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SENATE PASSES TAX BILL

Incorporation \$50,000

Sumpter Trading Co.

Affected in La Grande

Sumpter May Be Re-opened

J. A. Russell Elected President of New Corporation.

WILL BE HUB OF TOWNS ACTIVITIES

Smelter is Assuming Shape; Will be Ready to Take Ore April 1; Big Year Looked for.

"Sumpter, which was at one time a booming city of 5,500 population and which since has dwindled to a few hundred and is now practically deserted since the fire several years ago, may be reopened." That is the sentiment that is prevalent throughout Eastern Oregon and with the view of holding a controlling position in the re-opening of the mining center, the Sumpter Valley Trading company was incorporated in La Grande with a stock of \$50,000 this week. The company will take a big part in the future building up of Sumpter and will eventually be the hub around which the business in that city will revolve.

J. A. Russell, J. A. Gyllenberg and W. C. Fellows, incorporators of the company see a big future in the Sumpter trading project. The Sumpter valley itself is a big trading center and with the eventual influx of miners and their families which will coincide with the resuming work at the smelter plant, an enormous amount of possibilities may develop. Many believe that in a few years the town will be once more a thriving mining center, possibly not as large as it was during the boom period, but a small active city, nevertheless.

Corporation Organized. As the Sumpter Valley Trading company now stands, J. A. Russell is president, W. C. Fellows, vice-president and August Stein is secretary. The board of directors consists of J. A. Russell, W. C. Fellows, J. A. Gyllenberg, C. H. Gardiner and R. W. Russell. Fourteen stockholders at present, the company hopes in the future to increase this amount considerably.

Mr. Russell recently visited the Sumpter district and is hopeful that the plans of the company will meet with great success. When the smelter begins operation, the miners and workers again become settled, and the town re-established, the success of the concern will be assured.

COAL MINE IS BEING COMBED

DAWSON, N. M., Feb. 10.—While Dawson waits and watches in grimly expectant silence, bowed down with the unmeasurable grief of the frightful disaster which afflicted her Thursday, rescue crews and volunteer workers continued Friday night to comb the labyrinth of stygian passages in Dawson mine No. 1, for the dead and the living.

At 5 o'clock Friday night, 22 bodies had been removed from the subterranean tomb in which they had been struck down by the shriveling blast of flame laden dust at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Two men, whose identity and presence of mind saved them from a deadly after-damp which followed the explosion, are at home Friday night with their families.

Food Shortage In Ruhr Valley Growing Worse

(By Associated Press.)
MUSSELDORF, Feb. 10.—The French occupational authorities are devoting much of their time and energy to efforts to organize shipments of coal by rail and river from the Ruhr area to France. They are making slow progress, however, the shipments averaging under 500 tons of coal and coke daily.

Seven hundred carloads of coal and coke have been concentrated in the Wesder railroad yards near Duisburg. From this point three trains are leaving daily for Aix in Champagne where the coke is diverted to Belgium and the coal to France. From three to six barges, each containing 2,000 tons, are leaving Rotterdam daily.

Food Shortage Serious. The food situation is growing worse, despite the reports of British agents.

Negro Confesses Murder Of Eight; Guards Sent To Prevent Mob Action

(By Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 10.—A detachment of state rangers was dispatched to Waco Friday night by Adj. Gen. Barton on order of Governor Kerr to assist in handling a situation that might develop as a result of the reported confession of Roy Mitchell, negro, to eight murders and three assaults to murder.

Local police and the Waco national guardsmen were being mobilized Friday afternoon to defend the county jail in event an attempt is made to get Roy Mitchell, negro, alleged confessor to eight murders. Rumors of the forming of a mob reached the authorities.

DISCOVERER OF ROENTGEN RAYS IS DEAD

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Professor Conrad Roentgen, discoverer of Roentgen rays, popularly known as X-rays, died at Munich.

CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL HOUR

"Pleasant Hour" to be Observed Sunday Evening in M. E. Church; Lincoln Sunday Celebration.

Lincoln Sunday will be observed in the Pleasant Hour service at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening. The pastor will have something to say about "Lincoln, the Secret of His Greatness." In addition E. R. Ringo will deliver an address on some phases of "Law Enforcement," touching incidentally on the recent pardoning in our own state of some convicted of heinous crimes. Supt. A. C. Hampton, of our city schools will answer some charges made in the state senate touching the teaching in the schools in Oregon defending them from the charge of "socialism, radicalism and bolshevism." Quite an elaborate program of music has been prepared. Much of it will be patriotic. Mrs. Aldrich will sing "The Star Spangled Banner." Miss Frederica Schilke will be heard in solos. Mr. Knautz, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Quigley will sing a trio. Mrs. Aldrich and Mr. Knautz will render the beautiful duet "Love Divine" by Smart and the double quartet will contribute a chorus number. The congregational singing will be patriotic. This will be a patriotic meeting in which the Gospel of good citizenship will be preached and sung.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE IS MOVED

The offices of the public health nurse, Miss Juliet A. Whitteker, which were formerly located in the La Grande National Bank building, have been moved to Room 20 in the West-Jacobson building.

