

## RAIL STRIKE CALLED OFF IN BRUSSELS

National Union of Railwaymen Takes Action to Disprove Charges.

### GERMAN MONEY SAID BACKING WALKOUTS

Reported That Large Check Drawn by German Bank Presented; Payment Refused.

BRUSSELS, June 1.—The National Union of Railwaymen called off the strike that has paralyzed transportation the past few weeks. The union made the decision in order to clear itself of charges that the strike was financed by German money.

It is reported that a check for 450,000 francs, drawn by the German Reichbank in the Union's favor, was presented at a branch of the American bank by a union officer.

Payment was refused because of some technicality.

### GRANT WAGE INCREASE

ST. PAUL, June 1.—A wage increase for 10,000 Northern Pacific maintenance of way employees was announced last night. This adds approximately \$300,000 dollars annually to the payroll.

### UNDER BONDS \$2500, TWO FACE CHARGES OF CHILD LARCENY

ENTERPRISE, June 1.—Hugh and W. T. Estes of Joseph were arrested Monday afternoon charged with child stealing. They waived preliminary hearing before Justice A. B. Conway and were released on bonds of \$2500 each to await the action of the grand jury. They were arrested by Sheriff F. D. Rhinehart and Deputy Thomas Murray and the case was represented by District Attorney Wilson.

### LOCAL BOY WINS SPEAKING PRIZE

CORVALLIS, June 1.—Waldo Stoddard of La Grande, sophomore in commerce at the college, won second prize in the advanced class of the public speaking contest last night. First prize for the advanced class was won by Jack Wright of Astoria, junior in landscape gardening.

Paul Knoll, president of the forensic association presided at the contest. C. E. Mitchell, professor of public speaking, F. L. Edwards, instructor in public speaking, Elizabeth Barnes, instructor in expression and dramatic art, and Earl Wells, instructor in public speaking, acted as judges. No instructor judged his own student's work.

Contests which are held at the end of each term have been held regularly for the last three years. One representative is chosen from each of the beginning classes, and two from each of the advanced classes.

### OPEN COURSES FOR DISABLED

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 1.—Fifteen men are now taking training at Oregon Agricultural College under the state industrial accident commission. All were partially or totally disabled and are being trained for work to enable them to take their places again in industry at good salaries. Nearly all of the men are registered in the school of agriculture. Five have taken up work on farms in conjunction with the college.

### EX-CONVICT ARRESTED

PORTLAND, June 1.—Police here discovered Harry Mills, vigilante, was an ex-convict who had escaped from Washington and Oregon prisons. Mills was arrested last night charged with annoying women.

### THE MARKET

PORTLAND, June 1.—Cattle weak, calves 50 cents lower, top hogs 15 cents lower, others steady. Prime light 88 to 89. Sheep steady. Eggs weak and butter steady.

### Weather Forecast

Portland, June 1.  
— Rain tonight and Sunday.

## 544 Letters Exploit Fete

As a part of the publicity plan adopted by the Old Oregon Trail Association advertising the Old Oregon Trail pageant to be held at Top O' Blue Mountains in July, 544 letters, each one sent to someone outside of Eastern Oregon, telling them of the pageant and of the opening of the Old Oregon Trail over the Blue mountains giving tourists a clear road from Ontario, Oregon, to the Pacific coast through the state, were written by the school children of Pendleton.

## BETTER HOMES WEEK IS NEXT

National Movement to Call Attention to Home Improvement to Be Observed.

In order to urge better homes, more homey homes and homes that will attract and hold the young people, as well as the older ones, President Harding and all the governors of the United States, have designated June 4th to 10th as Better Homes Week throughout the nation.

The national organization has appointed Mrs. E. P. Mossman of this city to take charge of the event in La Grande. John Stoddard has been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. George T. Cochran by the Neighborhood club to formulate and carry out a program during the days mentioned.

