

TEN PERCENT CUT IN PAY URGES SOLON

Senator Johnson Introduces Resolution on Cut Yesterday.

HURDS BILL FAVORED BY REVISION BOARD

Legislature Visited the University of Oregon at Eugene Today; Hunter Penalty Taboo.

SALEM, Jan. 31.—Flat reductions of approximately 10 per cent in the salaries of all state officials, clerks and other employees, which are not fixed by statute, is provided in a resolution introduced by Senator Johnson.

The resolution came up for final consideration in the senate at the afternoon session, but action was delayed until later in the week at the request of Senator Ellis.

Senator Johnson, in explaining his resolution, declared that the 1923 session of the legislature is now in its fourth week, but as yet not a single measure has been passed tending to lighten the burdens of the taxpayers.

Solons Visit College. (By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 31.—The legislators today visited the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Hunter Penalty Not Favored. (By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 31.—The house judiciary committee reported unfavorably on the Lovejoy bill providing penalties for hunters who shoot hunters.

The same committee divided on the Beals bill adding insanity as grounds for divorce.

The committee on revision laws favorably reported Hurd's bill prohibiting fixing of motion picture theater prices by producers and distributors.

An effort is being made to pass the Roosevelt highway bill under suspension rules tomorrow, the last day of grace under the terms of the original authorization bill.

TWO L. A. B. HOOP GAMES

Two basketball games will be played in the La Grande Amateur Basketball league this evening when Allison plays Imbler and the Clarks meet the Handlars, both games to be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

Both games promise to be more than ordinarily interesting and hoop fans are looking forward to the evening's double-header with anticipation.

WHEAT FALLS PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—Wheat was \$1.19 to \$1.25.

Health Association Has Election of Officers

At the annual meeting of the Public Health Association of Union County the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. E. Short, La Grande, Ore.; Vice-pres., Mrs. Geo. Baird, Union, Ore.; Secy., Mrs. Lee Warrick, La Grande, Ore.; Treas., Mrs. Dan Sommers, Elgin, Ore. Community Vice-Presidents—Mrs. E. E. Oxner, La Grande, Ore.; Mrs. Ed. Miller, Union, Ore.; Mrs. Lewis Denham, Elgin, Ore.; Mrs. L. S. Russell, North Powder, Ore.; Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Cove, Ore. Advisory Committee—Mrs. R. J. Ruckman, La Grande, Ore.; Mrs. John Theison, La Grande, Ore.; Mrs. T. Walsinger, Alcega, Ore.; Dr. R. P. Landis, La Grande, Ore.; Mr. A. C. Hampton, La Grande, Ore.; Dr. Bouvy, La Grande, Ore.; Mrs. Dan Sommer, Elgin, Ore.; Mrs. S. A. Wright, Union, Ore.; Mrs. Herman White, North Powder, Ore. Nursing Committee—Chairman, Mrs. Albert Hunter, La Grande, Ore. Publicity Committee—Chairman, Mrs. B. J. Ruckman, La Grande, Ore. Educational Committee—Chairman, Mrs. Geo. Cochran, La Grande, Ore. Finance Committee—Chairman, Mrs. C. E. Short, La Grande, Ore.; Mrs. Lee Warrick, La Grande, Ore.; Mrs. Dan Sommer, Elgin, Ore. Supply Committee—Chairman, Mrs. C. B. Elschard, La Grande, Ore. The meeting was one of interest. The report of the Public Health Nurse, Miss Whitteker, shows satisfactory results of work done. Mrs. Sade, Ore. Daubar gave a very interesting talk on the health work in general taking opportunity in the

Burglars Are the Limit; Here's One Who Stole a Sermon From a Preacher

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—While police are trying to find some clue to the thief who broke into the study of the Rev. B. Earle Parker, pastor of the First Methodist church, the minister himself is hoping that the burglar would be reformed by reading his loot. The congregation of the church was informed Sunday that the pastor would not speak on the announced theme because the burglar who ransacked the study carried off the sermon, together with other papers and things in the study. The sermon which followed the announcement was extemporaneous.

MEAT PLANT NOW NEARING COMPLETION

New Packing Plant of the Grande Ronde Meat Company Is Visited by Ad Club Members.

