his address, gave the Cove citizens' idea of the road program as it was first explained to them and stated that the Cove people were still unanimously behind the road program and that it was absolutely necessary for their needs and the needs of intermediate points, that the road be built.

### Couch Speaks.

Judge U. G. Couch, of the Union county court, then took the floor and explained the county court's attitude on the matter. "We hold it advisable that a pavement not be constructed at present between Island City and Cove for the reasons that it would not be feasible to put pavement on a gravel road and due to the over-taxed condition of the county and state. We are unanimously in favor of spending every cent the money voted to the Cove road on that road but we deem it advisable to construct a gravel road at present, then completing the work as a later time, according to the conditions that would make it advisable." Judge Couch stated that for the above reasons that he would not be in favor of passing the resolution.

### Larison Replies.

G. L. Larison, a member of the Ad club good roads committee, in a short address explained the original plans of the committee and stated that "we are duty bound to pass the resolution and I feel that the citizens of Cove and Union county should have the road specified by the issue when it was voted upon in October, 1919."

### Makes Strong Appeal.

K. J. Stackland, of Cove, took the floor prior to Judge Crawford and presented a strong appeal for the passing of the resolution. After describing the conditions that prevailed at the present time he asserted that Cove people had proved to their satisfaction that a 8-foot paved road supplemented by gravel road on the sides, could be constructed for the amount voted, that would be permanent and which would relieve the present condition of bad roads.

### Sun Yat Sen to Start For Canton Saturday

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23.—Sun Yat Sen, ex-president of the southern republic, announced Monday that he would leave Saturday for Canton, his former capital. Both foreign and Chinese interests have been urging him to go there to restore order. His adherents took the city from Peking nationals last Wednesday.

## Mosul Oil Dispute May Go To League of Nations

(By Associated Press)  
LAUSANNE, Jan. 23.—The Turks tonight refused to refer the Mosul oil dispute to the League of Nations. They demanded a plebiscite.

## Crowell, On Trial In War Case, Says Fair Deal Was Denied Him

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—Benedict Crowell, wartime assistant secretary of war, pleaded not guilty in the District of Columbia supreme court Monday to the indictment returned against him and six others here charging conspiracy in connection with construction of army camps.

In a public statement issued upon his appearance in court, Crowell declared he had been given no opportunity to "present the facts" in the case to the grand jury which indicted him and added that such a procedure, by giving circulation to a false charge, "had constituted a wrong against every American citizen."

## LA GRANDE IN SECOND PLACE

## Joseph Only Team Ahead of Blue and White at This Time; Percentage of the Hom Team .833.

With six games of the interscholastic season nothing but history, the La Grande basketball team is setting for a few days preparatory for the two week-end games at home against Wallowa and Elgin. The former will play in La Grande Friday evening and Elgin comes here on Saturday. Under the tutelage of Cecil Snow, coach, the hoop squad is undergoing some intensive training as both teams have been met before and are strong teams.

The recent trip up the branchline when the team played Wallowa, Joseph and Enterprise on the three successive nights, losing only to Joseph, proved conclusively that Wallowa county teams are strong and to be feared. The roughest game of the trip was at Joseph where the ex-champions forced ahead of the locals, giving them their only drubbing of the season. At Wallowa La Grande won decisively and at Enterprise, at the close of a fiercely fought game, the Blue and White team finally came out victors by the slim margin of two points. Incidentally, the game with Enterprise was not as rough as early reports chronicled it. Despite the fact that many personal fouls were called, the teams were closely matched and the large number of fouls called were due to close but fair refereeing. The local team returned from the trip feeling that they had received a fair, hospitable welcome from all three teams and in regards to the Joseph defeat, it looks like the best team won. However, the La Grander are eager to wipe out the defeat and are working hard in the hopes of defeating the last year's champs when they come to La Grande.

**Good Record.**  
The local team with five wins and one loss, stand second to Joseph in the percentage column with a rating of .833. The home team has scored 184 points against her opponent's 138 and the list of games played is as follows: La Grande 20, Union 12; La Grande 29, Union 17; La Grande 24, Elgin 18; La Grande 28, Wallowa 17; La Grande 22, Joseph 24; La Grande 33, Enterprise 31. The remainder of the schedule is as follows: Jan. 25-27, Wallowa and Elgin at La Grande; Feb. 2-3, Enterprise and Joseph at La Grande; Feb. 19, La Grande at Baker; Feb. 24, Pendleton at La Grande; March 3, Baker at La Grande.

## RAIL SUPER SYSTEM NOW IS PLANNED

Executives of Western Railroads Give Views On Merger Proposal

### UNION PACIFIC IS MENTIONED IN PLAN

Would Form Super-System Including Many Prominent Railroads in Vast Consolidation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Executives of western railroads laid before the interstate commerce commission Monday their views on tentative plans which the government has devised for consolidation of transportation lines in the territory of the Mississippi and south of the Missouri rivers.

