

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME XXVI

SECTION ONE

LA GRANDE, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1923

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

NUMBER 114

TAXES FOR THIS YEAR \$690,826.22

Valuation of Taxable Property Is Lower In Union County

LA GRANDE TAX LEVY AMOUNTS TO 13.2 MILLS

Island City Is Most Economical in County; Union at Other End of List With A Tax Levy of 21.7 Mills.

Approximately one thirty-sixth of the total assessed valuation of the county, is the tax for all county and state purposes levied in Union county this year. The total valuation of taxable property in this county is \$26,212,132.96, according to an abstract of taxes now in the hands of County Tax Collector Dexter McIlroy, and the total tax levied for all purposes amounts to a grand total of \$690,826.22.

The largest single amount of the division of taxes goes to the state in a payment of \$14,638.21 with the next largest division going to the county, amounting to \$67,889.41. The rate of mills on the former is 7.64 and on the latter 2.59.

An amount totaling \$59,999.58 goes to interest on bonds; school districts get \$31,627.91, roads get \$36,950.12, market roads get \$29,593.50, high schools get \$17,611.68 and the library \$49.02.

The valuation of taxable property in the city of La Grande is set at \$4,749,450, which is \$61,214 less than last year. The valuation of other cities in the county and comparisons with 1922 and 1921 are as follows: Union, 1922, \$6,651,749; 1921, \$6,623,787; Elgin, 1922, \$4,772,082; 1921, \$4,925,398; North Powder, 1922, \$3,041,230; 1921, \$2,956,973; Imbler, 1922, \$1,815,259; 1921, \$1,726,581; Island City, 1922, \$1,728,728; 1921, \$1,729,428; Cove, 1922, \$1,448,856; 1921, \$1,448,856; Summerville, 1922, \$2,044,052; 1921, \$2,056,960; La Grande, Union, Elgin all were lower in valuation in 1922 than in 1921, while the other towns increased in valuation.

Real Estate Tax. Although the tax levy dropped from 18.8 to 17.1, very little actual decrease proportionally in the taxes levied over last year is noted, this mainly to the decreased valuation of taxable property. Nevertheless, a drive for economy that has been conducted by county officials has been responsible for the above cuts to a certain extent. Cutting the list of county officials and other measures taken have all aided in bringing down the taxes.

Lowest Tax Levy. Island City, two miles from La Grande, and having \$148,728 taxable property, has the lowest tax levy among the Union county towns, cutting its rate for 1923 to \$20.75. Two cities in the county are showing more in proportion than is La Grande—Union and North Powder with 21.7 and 15 mills respectively against La Grande's 13.2 mills. Taxes for La Grande amount to \$62,635.38, Union \$14,186.25 and North Powder \$4,562.44. The millage rate for the remaining cities is as follows: Elgin, 7.8; Imbler, 4.5; Summerville, 7; Cove, 7.5.

Radical Spy Under Arrest

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Albert Bailin, alias Banalaw, confessed labor and radical spy, was arrested today with criminal libel as a result of his sworn testimony in deposition taken by Frank R. Walsh for use in the defense of 22 communists at St. Joseph, Mich., February 26th.

THE MARKET. PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—Livestock steady, eggs three cents lower, buying prices, 24 to 27 cents, selling 20 to 22 cents. Butter firm.

Mrs. J. C. Penney Dies Thursday in New York

A telegram was received by J. A. Tedford, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, today stating that Mrs. J. C. Penney died in New York. Mr. Tedford extends the entire sympathy of the La Grande organization to Mr. Penney in his bereavement and announces that, in memory of her passing on, that the J.C. Penney store here will be closed between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. Penney, who was about 35 years of age at the time of her demise, is the wife of J. C. Penney, founder of the J. C. Penney organization that now has 371 branch stores in the United States. She is survived by her husband and one infant son. She was always admired and respected to the highest degree by all who knew her and friends the nation over, mourn her passing on. She was a devout Christian and always took a prominent interest in social and church work.

Camp Kearney Physician Arrested Charged With Murder of Fritz Mann

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 17.—Dr. Louis L. Jacobs, physician of Camp Kearney, was arrested by county officers today under indictment returned yesterday charging with the murder of Fritz Mann, San Diego dancer, whose body was found on the beach at Torrey Pines four weeks ago.

BARRIE GETS DECISION IN 10 ROUND GO

Allie Nelson Loses By Two-Round Margin; J. Natto Knocks Out Smith in the Fourth Round.

