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FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTED

City Recorder J. E. Stearns Makes Annual Financial Report.

REPORT BALANCES NOW AT \$570, 528.22

Placard Ordinance Passes City Commission; Improvement District Resolutions Adopted.

With a full quorum present, the city commission met last evening in executive session in the city hall building. Several matters of importance were attended to, among them being the presentation of the city recorder's yearly financial statement, the monthly report of the city treasurer, city recorder and fire department.

The ordinance relative to the prohibiting of placing of placards or other advertising matter upon telephone and light and power poles in La Grande was passed and became immediately effective due to an emergency clause. The ordinance prohibits the posting of all placards, cards or other advertising matter on poles in the city limits, excluding legal advertisement, court proceedings and danger signs. The penalty is a fine of not less than \$2.50 or more than \$50 or a jail sentence providing the fine is not paid.

Resolutions Passed.

Resolutions were introduced and passed creating improvement districts in the following sections: On N avenue from Tenth to Eighth streets; on Ninth street from N to O avenue; on Main street from Walnut to Alder avenues.

The newly reprinted city charter was received at the meeting and the present opinion is that the reprint, with the four page index will meet the demands of the public and the city officials to a much more satisfactory extent than formerly. Licenses were issued to four boot and shoe establishments and several other minor matters were attended to before adjournment.

Financial Statement.

The financial statement, as presented by City Recorder J. E. Stearns made on January 1st, 1923, is as follows:

Assets.

Real estate: city hall building \$51,319.27; city building, \$25,000; post office, \$100; city park, \$15,289.25; library building, \$15,000; furniture and fixtures, city building, \$1,654,352.00; \$2,287.75; library books, magazines, etc., \$7,445.82; water department; water system, \$250,000; material, \$4,067.89; tools and equipment, \$2,129.80; Deaver Creek equipment, \$218.17; sewer sewer system, \$55,000; sewer equipment, \$2,268; street tool house, \$292; tools and equipment, \$2,217.50; preliminary \$42; fire department; alarm system, \$4,500; fire truck, \$5,000; supplies and equipment, \$5,135.55; police department; supplies, \$445.10; office supplies, \$196.25; fair grounds, \$8,058.82; engineering department; supplies, \$6,215.90; cash, \$23,491.00; U. S. U. S. investment, \$1,000; \$5,012.00; improvement district interest, \$78,651.00; Commercial district, \$19,821.25. Total assets, \$570,528.22.

Liabilities.

Warrants payable district: Dist. No. 24, \$3,581.10; Dist. No. 24, \$3,581.10; Dist. No. 17, \$2,062.90; warrants payable general, \$1,605.52; general accounts special interest, \$1,770.27; B. C. P. L. sinking fund, \$7,196.22; library, \$107.10; park, \$79.39; present worth, \$295,255.82; improvement district interest, \$1,770.27; general bonds, \$421,000; improvement bonds, \$75,564.42; improvement district amounts, \$72,757.50. Total liabilities, \$276,528.22.

City officials are complimenting Mr. Stearns upon the neatness and accuracy of his report.

Moonshiners Confess to Killing Two Officers Of The Law in Still Raid

(By Associated Press) FRANKLINTON, La., Mar. 8.—The bodies of Wesley Crain Willey Pierce, deputy sheriff, slain Saturday by moonshiners, were found Wednesday buried in the mud into which they had been pressed and covered with the carcass of a dead cow. They were found about a quarter of a mile from a destroyed moonshine still in the swamps about eight miles from here.

The slayers, John Murphy and Glendon Rester, moonshiners, have confessed and led the officers to the burial spot, it was announced by District Judge Prentiss B. Clark.

FIGHT SHOULD HAVE GONE TO O'DEY SAY FANS

LAST NIGHT'S DECISIONS.
O'Dey and Lubbs, draw.
Weise K. O'Natto in the first round.

and Daniels, draw.

Coleman and Trainer, draw.

Despite the fact that Battling Lubbs, of Baker, appeared to be the most finished and most experienced fighter of the two, Dan O'Dey, of Boise, fought a ten-round draw with him last night in the main event of a scheduled 26-round card, held at the Star Theatre under the auspices of the La Grande Boxing Commission. That is, the referee gave the two men a draw—and he had broken loose. Almost to a man, the crowd was unanimous in believing that the Boise battler should have been awarded the decision and ring-side reports that Lubbs, after Scott announced his decision, went to O'Dey's corner and told him that the fight should have been awarded to O'Dey. In brief, the fight appeared unevenly balanced. In the first two or three rounds Lubbs out-punched his opponent, but lack of condition then began to show up and from that point on O'Dey appeared the better man of the two. Both men were about the same class of fighters, O'Dey using a free, two handed style and Lubbs resorting mostly to a left-hand lead, following up with his right.