Ad club members yesterday, when they went through the newly renovated Grande Ronde Meat company's packing plant, located in the former brewery, realized for the first time the immensity and importance of Eastern Oregon's premier wholesale meat company. Described by a traveling man recently as one of the most conveniently arranged and efficiently handled plants in the country it is easy to see that no exaggeration was made in his statement. "It is a very nice plant and we are fairly well satisfied with the results we have obtained," states J. A. Russell, president of the company, but behind the statement, which coming from a man who hates to laud his achievements, to the world means far more than just a "nice plant." Even to the casual observer, unversed in the ways of the meat industry, the plant appears almost one of perfection. Truly an industry that La Grande or any other community, would be justly proud to have.

The Grande Ronde Meat company, which is composed of J. A. Russell, president; W. P. Mohr, vice-president and F. A. Epling, secy-treas., and J. A. Russell, W. P. Mohr and R. H. Smith composing the board of directors, takes the animal, whether it be a steer, a hog or a beef, dressed chickens, and all the other final results of the utilization of an animal for human consumption all come from the Grande Ronde Meat company ready for the retailer. The complete transformation of a live beef into the finished product is worthy of many columns itself but with space limited, it is impossible to go into many details that would in an even greater way indicate to the public the complete project that operates in La Grande.

Inspection Interesting. Going into the three story plant from Jefferson avenue, the inspector is at a first glance struck with the perfect sanitation and model arrangement. The inspection takes in the shipping room, the weighing room, the room where

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250 MINERS ENTOMBED, FIRE DAMP

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 31.—Fire damp, following an explosion, cut off 250 miners in the Heinitz Mine at Buthe, in Polish Silesia, says a message. Several bodies were recovered. Little hope is entertained of saving the imprisoned miners.

KHALED TEMPLE HAS ELECTION

D. O. O. K. Discuss Plans for Year of 1923; Ceremonial to Be Held in Wallowa County.

At a regular meeting of Khaled Temple No. 170 Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan held at La Grande officers were elected for the year 1923 as follows: Royal Vizier, Hainh E. Byers; Grand Emir, F. A. Turner; Sheikh, J. A. McCarthy; Mahedi, Claude Berry; Secretary, DeLile Greene; Treasurer, William Miller; Satrap, L. M. Blanchard; Imbler; Sahib, W. E. McClure.

The offices of Mokanna, Saruk and Master of Ceremonies will be appointed by the Royal Vizier at a later date.

Several important items are under consideration by the officers and members of the Temple for the ensuing year. Ceremonials are planned at Pendleton, Huntington, and one in Wallowa county.

The Imperial Palace will meet in Portland in the fall and it is expected that Khaled Temple will send her Uniformed Patrol Team, consisting of Pendleton members, also a newly uniformed band made up of members of the local temple. The Portland convention will be the largest one ever staged and the first time the Imperial Palace has met west of the Mississippi river for twenty years.

MURDER TRIAL BEGINS TODAY

Eleven Witnesses Called in Trial of L. D. Clark Who Is Charged With the Killing of Harry E. Rose.

PENDLETON, Jan. 31.—A jury was obtained, attorneys for the state and defense made their opening statements, and eleven witnesses were called by the state in the second day of the trial of L. D. Clark, Helix marshal, on a second degree murder charge for the killing of Harry E. Rose, Helix cigar store man, October 28, 1922. With his wife and baby, the youngest of a family of 15, and between his attorneys, sat the old-time sheriff for many years and who has been the marshal of Helix for three years.

Gale Alspach, Deputy Sheriff Jake Marin, Coroner J. T. Brown, Walter E. Clark, a nephew of the accused man, Willard Griffin, John Heberlin, Percy Kelly, Johnny Kupers, Lorin Ogara, Robert Zumwalt and Fred Oswald were called as witnesses by the state today.

Most of these men were eye witnesses to the fight and shooting. The defense contends that Marshal Clark acted in good faith as an officer and that he shot in self-defense.

BAND HOLDS AN ELECTION

J. G. Snodgrass, Oldest Member in Point of Service, Is Elected as President.

At the regular rehearsal of the La Grande Municipal Band held in the Elks' temple Monday evening January 29th, J. G. Snodgrass was elected president of the band with Ira Snyder named as secretary and treasurer.

Three new members were admitted to the band, namely, Harry Snodgrass, E-flat clarinet, Lyle Jones, cornet, and Ray Bennett, drums. The band is planning on great things for the summer concerts and are also planning on giving one or two winter concerts, the second to be held in the near future.