HUN CABINET BARRED FROM RUHR VALLEY

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Feb. 10.—German cabinet ministers hereafter will be barred from the Ruhr by the French-Belgian forces. Premier Poincare and the Belgian foreign minister Jaspard today drafted a brief note to this effect which was delivered to the German ambassadors at Paris and Brussels.

STURGILL BUYS LINCOLN AUTO

W. C. Perkins, manager and part owner of the Perkins Motor company of La Grande, returned to his home last night on No. 24 from Portland where he has spent the past several days attending the Annual Auto Show which he pronounces as being "one of the finest shows I have ever attended in Oregon."

While in the Rose City Mr. Perkins sold a four passenger Lincoln sedan to W. C. Sturgill, of La Grande. Mr. Sturgill, who is the only East Oregonian now owning a Lincoln car, states that he believed that "the Lincoln car was one of the finest cars I saw on display at Portland." Mr. Sturgill is pleased with the new machine.

Mr. Perkins, while in Portland, completed the purchasing of equipment for the Perkins Motor company which will be officially opened within a short time.

RETAIL MAN TO SPEAK IN CITY

Paul Findley, retail merchandiser, recommended by the Oregon Merchants Association, will arrive in La Grande Wednesday and in the evening will speak to the merchants, business men and business women in La Grande. The address, which is of a practical instructive variety that deals with many problems that has harassed business men in the past, will begin at 7:30 o'clock, the site for the meeting having not yet been announced.

SHIPPING BILL WILL PASS IF IT IS AMENDED

Senator McNary, Heading Delegation of Senators, Confer with Harding Today.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A group of senators, headed by Senator McNary of Oregon, and including Stangfield, of Oregon, conferred with Harding today on the shipping bill. They informed the president that the bill could not pass in its present form, but "enough votes could be obtained if amendments McNary proposed were accepted, to put it over. The amendments would give a greater share of government aid to cargo carriers compared with that given to trans-Atlantic passenger liners."

Harding is said to have given no definite answer.

BLUE GAGERS TO PLAY BUCK TEAMS TONIGHT

Both Girls and Boys Team Leave this Morning for Pendleton; Seconds to Play at Imbler.

Eight members of the Blue and White boys basketball team and nine members of the girls' squad, accompanied by their respective coaches, boarded No. 17 this morning bound for Pendleton where they will attempt to wrest basketball honors from the two Buck teams this evening in the Round-Up city. "We are going to strive to duplicate the feat of the debaters in winning both contests from Pendleton," they stated and both are hopeful of a victory.

Gladys Owen, Ella Annes, Carrie Burbridge, Mildred Snider, Emma Lynn, Eleanor Glass, Lillita Leighton, Thelma Smith and Wilma Standley are the members of the girls' basketball squad that made the trip accompanied by their coach, Miss Josephine. The Blue boys' team, consisting of Ray Lynch, Glenn Metcalf, Bob Garrity, James Coker, Bernard Hummel, Owen Price, Floyd Smith and Joe Funk, and their coach, Cecil Snow, will also play a Buck team chased the business which is now in

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GROUP BILL ARGUMENT IS SETTLED NOW

Sixteen Senators Sign New Bill Before Introduction Today.

BILL INTRODUCED, REFERRED TO BOARD

Compromise Includes Features of the Hare and Corbett Consolidation Bills.

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Feb. 10.—Senate leaders and the governor reached an agreement after five weeks of wrestling with the consolidation problem. The compromise bill was prepared for introduction with the signatures of sixteen senators.

It embodies the features of the Corbett and Hare bills.

With one more signature the bill was introduced into the senate and under suspension rules put through the second reading. It was referred to the committee which will report the bill out early next week. The bill provides the retention of the board of control, composed of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, also the highway commission and public service commission, the latter to be made appointive by the governor. A commissioner of public welfare and agriculture will take the duties of various boards and commissions in the bill.

OPENING OF PALACE SOON

Palace Confectionery's Official Opening to Take Place Tuesday Evening; Program Arranged.

Preparations are being completed for the official opening of the Palace Confectionery, under the new management, which is scheduled to take place Tuesday evening from eight o'clock until eleven o'clock. John MacPherson, J. G. Snodgrass and Harry Snodgrass recently purchased the business which is now in

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Sister-In-Law To Greek Princess Kills Self By Leaping From Window

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Louise Harthshorne Leeds, sister-in-law to Princess Anastasia of Greece, committed suicide today by leaping from a window in her fifth floor apartment in 65th street.