O'Dey Tough.

The Boise battler, even in the first round, when Lubbs was at his best, was able to take everything that the Baker boy could give him and appeared to be capable of standing a heavy amount of punishment. Practically unawakened by the first round, O'Dey gradually assumed the offensive and led the fight during the final rounds. Neither man scored a knock-down. Referee Scott brought down the criticism of the crowd upon his head when he threatened to stop the fight at one point when he believed that the two leather-punchers were not showing enough fight—a remark which was different.

Natto Lashed Short.

In the semi-windup Johnny Natto landed the first blow. And then Weise, who appeared in far better physical shape than did Johnny, began to get into action and after landing four tough blows on his adversary, sent him down for the count. The fight lasted less than 40 seconds. The Greco challenged the venue.

Trainers Were Gonna.

Probably the best fight of the entire card was the second preliminary, between Swede Daniels and K. O. Ford, which ended in a four-round draw. Both boys, bantam-like in both weight and aggressiveness, mixed things up in fast shape, giving the spectators a classy exhibition of clever boxing at the same time. Preliminary between Ford-Daniels, Coleman and Trainer fought a lack-luster four-round draw.

Before one of the largest crowds that ever gathered in the history of the fight game in La Grande, Manager Ed Ford announced last night that Eddie Shannon, 152, champion of the Pacific coast for that weight, would meet him in Baker, 125, in La Grande at the Arcade Theatre on Friday evening, March 16. From present indications Shannon is easily the best fighter that has ever been matched in this city.

Sirens Unlawful.

According to the police chief, many motor car drivers are now using sirens which are unlawful. "The rulings on the matter read: No vehicle shall be operated with an excessive smoking exhaust upon any road, street or highway in this state. Gongs and siren whistles shall not be used on any vehicle other than ambulances, or vehicles operated by the police department, fire department, sheriff or other police officers, or upon such vehicle except when moving in response to emergency calls," states Mr. Haynes. In conclusion he remarked that this law would be enforced to the limit.

EXTRA

CABINET QUILTS
(By Associated Press) PEKING, Mar. 8.—The Chinese cabinet resigned today.

TRAGEDY OCCURS
(By Associated Press) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 8.—Sam Houston, brother of Ernest Houston, secretary of state, his mother, Mrs. George Houston, Sr., Mrs. B. B. Snappero, his sister, Tullus Trogden, a boy living on the Houston place and a fifth victim, a man, was shot and wounded today at the Houston family home, near Spencer, Tenn., today by Lewis Douglas, a negro paroled convict. A posse is seeking Douglas.

CLAIMS RITNER NOT GOVERNOR

Judge Thomas Crawford of La Grande Issues His Opinion on Law Point.

Because of the pardoning power which Senator Roy Ritner used while acting governor last December many attorneys have taken up the question of the legal point as to Senator Ritner's right to act as governor. Among those attorneys who have given the matter study is Judge Thomas H. Crawford of La Grande. Today he issued the following statement as to his opinion on the legal point:

"Senator Roy Ritner was not president of the senate at the time he assumed to act as governor. His term of office as senator in which he had been elected president of the senate, expired November 8th, 1922, and his term of office as president of the senate expired with his term as senator. (See Art. IV section 4 Constitution). He was therefore not de jure governor of the state of Oregon. (See Art. V section 8 Constitution as amended in 1920, Session Laws of 1921). Was he de facto governor? He had not color of title to the office. Did he exercise the office for such length of time and under such circumstances as to render his acts as governor valid as to the public and third parties on the grounds of public policy and the orderly administration of public affairs and justice? If so he was de facto governor, and his acts as such are valid as to the public and third parties. If he was a mere intruder or usurper, without color of title to the office, as above indicated, his acts as governor are void and binding upon no one."

ASSEMBLY BACKS RESOLUTION
(By Associated Press) MADISON, Wis., Mar. 8.—The Wisconsin assembly today voted 82 to 11 to concur in the resolution the senate passed yesterday condemning the University of Wisconsin professors for signing the round robin during the war denouncing Senator La Follette.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS
PORTLAND, Mar. 8.—Hard white \$1.35; Western Red \$1.18.