The election of Mr. Snodgrass comes as a signal honor as he is the oldest member in point of service in the band and has always been active in band affairs.

FORD AGENCY CHANGES HANDS THURSDAY MORN

W. C. Perkins, manager of the Perkins Motor company of La Grande, jointly owned by Frisbee and Perkins, although Mr. Perkins is in charge of the La Grande concern will take over the Union county Ford agency tomorrow morning from his predecessor, the Roesch Motor company. The company's headquarters are located in the Roesch Motor company's building.

Mr. Perkins is starting off the history of the new company with the sale of seven Fords, which arrived in La Grande recently and will be unloaded tomorrow, and delivered to their purchasers. For about ten days the Roesch Motor company will attend to the repairing and accessory departments, but at the completion of that period, the Perkins Motor company will assume charge of the accessories and repairing departments of their predecessors, also accepting the agency for the Pennsylvania tires.

"If my courteous patrons will bear with us for a few days while we are making the alterations and making arrangements for the repairing work, I can assure them that after this matter is attended to, we will be prepared to give them the best service possible," Mr. Perkins stated today.

ENGLAND WILL ACCEPT OFFER

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Jan. 31.—Great Britain has decided to accept the American offer in regard to the funding British war debt to the United States.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The British decision to accept the American debt funding suggestions was said today by Secretary Mellon to open the way for an immediate drafting of recommendations to the president for changes in the funding law to legalize the terms suggested by the American proposition. The broadening commissions powers may be requested so it can carry negotiations to an early conclusion with the hope of a final settlement before congress ends its session on March 4th.

Palmer Lumber Company Stockholders to Hold Meeting Tomorrow Morn

The stockholders of the George Palmer Lumber Company of La Grande will meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in their regular yearly meeting.

AMERICAN MAKES PLEA FOR PEACE

(By Associated Press) LAUSANNE, Jan. 31.—Richard Washburn Childs, chief American spokesman, made a strong appeal for peace before the Near East conference today when the peace treaty drawn by the Allied powers was formally presented to the Turks. "Turkey must be responsible," declared Childs, "if she is to have peace and the co-operation that she requires."

His address made a deep impression upon the conference. Curzon Speaks.

Lord Curzon in an address, said that the treaty was intended to build up the relations of amity, good and friendly intercourse on equal terms between the Turkish state and other powers. He states that the whole world is waiting, not for further debates, but for results.

WOOL GROWERS MEETING ENDS

Fred W. Falconer Elected President, Succeeding Jay Dobbin of Wallowa County.

PENDLETON, Jan. 31.—Over 300 wool growers of Oregon closed their twenty-sixth annual convention here pronounced the most successful ever held, after adopting a strong legislative program and outlining their plans for 1923. Among the features of the convention are the decisions to voluntarily tax each sheep one cent at the stockyards, to carry on the work of the association, to draw uniform contracts for shearing at 10 cents per head, to bring important legislation before the state legislative body and re-affirm the position taken by the national association on the same subjects, including "truth in fabric" legislation, and protective tariff. Fred W. Falconer of Pendleton, the largest individual owner of sheep in Oregon, who 20 years ago came to Oregon a poor man, was elected president. K. G. Warner of Pilot Rock, Fred Herrin of Ashland and J. W. Fisher of Shaniko were elected vice-presidents and President Falconer announced the re-appointment of Mervin Hoko as secretary-treasurer, states a dispatch from the Pendleton press.

Dobbin Withdraws. Jay H. Dobbin for years a leading light in the wool growers' association in Oregon, and for the past three years president, asked that he be relieved from further service. Old records of the association produced for the first time yesterday, showed that in 1911, Mr. Dobbin was president of the same organization.

ROOMING HOUSE RAID IN BAKER

BAKER, Jan. 31.—Members of the city commission yesterday revoked the license of Mrs. Myrtle E. Vail to conduct the Marion Rooms on Main street, following the arrest of Mrs. Vail and her husband, P. H. Vail, by the police in a raid conducted Saturday night on the establishment. In police court yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. Vail pleaded guilty to the charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor and were fined \$100 each by Municipal Judge Smurthwaite. In the raid the officers obtained a small quantity of liquor and allege that the two threw several bottles to the pavement in the alley in the rear of the room breaking them.