Last Night's Results. Bus Barrio decisions Allie Nelson, Kid Rourkeys vs. Krause, draw. Earl Ford vs. Ed Hoffman, draw. Bus Barrio, junior welterweight from Logan, Utah, won a decision over Allie Nelson, of Pocatello, Ida., last evening in the ten round main event of one of the fastest matches La Grande has ever witnessed. Barrio's win came on a small margin. Barrio won the first two, and the fourth and fifth, while Nelson took the sixth and ninth, the others being even. Barrio's win evened things up between him and Nelson with neither one ahead in the honors. They have fought four fights, the first two ending in draws, Nelson winning the third and Barrio the fourth. And so both battles left La Grande with their final supremacy still unsettled.

Fight Was Fast. Barrio and Nelson put on the fastest, cleverest exhibition of the fist game that La Grande has seen in many years. Barrio had a slight edge over Nelson in two ways, a little bit faster and a little stronger punch—but the edge wasn't very much. It looked like Barrio's fight at the end of the first two rounds by a goodly margin but from then on until the final round the outcome was a guess. In the third Nelson braced and drove Barrio to the ropes twice, both boys mixing in good shape. In the fourth Barrio was going good and had a little the better of it. The fifth round was nearly a repetition of the fourth. Nelson took the sixth round and the seventh ended even. The eighth was likewise even and Nelson took the ninth but in the tenth the best either boys could get was even honors, which gave the fight to Barrio on the margin of two rounds supremacy.

Barrio, nonchalant throughout, led mostly with his right, and landed several strong blows but none of them on a vital point. Nelson also connected many times but failed to damage Barrio. Both boys were working from bell to bell and when the right hand of Barrio was held up by Referee O. D. Scott, a buzz of approval from the spectators was heard from the spectators. Both boys had many backers and on the whole, the fight was one of the kind that fans anywhere will part with good lack to see.

Preliminary to main event a challenge to the winner from Eddie Shannon, Pacific coast lightweight, was read. Frankie Dean also challenged Barrio. Announcement of the coming fight in La Grande between Battling Lubbes and Sailor Manning was made.

Natto Gets Knockout. "Professor" Natto sang a mean song of swat and Chet Smith accompanied him on the ribs. But Chet could only accompany him into the fourth round at that time. Johnny sent a short jab to the head that, accompanied with a lot of punishment Chet had been taking, resulted in a knockout. Johnny's weight was announced at 145 and Chet's at 135 and the former's size proved too much for Smith. Many spectators believed that Natto weighed more than that.

In the first round both boys started off with a display of slugging that reminds one of the street corner in a hard section and likewise both spent a good portion of their time getting up. Chet took his time just before the end of the chop and let Scott show the world he could count nine before he again got on his feet. In the second both men traded punches with Smith leading. Natto looked all in for a bit but

(Continued on Page Six.)

EXTRA

MERGER BILL DOUBTFUL (By Associated Press)

SALEM, Feb. 17.—The senate reconsidered house bill 167, creating a state finance control commission, and sent it to the committee for amendment. Joseph led the group of thirteen who opposed the bill, contending that it gave the commission power to override the wishes of every municipality in the state and control investment of public funds. The fate of the consolidation legislation is in doubt today following the defeat late yesterday by the house of the Senate compromise bill.

The Carlin bill is the only one surviving and Carlin says he will not move to take it from the table. The Senate passed the house bill providing a quarter million loan to Astoria.

WARDS ENTER FLOWER GAME

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward Associate Themselves With Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cherry in Florist Business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward, formerly of Ohio, have associated themselves with A. B. Cherry and wife in the florist business. Mrs. Ward, who is a sister of Attorney R. J. Green will be at the store and Mr. Ward at the greenhouse.

When interviewed by an Observer reporter regarding the transaction, Mr. Cherry had the following to say: "Yes, we are making this change at this time for the reason that Mrs. Cherry and myself have long contemplated retiring permanently from business. We have been married 27 years and during all these years we have both worked early and late, Sundays and holidays, and believe we are entitled to a long rest. We shall be in charge of the business for at least six months and at the expiration of that time feel confident Mr. and Mrs. Ward will be able to take over the business and carry on with such advice as we can give them from time to time.

"We have had several chances to dispose of our business but have been waiting for the right partners and in Mr. and Mrs. Ward we have found them."