No, Sah, White Man! Ah Don' Want No Job In De Ruhr! Heah Ah Stays

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—Harry V. Daugherty, a member of a detective agency which specializes in furnishing labor to industrial concerns, has given up all hope of helping France exploit the Ruhr coal mines with American negroes. He said that he found few negroes eager for the jobs.

STORM GRIPS EAST, 2 DEAD IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, Mar. 8.—New England Wednesday contended with a snow storm that was among the worst of the year. To a snowfall of nearly 10 feet accumulated previously in some places, it added nearly a foot, delaying transportation services and mending wires but damage was not great. The storm had blown out to sea before evening.

A heavy northeast gale caused shipping to hug harbor. The Boston schooner Augusta G. Hilton, running light from this port to Norfolk, was driven ashore on Martha's vineyard. Schools in this and other cities remained closed as a result of the storm.

THREE DEAD IN NEW YORK
(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—Three persons dead, one dying and several injured were the known toll exacted here by a snowstorm lasting from Tuesday forenoon until Wednesday morning. Two of the victims were found dead in snow banks. The third died from an icy platform and was killed by a train.

Six and a half inches of snow fell, and traffic was greatly impeded. A crew of nearly 10,000 men worked all day to clear out the main arteries.

Elevated trains, running all night, top tracks and switches free from ice and snow. Subways in Manhattan were not affected, but in the Brooklyn district, open cuts, snow hampered service.

Marine traffic was seriously disrupted, captains of incoming liners offering to remain at quarantine until the storm abated.

ST. JOHNS REPORTS GALE
(By Associated Press) ST. JOHN'S, N. B., Mar. 8.—A stiff gale, with high tides, Wednesday brought heavy damage along the New Brunswick coast. Small harbors were filled to the mouth with ice that piled along the shore some times as high as 50 feet.

McADOO CLUB IS ORGANIZED

AUSTIN, Tex., Mar. 8.—"McAdoo for President" is the slogan of a club organized here with approximately one hundred members of the legislature and many others enrolled.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER



25,000 MEN ARE IDLE IN DUSSLE DORF

Correspondents Paint Drab Pictures of Ruhr Situations.

FRENCH SOUP IS EAGERLY ACCEPTED

Workmen Are Depressed; Doubt of the Ruhr Issue is Expressed; Political Side Becoming Dangerous.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 8.—Gloomy pictures of the Ruhr situation, with warnings of an impending crisis, was painted today by some London newspaper correspondents. A Dusseldorf dispatch to the Telegraph says that unemployment is increasing and political situations are more dangerous, asserting that 25,000 persons are idle in Dusseldorf alone and that unemployment wages are insufficient.

The report stated that the workmen were depressed and were beginning to doubt the issue of the struggle.

French soup kitchens, which were at first boycotted, are now becoming popular.

JOSEPH BEATS LA GRANDE BY THREE POINTS

District Championship Won By Wallowa County Basketball Team By Defeating Blue 32 to 29.

The Blue and White team finished their 1923 interscholastic basketball season last evening at Enterprise, losing to Joseph 32 to 29, but going down to defeat with their flag still flying, with all the ancient and honorable traditions of the school still upheld, and with every vestige of glory won, even in defeat. The Blues, fighters through and through, in a season flush with ups, have gone on to the final end with their spirit unshaken and have marked up a record that they, individually and collectively can look upon with pride—for the record is one of achievements of hard-fought battles won and lost, of fair and chivalrous contests, one that can be remembered as replete with last-minute victories, glorious victories many times over, teams that were touted as nearly sure winners, a season in which the Blues, starting out with a mediocre team, steadily advanced, round by round, up the ladder toward the championship, only to be brushed off, with the top just in grasp, by another team that the combined efforts of the La Grande high quintette could not down. And so the Blues, when they return to La Grande tonight, will turn in their shorts and, with thoughts of the past season held only as memories, begin to make ready for the track season.

La Grande Rally Superb.

Starting out with a terrific pace, the home team took an early lead last night, piling up score after score until, at the end of the first half, the tally board showed Joseph 16, La Grande 7. Far in the rear and facing a stronger team playing in their own county, the Blues trailed and in the first fifteen minutes of the second half, tied the score and went one point ahead of Joseph. Joseph, surprised and shaken, called time, and following a two-minute recession, the game went on. One-saving for the last few minutes, both teams were never sure of the game until the final whistle. Joseph gloated her three-point lead by free throws following two personal fouls called on the home boys, but the honor of scoring the last point went to Lynch, who brought La Grande's total to 29 with a conversion of one out of two free throws, resulting from a personal foul that sent a Joseph man out of play.