In speaking of the week set aside by the president today Mrs. Mossman called attention to the short time available for preparation as the literature and appointment have just been received, but even in only a few days to work she is of the opinion that proper window exhibits may be encouraged and some other features adopted that will give La Grande a proper standing in the state's work for Better Homes.

## GRADUATES TO ENTER COLLEGE

La Grande high school students, graduated, are this year attending higher educational institutions in considerable numbers, as a perusal of college registers will show. That they are successful in both student and educational activities is also clearly shown by press dispatches that come nearly daily telling of honors won by some local boy or girl in their respective Alma Mater.

The number of local college students will be materially increased next fall as many, some graduates from L. H. S. this year and some in past years, are planning on furthering their education by attending O. A. C., the University of Oregon and other similar institutions.

Among the graduates of the Senior class this year who have signified their intentions of going to college are: Donald Rohan, Glenn Metcalf, Mildred Stoddard, Jane Harland, Beulah Smith, Bertha Berger, Genevieve Hanna, Dorothy Kirby, Gladys Kilpatrick, T. C. Morton, Edith Bragg, L. H. S. '19 and Phyllis Ritter, L. H. S. '22 are likewise going to resume a higher branch of study than is offered by high and preparatory schools.

The number of prospective college students will doubtless be increased before the summer season is passed and the belief is expressed by many that, in addition to the 12 who are mentioned above possibly a number equally large, will reach a decision to attend college.

## Italian Lands Swept by Cyclone; Destruction Is Widespread; Many Killed

(By Associated Press)

ROME, June 1.—A cyclone in the Simphon region, northern Italy, wrecked houses, destroyed bridges and delayed international traffic.

Four were killed at Vogorno, two at Isola, and several at Domodossola.

## MR. PRYKE BACK IN LA GRANDE

A. E. Pryke, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in La Grande, returned this morning from Helena, Montana, where he has spent the past month on his honeymoon.

## TURKISH PACT NOW PLANNED BY AMERICANS

Minister Grew Authorized to Negotiate and Sign Treaty with Angora Delegate.

(By Associated Press)

LAUSANNE, June 1.—Joseph C. Grew, the American minister to Switzerland, had a long conference with Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, late Thursday night and impressed on him the desirability of building up in the United States an atmosphere of confidence in Turkey. He advanced several suggestions relative to the powers of the foreign legal advisers.

Should Mr. Grew's representations bring about any widening in the scope of the authority of the advisers, other countries would benefit, as well as the United States.

### May Sign Treaty

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The state department Thursday announced that full powers to negotiate and sign a treaty or treaties of amity and commerce with Turkey have been cabled to Joseph C. Grew, American minister to Switzerland. Mr. Grew is now conducting conversations with Turkish delegations at Lausanne.

## REAL ESTATE SALES SHOW PROMISE OF SUMMER BUILDING

Activities in the real estate business in La Grande continue unabated with many sales being reported from the various concerns in this city. A fair portion of the buyers planning on erecting either new homes on their newly acquired lands or at the least entering into extensive improvements.

Two of the latest transactions noted were the purchase of the property adjoining 1812 V Avenue, formerly owned by Clara V. White, by Giles Harnden, Tra Blue biscuit agent, and the buying of a lot on Second street just south of M avenue from Anna McCombs by T. G. Bantz. Both transactions were made through the offices of the La Grande Investment company. Mr. Bantz is planning on erecting a new home this year and Mr. Harnden contemplates extensive improvements on his new property.

## Former Superintendent Terminates Visit Here

After spending several days in La Grande Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Corbett returned to their home in Portland. Mr. Corbett holds the position of assistant superintendent on the Grays Harbor district and was formerly assistant superintendent on the second division of the O.-W.

## WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, June 1.—Soft White \$1.10; Western Red \$1.05.

## Rain Flowers On President

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—Eight thousand school children, gathered in American League park Thursday to serenade President and Mrs. Harding as a feature of Washington's Music week, broke away from their teachers and through marine guard, before the program was ended, and rushing good-naturedly but wildly across the field, laid down a barrage of flowers on the presidential party.