"Mrs. Ward had a lot of experience in an eastern flower store and as soon as they get acquainted with our customers and our trade, we feel sure they will do a better business than we have done. They come highly recommended and are very pleasant to do business with. We feel we have made no mistake and that La Grande has gained two good citizens."

CHARGED WITH LARCENY. Toy Cough, of Wallawa, was arraigned before Judge J. W. Knowles on the charge of larceny of calves and is awaiting trial, which is indefinite, under bonds of \$1,000.

DEBT BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Bill Sent to Conference for Adjustment of the Amendments

SHIPPING BILL NOW RESTORED

Enactment of the British Debt Funding Measure Before Adjournment of Congress is Held Certain.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Congressional approval of the British debt funding measure virtually was completed Friday night when the senate passed the house funding bill. The vote was 70 to 13.

The bill was returned to the house for adjustment of amendments not relating to the plan for funding the British debt of \$4,604,000,000 over a term of 62 years at reduced interest, but providing that settlements with other debtor nations must have the approval of congress instead of the president.

The opposition consisted of four Republicans: Senators Borah, Idaho; Francis, Maryland; La Follette, Wisconsin; and Norris, Nebraska, and nine Democrats: Ashurst, Arizona; Gerry, Rhode Island; Heflin, Alabama; Hitchcock, Nebraska; McNair, Tennessee; Reed, Missouri; Trammell, Florida; Walsh, Massachusetts, and Walsh, Montana.

Ship Bill Restored. (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The administration shipping bill was restored Friday night to its former place as the unfinished business of the senate after having been laid aside earlier in the week to allow consideration of the British debt settlement legislation.

The restoration of the bill to its former place of advantage was on motion of Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, after champions of the measure had demonstrated their support by voting down, 38 to 30, a motion by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, to adjourn.

F. B. TO MEET WITH AD CLUB

With the Union County Farm Bureau in charge through J. E. Reynolds, chairman of the day, the Union County Ad club will hold its regular Tuesday noon-day luncheon in the Methodist church with the Methodist ladies catering. Several matters of joint interest to the two organizations will be discussed and a first-class interesting program is being arranged. A complete attendance is desired.

GHOST STORIES

THE WEATHER. PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—Sunday rain in the west, fair in the east portion with fresh easterly winds.

\$153,000 Stolen Bonds And Federal Reserve Bank Money Recovered

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—The recovery of \$73,000 worth of bonds, part of \$265,000 stolen in a holdup by bandits, by the Hamilton county bank on Walnut Hill near this city, last September, and \$80,000 of unused federal reserve bank currency stolen in a holdup of the Denver mint, was revealed today by federal officers and private detectives.

Stolen securities and currency were recovered through negotiations by E. H. Matthews, president of the Hamilton county bank, matched his wits with the band of crooks. Matthews recovered \$73,000 at a cost of \$25,000.

POLICE NOW SEARCHING FOR WOMAN

Los Angeles Murder Probe Shows that Remington Was Stabbed and Shot With Revolver and Shotgun.

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—A stillborn case of the death of Katie Remington, electrical engineer, whose body was found by a driveway at his residence in the fashionable district Friday morning. Revolver and shotgun wounds were also in the body.

The police are searching for a woman in connection with the slaying. Remington's wife said that he had been in fear of death.

ARMOUR PLANS TO REBUILD

Half Million Dollar Plant to Be Erected at Once, Declares A. Watson Armour.

(By The Associated Press) OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 17.—Premiere late Friday afternoon began dynamiting the ruins of the Armour & Co.'s buildings, to raise walls still standing, and prepare the way for an early rebuilding of the hog plant. A. Watson Armour declared that a modern plant, probably to cost \$500,000, would be erected at once.

Bulletins were posted Friday afternoon at the Armour main plant, calling for 200 men to start work Saturday morning, clearing away the debris. The bulletins, signed by local contractors, stated former employees of the hog plant would be given preference.

NEW CAMPUS BUILDING REDLANDS, Cal., Feb. 17.—New buildings to cost approximately \$100,000 are under construction on the University of Redlands campus here. They include a men's dormitory and the second wing of a Fine Arts group.

French Grip in Essen Tightened Due To The Shooting of Two Men

Prohibition Raids Again Strike Capital; Pseudo Musicians Give Evidence

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Police and prohibition officers today launched the second city-wide liquor cleanup in the month. Armed with 60 warrants they began a series of raids in every section of the capital, filling several stationhouses.