Team Went Well.

Criticism can hardly be handed the Blues—they didn't deserve it. Although their playing in many cases was a bit off, the fight that nearly brought victory to the Blue and Whites, such and price were probably the stars, with Metcalf, Hammett, Smith and Garity all playing a fine brand.

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Ah Family, From Ah Bing, Ah Bang, to Ah Bung, Are Pinched in Portland. Ah!

PORTLAND, Mar. 8.—"Ah! Ah! Ah! Naughty, naughty, you've got on on 'Whist' and the vice crusaders from police headquarters swooped down upon Chinatown and nabbed all the Ah family in Portland except Ah Hell and Ah There, and they haven't been on the docket for several months. With those exceptions, all the Ahs from Ah Bing to Ah Zing were caught playing fan tan.

Ah Hon confessed to being the sheik of new Chinatown. Then there were three Caranos styling themselves Ah Sing. There were four Ah Bows and a number of Wongs and Monges. Among the Ah fraternity who put up \$10 bail were Ah Hon, Ah Bing, Ah Bo, Ah Wong, Ah Ling, Ah Ring, Ah Mong, Ah Kim, Ah Wing, Ah Bung, Ah Bing, Ah Bang, Ah Soo, or Goo, Ah Sam, Ah Bin, Ah Wah, Ah Soo, Ah Hing, Ah Bonnie and Ah Me.

MURDER CASE AFFIDAVITS IN CONFLICT

Massachusetts Murder Case May Be Retried In Near Future.

BOTH DEFENSE AND STATE IN DISPUTE

Each Side Has Affidavits, One Claiming Perjury, Other Vice Versa, from Same Source.

(By Associated Press) DEDHAM, Mass., Mar. 8.—Conflicting affidavits are ready for a hearing tomorrow on motion for a new trial for Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted of the murder of a paymaster and guard in South Braintree. Meanwhile Sacco is in jail and has begun his second hunger strike.

The defense has affidavits from two witnesses that they testified falsely at the first trial, and the state has counter affidavits from the same witnesses repudiating their affidavits for the defense and asserting they were obtained under pressure.

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THE MARKET
(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 8.—Livestock steady, eggs firm, butter steady.

THE WEATHER
(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 8.—Tonight and Friday rain. Fresh southerly winds.

Foreign Currency Far Below Pre-War Values

Interesting, not only to those versed in the ways of the financial market, but to the public as well is a window display that the United States National Bank has installed. Pasted on a strip of cardboard and representing only a small amount of what they did in pre-war times, are German, Polish and Austrian notes.

Probably the most interesting is the German 10,000 mark note—interesting due to the fact that the mark has dropped to .000053 of its former value. In pre-war times the note would have been worth \$2,500 but now is only valued at six bits.

Two types of Russian currency, a 500 ruble note issued by the Czar's government and a soviet ruble note, issued under the present government are on display. The former note still has much more purchasing value than does the soviet currency, which is equal to but one millith of the value of the pre-war currency.

Running close to the German mark and the Russian ruble, is the Polish 1000 mark note, which is quoted today at .000028. The note on display was worth \$202.50 before the war and is now worth one and one-half cent. Austrian currency is also notably low. A 10,000 kronen bank note, with a pre-war value of \$2,023 is now worth 16 cents.

According to local financial authorities Germany, Austria, Poland and Russia are suffering most according to the purchasing value of their currency. Although the value is not quite so low in their own country, it is in worth practically nothing in foreign countries. People in Germany now use big bags and suitcases instead of a purse when they go to shop.

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Crime Wave Lower Here In Month of February

February was a much more peaceful month in the city of La Grande than was January. At least that is what the monthly report of the Police Chief, A. C. Haynes, now in the hands of the city officials, indicates. In January 29 arrests were made and last month, only 14 were made, of which eleven were convicted, two were paroled and one acquitted.

The total number of fines and forfeitures collected amounted to a total of \$490, just \$675 less than the number of fines and forfeitures imposed during the first month of the year. Emile Cone's pet slogan seems to be making itself manifest in the city underworld, or possibly that is not the case, and the study uses are merely taking a pre-spring vacation.

Liquor Cases.

As has been the usual case since prohibition went into effect, the greater share of the arrests were due to prohibition violations. Six of the 14 arrests were made on charges of intoxication and two were arrested for the possession liquor contrary to law. Two were arrested for disorderly conduct, two were turned over to the state, and two were arrested for traffic violations.

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