W. B. Storey, president of the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe lines, took a critical view of the scheme so far projected for combining his road with other systems, while W. H. Finley, president of the Chicago and Northwestern, characterized as reasonable plans for placing that line in a super-railroad system that would also include the Union Pacific, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, and possibly the Central Pacific.

In suggesting consolidation possibilities, the commission proposed to put the Santa Fe, Colorado and Southern, Denver and Rio Grande Western and several smaller lines into one system.

Representatives of the Union and Southern Pacific systems indicated that evidence supporting their viewpoint would be introduced at hearings which the commission will hold on the consolidation matter in western cities. All railroads concerned have filed much data as to amounts of traffic involved in interchanges between them at the present time.

Mr. Storey said that inclusion of the Colorado and Southern system in the Santa Fe group would throw the proposed consolidated system rather further to the north in its interests than necessary.

### NEW AGREEMENT MADE

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The subcommittee of the bituminous coal operators and Union chiefs agreed today on a new wage agreement replacing that expiring in the tri-state competitive fields on April first.

## EXTRA

THREE MINERS KILLED  
(By Associated Press)  
SPOKANE, Jan. 23.—Three miners were killed and thirty overcame by gas in a fire today on the fourteen hundred foot level of the Morning Mine, at Mullin, Idaho.

### SHERIDAN BANK ROBBED

(By Associated Press)  
SHERIDAN, Jan. 23.—Robbers early today forced an entrance to the first national bank through the front door, drilled the outer door of the safe, and escaped with liberty bonds and currency which they found in the thirty safety deposit boxes. Three men were seen by a woman cutting the telephone cable at 1:30 o'clock.

## UNOFFICIAL TRIO FORMED

America, Great Britain and Japan Linked Together by Understanding in Conference Agreement.

(By Associated Press)  
TOKYO, Jan. 23.—Premier Kato, replying to interpellation, declared that while no formal negotiations occurred there is an understanding between America, Great Britain and Japan regarding steps if the other powers failed to ratify the Washington conference agreements.

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, Jan. 23.—The Senate today passed the Zimmerman memorial urging Congress to enact a "truth in fabrics" bill, also passed Eddy's bill including permits who work in orchards among those who have the privilege of a lion on the crop.

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### THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—Tonight and Wednesday cloudy in the north, probably rain or snow in the south portion, with moderate easterly winds.

### WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—Wheat \$1.20 to \$1.25. Hard white wheat was unquoted.

## BILL TO BAN CARELESSNESS PRESENTED

Would Perpetually Prevent Careless Hunters Hunting.

### ZIMMERMAN BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Bailey Introduces a Companion Bill to the Anti-Alien Land Holding Measure.

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, Jan. 23.—Sponsored by seven senators and eight representatives, a bill to save \$2,500,000 in bonds voted for the Roosevelt highway was introduced today. It would give the state power to match the federal appropriations when made.

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## POLICE CHIEF SUES TRIBUNE

Ten Thousand Dollar Libel Suit Against Publisher and Editor of Pendleton Tribune Begins.

PENDLETON, Jan. 23.—A jury of seven men and five women was secured shortly before two o'clock in the libel case in which W. R. Taylor, chief of police, is suing Harry L. Kuck, editor and publisher of the Pendleton Tribune, for \$10,000, states the Pendleton press.

The members of the jury are William Bush, Clara Donaldson, I. M. Phipps, Bruce Shampie, Bessie Harrah, Edith Lundsten, Clement Duncan, Milda Wade, Pauline Denny, L. J. O'Hara, Stillman Dempsey and R. E. Heskett.

Immediately after the jury was secured, Judge James A. Fee, attorney for Taylor, began the case. Indications are that the case will be bitterly prosecuted and just as bitterly defended. The trial grows out of charges published in the morning paper last January about W. R. Taylor in which the publisher of the paper, Harry L. Kuck, is alleged to have claimed the plaintiff was a crooked officer.

The suit of the chief of police against Kuck was filed within a short time in which he asked \$10,000 damages. Since then there have been several chapters added in the way of motions, answers, etc.

Representing the plaintiff in the trial of the case are Judge J. A. Fee and Alger Fee. For the defendant Fred Steiwer and Roy Raley of the firm of Raley, Raley & Steiwer and H. J. Warner are appearing.

Several days are expected to be consumed in the taking of the testimony and for the arguments.

## FEBRUARY LIST JURORS DRAWN

Thirty-One is Total of Men Drawn on Jury Panel; No Women Included in List.

The panel of jurors for the February term of Circuit court, which will open on the first Monday in February, has been drawn and consists of thirty-one. No ladies were drawn on this panel.