As in former raids evidence was given by J. L. Asher, Kentucky revenue agent, who traveled as a wandering minstrel with a violin, accompanied by George Bauer, harp player. The pair also acted as hucksters and organ grinders with monkeys.

Sabotage Occurs In Dusseldorf

Bomb Thrown Near French Engineers Headquarters During Night.

EXPLOSION OF BOMB DOES NO INJURY

Chief of Police of Essen is Arrested; Policemen Deprived of Their Weapons; Tension in Ruhr Higher.

(By The Associated Press) DUSSELDORF, Feb. 17.—Bomb throwing and serious cases of sabotage occurred in the Ruhr Valley during the night. A bomb was thrown in the street in Essen near the Kaiser Hotel. French engineers headquarters, where the chief engineer, Coste, and 30 or 40 other civil engineers lodged. No injuries were reported.

Grip Tightens. (By The Associated Press) ESSEN, Feb. 17.—The French hold on Essen tightened today because of the shooting of two soldiers yesterday. Infantrymen occupied police barracks throughout the night and the police were deprived of weapons. The chief of police was arrested.

Blues Score 56 points to Haines' 12; Joseph Out of Race; All Set for Baker Game Tonight.

With Joseph high school positively out of the race, having lost to Wallawa 32 to 21 last week, and with La Grande adding another victory to her string, which now numbers 18, by winning from Haines high school last night at Haines 56 to 12, hopes for the trip to Salem hinge upon the result of tonight's game in Baker almost entirely. A win at Baker for the home boys would clinch the trip to a large extent, for if a decisive victory is earned there, La Grande should be able to beat them again on her own floor in March.

Last night's game at Haines was a walk-around for the Blues. Taking an early lead they were never in danger and the score itself indicates that the going was anything but difficult. Captain Metcalf, Hummel and Smith left for Baker this morning, rejoining the squad for tonight's game with the blue and gold five.

A large number of rooters are planning on making the trip to Baker and despite Baker's expectations to win from the Blues, the home boys are looking for a win.

MYERS GETS A YEAR IN JAIL

Sam L. Myers, found guilty Thursday evening at the end of a fifty-minute session of the jury of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was sentenced to one year in the county jail this morning at ten o'clock by Judge J. W. Knowles. Myers also has about three months to serve in the county jail on a charge of larceny imposed last June on a charge of larceny.

The case of Zulu Elliott vs. the O.W. company is still dragging on with only a few witnesses examined and evidence as that the case will not be completed until next week.

COVE BOYS ARRESTED. Everett Thomas, 15, and Thomas Billings, 20, of Cove, alleged to have broken into the Louis Bloom store at Cove on February 14, and alleged to have stolen two pairs of shoes and a quantity of gum, candy and tobacco, were brought to La Grande by Deputy Sheriff John Strickland and arraigned and bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

Tuscan Prince Found By Cutter; Crew All Alive

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—The steamer Tuscan Prince, whose whereabouts and fate were unknown since 4 a. m. Thursday, was found Friday afternoon at Village Point, Vancouver Island, a wreck, but with all on board alive.

Word of the discovery of the Tuscan Prince, for whom dozen of craft have been searching since she vanished "we are going to drown" was received here in dispatches from the coast guard cutter Shoshoniah. The Shoshoniah took off 14 of the crew of 43 and is to remove the others in the morning.

To Save Santa Rita Crew. The Shoshoniah message said that in returning Saturday after completing rescue of the crew of the Tuscan Prince, she would pick up that of the steamship Santa Rita. The Santa Rita men, said to be short of food, have been camped on "Farranah" point, Vancouver Island, since she hit on a rock early Thursday while attempting to go to the aid of the steamer Nika, which burned to the water's edge.

The fourteen men taken to the Shoshoniah were carried in the air float of the Canadian life saving station at Banfield creek.

Four Vessels Lost. Four vessels were wrecked Thursday and Wednesday in the graveyard of the "Pacific" west of Washington and south of Vancouver Island, including the tugboat "Couchichewick," which went ashore at Albert Head, west of Victoria. The crew of the Couchichewick was taken off by the Canadian salvage ship "Albatross," and the men of the Santa Rita got ashore after one of their number had swam through the surf with a line. Though all four vessels are given up as total losses, the disasters were unaccompanied by loss of life.