What had started as a quiet serenade was turned into a wild rush of eager children, when each, anxious to present a bouquet to either the president or Mrs. Harding, took the short course of hurling the flowers at them. The president and his wife were compelled to ward off the rain of blossoms.

## "FIVE DOLLARS AND USE CARE"

These Were the Words of Judge Kitchen to a Multitude of Auto Drivers.

"How the money rolls in, rolls in, rolls in—It beats four of a kind how the money rolls in," sang Chief of Police Clint Haines today as automobile owners chased into the chief's office and deposited their little five spots in order to clear the records of the city and give the drivers another chance to go and sin no more.

"The money is coming in currency," gold and silver," said Chief Haines, "and everyone is paying it with smile and a good word for the traffic man who is working hard to make La Grande a safe place to live."

Those who have contributed to the chief's "speedy" fund of late are: Mrs. J. M. Harrison, A. G. Stover, L. C. Smith, E. Allen, B. E. Anderson, Bruce Dennis, W. K. Gilbert, Fred Middle, Joe Canale, Lee Wee, Jack Oliver, Frank Staples, E. D. Reed, Herman Yeski, Mrs. George Richardson stood trial and beat the case against her.

Herman Johnson put up fifty dollars in coin of the realm to appear before the court on the charge of having booze in his possession, and his trial was set for this evening.

## HARDING TO VISIT SPOKANE

SPOKANE, June 1.—Spokane is again on the western program of President Harding. A telegram from the Chronicle Washington correspondent states that Spokane Thursday was definitely included in President Harding's itinerary to the Pacific coast and Alaska. The president will arrive here about June 30, the message states.

The itinerary of the president has been switched several times. The president will be accompanied by Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture.

## RAIL DIVORCE ARGUED

(By Associated Press)

ST. PAUL, June 1.—The Southern Pacific's attorneys argued in the federal court here today that the refusal of the courts to confirm the interstate commerce commission order authorizing the Central Pacific-Southern Pacific merger would nullify the transportation act.

## SLOOP GOES ASHORE

(By Associated Press)

NEWPORT, Ore., June 1.—The fishing sloop Deak owned by Henry Nelson, San Francisco, went ashore early today but was pulled off and towed into the harbor by the Coast Guard powerboat, Nelson, unaccompanied by anyone left Bodega, Cal., in the sloop Friday, bound for Port Bragg. The gasoline and batteries became exhausted. Nelson tried to sail but made no progress, drifting north for four days. The sloop was undamaged but Nelson suffered from hunger and exposure.

## RAMBLING RIGHT ALONG



## SPEEDER, TRAIN COLIDES, ONE DEAD, REPORT

Section Foreman at Weatherby Is Killed; Pocatello Man Hurt When Speeder Hits O.-W. Train.

BAKER, June 1.—One man was killed and one seriously injured when, according to brief reports received here, a railroad speeder carrying two men ran into west-bound Oregon-Washington limited near Weatherby about 7 o'clock yesterday evening.

W. S. Workman, section foreman at Weatherby was killed and A. R. Bruce of Pocatello, Idaho, a worker on the signal gang was severely cut and injured about the head.

The train, No. 19, arrived in Baker nearly an hour late, bringing the injured man, who was immediately removed to the hospital. His condition is regarded as serious.

## N. Y. GOVERNOR GIVES A HEARING ON REPEAL LAW

(By Associated Press)

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When both sides had talked their fill and weighed him down with briefs the governor walked silently from the room without having been trayed by a single gesture or a word the answer to the momentous question: "Will he sign or veto?" His decision will be announced some time between Thursday night and midnight Sunday, at which hour the repeal bill, if the governor does not act, will automatically die.