EXTRA

RAIL DISPUTE SETTLED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The control of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific under a lease and stock ownership and under terms of traffic agreement, protecting the use of the Northern Transcontinental Route, was approved today by the interstate commerce commission.

All members with the exception of McChord held the commission had the power under the transportation act to grant this authority despite the supreme court's decree ordering separation.

DUAL DEBATE IS WON BY LA GRANDE TEAM

Both Affirmative and Negative Teams Win Over Pendleton by Score of Two to One.

Winning in both Pendleton and La Grande last evening in the first dual debate of the season, the La Grande affirmative and negative team are today practically debate champions of Unumilla and Union counties. The vote in Pendleton was 2 to 1 in favor of La Grande, affirmative team, composed of Miss Fonda, Hanks and Donald Rohan, and the vote was identical in La Grande, affirmative team, composed of Miss Lucille Craig and Floyd Smith, giving La Grande the victory by a score of 16 to 2.

The debate in La Grande began last evening at 7:30 and was a very interesting one. The affirmative team, composed of Miss Fonda, Hanks and Donald Rohan, and the negative team, composed of Miss Lucille Craig and Floyd Smith, were both very well prepared and both teams were very well received by the audience.

The La Grande affirmative team, that faced the La Grande negative team last evening here was composed of Donald Heath and Rex Kramer; and their negative team consisted of Mark Evans and George Tilghy. The judges in La Grande were George Cochran, Henry Hess and Robert Eakin, with E. R. Ringo presiding, and in Pendleton, Judge Brocken, A. Lowell, Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps and the Reverend G. L. Clark served as judges.

AD CLUB TO MEET TUESDAY

The Union County Ad club is promised a very interesting meeting Tuesday noon by the chairman of the day, G. S. Birnie. The members will congregate in the basement of the South Methodist church at noon and the South Methodist ladies will serve the luncheon, which from past experience, the Ad club members know will be one of the finest quality.

Auto Wreck Near Union Injures Lady Occupant

A Franklin car, said to be practically new, was wrecked about midnight at the north end of Union street, near the intersection of the S. E. Miller place, injuring one occupant severely and bruising four other occupants. The Union correspondent for the Observer states that one of the two men in the wreck was Jay Fowler but was unable to find out the names of the other four occupants, three of whom were women. The injured lady was badly cut but her wounds are not believed to be dangerous. It is understood that the occupants of the car were La Grande people.

DENNIS BILL IS FAVORED BY GOVERNOR

Horizontal Tax Levy Cut of Ten Percent Meets Pierce Approval.

HEATED COMMITTEE MEETING IS HELD

Senators Taylor, Zimmerman and LaFollette Denied Privilege to Fight Scribes Attendance.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—Senator Bruce Dennis' Ten Percent Tax Reduction Bill Passed the State Senate today, only President Upton voting against it.

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Feb. 10.—Senators Taylor, Zimmerman and LaFollette have been denied the privilege of a fight out on the senate floor question as to whether newspapermen by permission to attend the session of the Ways and Means committee and Resolutions committee, to which their resolution was referred. It was recommended it be referred to itself, which was done.

A four hour hearing which at times became heated was held last night by the Senate Judiciary committee on the anti-alien bill.

Dennis Bill Favored. The governor announced that he approved the Dennis bill for a ten percent horizontal cut in the tax levy.

The house passed the amendments to the bonus bill extending the time for cash payments to December 31, 1923, and the time on loans to December 31, 1927, also permitting those who have taken cash to return it with interest and accept loans.

The Woodward bill for an eight hour lumber industry, passed the house with an amendment providing penalties for the violation not effective until the Washington and Idaho legislatures enact similar laws.

Both houses passed two bills vetoed by Olcott because not appropriate at a special session. One permits the Eugene Masonic lodge to increase its capital stock and the other legalized certain part divorces and marriages about which there had been some doubt.

The senate today passed Senator Dennis' bill relating to and regulating the issuing by carriers of bills of lading and livestock contracts.

FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD SUNDAY

The funeral services over the late Dr. C. M. Ramsdell, of Cove, who passed on in La Grande recently, will be held in Cove tomorrow afternoon at the church at 1:30 o'clock with the Reverend William Crosby Ross of La Grande, delivering the funeral sermon. The funeral will be in charge of the I. O. O. F. of Cove and the funeral cortege will leave the Bohnenkamp chapel in La Grande tomorrow noon.

THE MARKET
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—Livestock, eggs and butter steady.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—Wheat was \$1.22 to \$1.32.