France and Belgium Will Present Final Ultimatum to Huns

Wisconsin Governor Postpones Conference of Eight Governors

(By Associated Press) DENVER, Jan. 31.—Governor Sweet was informed today that Governor Blaine, of Wisconsin, had postponed indefinitely a conference in Kansas City next Friday of eight western governors to discuss the progressive legislation.

BLUE CAGERS MAKING READY FOR WEEK END

Several Weaknesses Being Corrected Preliminary to Enterprise and Joseph Games.

With two of their hardest games of the season ahead of them, and only a few days ahead of them, the Blue and White basketball squad is putting in their practice periods week in striving to smooth out their basketball playing. Speaking in general there are many matters that could be smoothed out. The teamwork has only progressed to about half of what it should be, the passing, while somewhat better than the teamwork, is still ragged and the basketshooting, especially from a distance, leaves much to be wished for.

Last week's games, and many of the other earlier season games were won, not by super-excellent basketball, but by lots of fight, but "them days are gone forever." Fight won't win the Enterprise basketball game unless coupled with fast, smooth passing and teamwork and nearly faultless basketshooting. Coach Amblemo has a team that plays basketball from start to finish and his proteges are fast. Any team has got to show some real hoopin' results to ascend above the Wallowa county seat boys in the scorebook and La Grande, with a two point victory over the Enterprise boys well know that they've got to show their stuff to win.

Working Hard. Cecil Snow is driving his men at a fast pace this week and if either of the week-end games are lost it will not be his fault. Stepping in as athletic director following the resignation of Skeet Reynolds, he is displaying a vital interest in putting out a good team and his results so far have been very satisfactory.

Man for man, La Grande has a good basketball team as any in Eastern Oregon, but when it comes to a five-man organization, a little bit is still lacking. Several members of the team still are inclined to play a little bit too much with their minds partially on the side lines and during the past few games long distance shots, many times when a man was closer to the basket, have been indulged in when a surer means of making a basket was open.

Plenty of Fight. Himmelt, of the entire squad, is probably playing the best and most consistent game at present, yet in

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Boy Scouts to Observe Anniversary Week Here

The Anniversary week of the Boy Scouts of America, which falls on February 8 to February 14, inclusive, to be observed by the Boy Scouts in La Grande, is in memor-

iam of the organization of the B. S. A. in New York City, on February 8, 1909. Since that time, fourteen years ago, the movement has been increased by leaps and bounds until today it stands as the premier organization for boys in the United States and many other countries.

The program for the week's celebration in La Grande is as follows: February 8, Boy Scout banquet, February 10, demonstration at Depot and Adams street, February 11, Church parade at the Presbyterian church, February 12, a concert by the Hollowell orchestra under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of La Grande, and February 14, intergroup contests and scout games.

During that week it is the duty of every Boy Scout, to not only do his daily "good turn" but to render special service at home and in every path of his life. The La Grande Boy Scouts will appear in uniform from February 8 to 14th and they are planning to eclipse all preceding celebrations held in previous years.

The coming of the Hollowell Orchestra to La Grande will be eagerly anticipated by music lovers of this community for the organization, which has appeared in La Grande in the past, is ranked as one of the best musical organizations on the road today. They will appear in the high school auditorium in concert.

Last Demand This Evening

Allies Will Ask Germany to Fulfill Her Reparations Program.

GERMAN MARK AGAIN IS ON THE DECREASE

For the First Time in History the Mark Is Quoted at Less Than Polish Currency.

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 31.—The French today seized the entire customs of the Ruhr valley.

(By Associated Press) BRUSSELS, Jan. 31.—Belgium and France will present to the German government at six o'clock today an ultimatum demanding for the first time that Germany fulfill the reparations program and the executive Versailles treaty, it was announced here.

Mark Falls Again. (By Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 31.—One ten-thousandths of its pre-war value was the German mark's official rating on the Berlin bourse Tuesday. There was lively demand for dollars in the trading on a basis of 45,000 and actual offers of 50,000 flat. Incidentally the mark Tuesday for the first time was quoted at less than Polish currency.

To Tighten Hold. (By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 31.—France and Belgium will tighten their hold around the Ruhr valley tomorrow, shutting off all shipments of coal and coke to unoccupied Germany.

Ask Lithuanian Withdrawal. PARIS, Jan. 31.—A strong note, equivalent to an ultimatum, was approved by the council of ambassadors.

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