The list of jurors are as follows: George D. Biggs, La Grande, laborer; B. A. Colner, La Grande, farmer; S. E. Blevins, North Powder, farmer; Fred Braden, La Grande, retired; J. A. Harrison, La Grande, farmer; A. B. Hempe, Union, farmer; Heber J. Fox, Elgin, farmer; J. M. Grogan, Elgin, farmer; W. F. Broshars, Cove, merchant; W. A. Benhan, La Grande, electrician; L. L. Cross, Elgin, farmer; D. E. Bennett, Elgin, farmer; S. G. Bradshaw, Sumnerville, farmer; G. W. Crouser, Imbler, laborer; Jesse Cox, Union, farmer; J. H. Blumenstein, La Grande, timberman; J. W. Perry, Imbler, blacksmith; Julius Fisher, Alsea, farmer; R. H. Glasson, Elgin, farmer; H. S. Bell, Telocuset, farmer; H. N. Gambier, Union, farmer; Grover Grammet, La Grande, farmer; C. F. Graydy, La Grande, farmer; Frank Deciosy, La Grande, retired; William Brent, North Powder, farmer; J. P. Good, Elgin, farmer; L. M. Danzberry, North Powder, farmer; G. D. Foster, Union, farmer; A. C. Boswell, Elgin, farmer; J. A. Atkins, La Grande, carpenter; and S. E. Harris, Elgin, farmer.

### SNOW HALTS TRAIN

HOOD RIVER, Jan. 23.—A snow storm delayed until tomorrow resumption of services of the Mount Hood Railway company, which had planned to send trains to Odell today. The line was put out of commission on Friday night January 5, when flood water in Hood River washed out 2000 feet of track.

### RAMBLERS TO PLAY UNION

Imbler to Meet M. I. A. in Second Game of Official Double-Header Tomorrow Night.

The second series of the games on schedule of the La Grande Amateur Basketball league will be played tomorrow evening when Union plays the Ramblers and Imbler meets the M. I. A. team. This will be the first official appearance of the Ramblers and the Imbler five.

The Ramblers went to Union Friday evening and were defeated there by a decisive score but they are planning on giving Union a different game Wednesday evening. Reinforced by Clyde Webb and with a week's more practice, they expect to make a much different showing.

The games will be called at eight o'clock and a small admission will be charged.

## THREATENS SEVERANCE OF DISTRICT

Ruhr Will Be Cut Off from Germany if Resistance Is Continued.

### AMERICAN OFFICER FIRED UPON; UNHURT

Attorney for Arrested German Industrial Leaders Wants Trial Before The Hague Court.

(By Associated Press)  
BERLIN, Jan. 23.—The Bavarian government has notified France it is unable to longer guarantee the safety of Emil Dard, French minister to Munich.

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Jan. 23.—The completion of the isolation of the Ruhr valley and the absolute severance of communication with the remainder of Germany was announced today in government circles as the next step by the French if the German resistance continues.

(By Associated Press)  
American Fired Upon.  
BRUSSELS, Jan. 23.—Several shots were fired today at an American liaison officer attached to Belgian headquarters at Aixia Chappelle, according to dispatches. The officer was not hit.

(By Associated Press)  
Attorney Appeals.  
MAYENCE, Jan. 23.—The attorney for the six German industrial leaders who were arrested in Ruhr is reported to have asked that the case be referred to the Hague international court.

(By Associated Press)  
Britain Remains Aloof.  
LONDON, Jan. 23.—The British government instructed its military representatives on the Rhine not to interfere with the arrests and expulsion of German officials. The British also were instructed not to cooperate with the French in such operations or to allow themselves to become involved in any such incidents.

## THE JOYS OF PAYING ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN



## \$200,000 Road Bonds Are Sold To Blyth Witter Co.

Bids for the sale of the \$400,000 yearly portion of \$1,498,000 road bond issue that was voted upon at an election held in October, 1919, were opened yesterday afternoon in the presence of the county court, composed of Judge U. G. Couch, John Wells, of Alsea, and J. F. Hutchinson of Union. Eleven bonding companies presented bids on the bonds, some bidding on the whole and others only on the different issues of the total amount open for bid this year.

This amount was sold to them at 100.097, the average life of the bonds sold amounting to fourteen years. The dates of maturity of the different issues of the \$200,000 sold fall upon 1934 and 1940, inclusive, bearing interest of four and three-fourth per cent.

**\$158,000 Unsold.**  
Of the total \$1,498,000 voted on the special road bond election in 1919, a total of \$1,900,000 have already been sold. When the road bond issue passed the voters of the county it was specified in the bill that no more than \$400,000 be sold each year, the period in which the bonds would be sold to amount to four years or over.