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## Philharmonic Orchestra's Appearance Praiseworthy

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## Forest Fires Menace Town

SUDBURY, Ont., June 1.—A forest fire has broken out between Misanville and Lochdale, 67 miles west of Chapeau, cutting off wire communications and interrupting train service.

Ready to Flee.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., June 1.—Reports Thursday from White River, which was said to be in imminent danger of destruction from forest fires, told of a change in the wind, which was helping every able-bodied man in the town to drive back the flames. Residents of the little town, however, are prepared to get aboard a waiting train if the situation develops unfavorably.

Menacing Citizens.

(By Associated Press)

PENTWATER, Mich., June 1.—Hundreds of men, women and children early today are fighting to save their homes as forest fires swept through the district.

Fires Controlled.

(By Associated Press)

PENTWATER, Mich., June 1.—Volunteer fire fighters, aided by a change of wind, controlled fires here today. Four square miles was burned, but no buildings destroyed. Forest fires in northern Minnesota timbered land, reports Superior, Wisconsin, which for two weeks threatened several small towns, are today reported under control.

## JOSEPH BANK CLOSES DOORS

First National Posted Notice Yesterday That It Would Not Open Today.

The First National bank of Joseph was closed yesterday by the board of directors and notice was given that it would not re-open today.

Joseph has two banks—one is the First National which has been closed by its own directors, and the other is the First Bank of Joseph, a state bank formerly owned by the E. D. McCully interests and now owned by E. H. Gaulke and associates. It is the First National bank that has been closed.

Today Examiner Patterson of the National banking department left La Grande for Joseph to take charge of the institution.

The First National bank of Joseph had a capital of \$25,000 and a recent statement showed a surplus of \$27,000 with deposits of \$21,000. H. M. Swartwood was the cashier. No definite information has been given out as to the bank's present condition but it is not thought that there is anything serious connected with the closing of the bank as many believe it was done to liquidate and quit business, as two banks for Joseph has been considered by some as one too many for some time past.

Other banks in Wallowa county today are experiencing no trouble and no runs on any of the other institutions have been made.

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## IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 123 TO BE PAVED

Bid Entered by Warren Construction Company Is Accepted.

### FIRST ITEM ON PAVING PROGRAM

Execution of Contract With Construction Company Is Authorized; Consideration Set at \$20,953.83.

The meeting of the city commissioners of La Grande was held yesterday afternoon, continued from Wednesday evening, the regular meeting time, because of Memorial day being a legal holiday, with Commissioners Sherwood Williams, C. J. Black and H. S. Brown in attendance.

Bids were received on Improvement District No. 123 from the Security Construction company and the Warren Construction company. The latter bid, consideration being \$20,953.83, was accepted as it was lower than the one offered by the Security Construction company and was considered best by responsible parties. The commission authorized the execution of the contract in that connection.

Program Going Good.

Improvement District No. 123 will be the first link in the paving program for the year. Hard surface pavement, concrete sidewalks, combination concrete curbs and gutters, etc., will be laid and constructed in the district, work on same to start in the near future. Many other districts will be improved this year.

Boundaries of District.

The boundaries of the improvement district in question are as follows:

Hemlock street from the northerly line of Adams street to the southerly line of Jefferson avenue and Jefferson avenue from the westerly line of Hemlock street to a line drawn at right angles to said Jefferson avenue from the most westerly corner of Block 2, Cogan's Addition to the city of La Grande, Cove avenue from the northerly line of Jefferson avenue to the southerly line of Island avenue and Island avenue from the north line of Cove avenue to a connection with the present pavement at the east City boundary.

Ordinance Passed.

An ordinance regulating and governing the installation of radio wires was read and approved. A permit must be granted, without cost to the applicant, the ordinance provides, to install radio wires, if radio equipment must be placed over, under or near existing power, light, heat, telephone or telegraph wires, the work should be done by the regular licensed wireman or under the supervision of a licensed wireman.

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