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## LANDIS AND WEEKS WIN BY BIG MAJORITY

### School Election Vote Broke All Past Records for This District.

#### TOTAL OF 1281 BALLOTS CAST

### Voting Heavy From Opening Until Closing Hours of Polls; Heavy Majority Elects Successful Candidates.

Election Results.  
Dr. R. P. Landis, 648.  
L. W. Weeks, 899.  
C. J. Black, 339.  
L. L. McKennon, 349.

Total Vote Polls, 1281.

Dr. R. P. Landis and L. W. Weeks, candidates for the position of school director in Dis. No. 1, comprising La Grande, emerged victorious by a vote of nearly three to one in the school board election here yesterday afternoon that broke all past records in regard to the number of voters polled. A total of 1281 ballots were cast which is 400 more votes than ever before polled in school district No. 1. In 1922, 51 votes were cast, 1921 about 500 and in 1920 about 850, the record year before the vote yesterday.

Immediately with the opening of the polls yesterday at two o'clock in the Central school building, voters began to appear in every increasing numbers. The heavy vote continued until closing hour, at 7 o'clock.

### Heavy Majority.

Dr. R. P. Landis and L. W. Weeks were elected to the position by a heavy majority over their opposing candidates, C. J. Black, former chairman of the board and L. L. McKennon. The final count showed Messrs. Landis and Weeks 648 and 899, respectively, with Black and McKennon receiving 339 and 349, respectively.

The school board is now composed of the following: A. T. Hill, J. A. Russett, Colon H. Eberhard, L. W. Weeks and R. P. Landis.

### Old Officers Elected.

At the school election yesterday in Fruitdale district a very large vote was polled. Lee Wright was re-elected director and Mrs. Francis Carbine was re-elected clerk.

### Baker Election Results.

BAKER, June 19.—In what proved to be one of the most spirited school elections ever held in the city, Dr. T. J. Arneson and John Allen were yesterday elected directors of school district No. 5 of Baker to succeed W. S. Levens and W. H. Strayer whose terms expire.

From the most spirited school election of the year, the vote at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon until the close at 7 o'clock in the evening, a steady stream of voters cast their ballots. At 3 o'clock two hundred votes had been cast with a final total of 1697 votes.

The official count:  
T. J. Arneson, 1180.  
John Allen, 1080.  
W. H. Strayer, 619.  
W. S. Levens, 375.

## WEDNESDAY IS FARMERS PICNIC

### Large Crowd Expected at the City Park; Good Program and Lots of Eats.

There will probably be a large crowd at the farmers' picnic Wednesday at the city park for this is the day of the annual Farmers Union picnic of Union county. It is an occasion for everyone and the public is invited to attend with their families and enjoy the day.

A program has been arranged for the occasion which will be interesting and some of the leading speakers of the farmers' organization will deliver talks during the afternoon. Special music has also been arranged for the day.

### Weather Forecast

Portland, June 19.—Fair tonight and Wednesday.  
Moderate westerly winds.

## Three Yankee Craft Seized

ROME, June 19.—Word of the fate of three American trading schooners seized by Soviet officials at East Cape, Siberia, was being eagerly awaited here today. The crews of the craft, which were not to be sent to the state department for northern coasts, were under arrest, at the latest report accused of violating commercial laws of Soviet Russia and high Soviet officials were coming north to consider the case.

TACOMA, June 19.—General James M. Ashton, of the Phoenix Northern Trading company, owners of the Iskam one of the three vessels seized on the Siberian coast by Soviets, announced that he will protest to the state department at Washington in an endeavor to obtain the vessels' release.

## CONDITION OF CROPS ROSEATE

### Grande Ronde Valley Farmers Expectant of a Year Above Normal Yields.

The condition of crops, especially grains and hay, looks rosier in the Grande Ronde valley and in Wallawa county than for several years at this season. Heavy rains that have been prevalent here for the last two weeks have given the spring wheats and the hays a distinct urge and give promise of a bumper crop. Already the first yield of alfalfa is being harvested in some sections.

Possibly the only agriculturist that is doubtful of a heavy crop is the winter wheat grower. The recent rains, though proving a boon for others, pelted his grain to the ground and if more rains come will probably result in damaged crops. Trouble with heading is expected to fade, however, with a resumption of summer weather. In other lines the abundant rainfall will insure heavy yields if growing and harvesting conditions are right. Near Imbler the wheat is reported as being luxuriant and already "fence high." In some fields wheat is already heading.

In the Wolf creek district, near North Powder, wheat is growing up wonderfully. In the Thief valley district farmers expect their crops of winter wheat to average about 40 to 50 bushels per acre, and the Grande Ronde valley the wheat is doing nearly as well.

Last year's yield of wheat, averaging around 27 to 35 bushels as a whole is expected to be bettered by a few bushels per acre. If all good wheat men will experience one of the best years in the past decade. Apples, in the orchards near Elgin and Imbler, have set as well or better than expected, according to H. H. Weatherspoon, horticulturist, and there will undoubtedly be the largest apple crop ever harvested in that section of the valley. Present facilities are not expected to house the harvested crop.

In the vicinity of Cove, cherries have been contracted at ten cents for the canning varieties, while the black cherries will probably bring as high as 15 cents. Prospects look fine for a large crop, not only in cherries, but in prunes and other fruits. Strawberries all over the Grande Ronde valley are thriving.

## LADIES GIVEN A FINE PROGRAM

### Union Commercial Club Entertains Ladies Who Gave Banquet to Stockmen.

The Union Commercial club gave a very delightful entertainment to the ladies of that city who prepared and served the stockmen's banquet during the stock show and everyone voiced appreciation of the magnificent manner in which Union ladies not only took part in the set program but in the manner they worked to make all welcome who visited that community during the stock show week.

Quite a number was in attendance last evening in the new high school gymnasium where the program and entertainment were held and after several fine musical numbers, a few addresses, a folk dance by the little girls, Loney's orchestra of La Grande took charge of the hall and a fine neighborhood dance was enjoyed until midnight.

## NEW MOVE MADE IN SHIP-LIQUOR CASE

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Part of the mystery of the latest treasury move in the ship liquor controversy was dispelled today by a declaration in official circles that hereafter the ship doctor on foreign ships will be given custody in American waters of such liquor as he is willing to certify is for medicinal purposes.

The Market.  
PORTLAND, June 19.—Livestock steady but unchanged, eggs steady at one cent higher, butter steady and unchanged.

## Company Decides to Start a Saw Mill Operation

### GERMANY FACES LABOR TROUBLE AS MARK DROPS

### New Wave of Depreciation of Money Causes Unrest in Trade Unions; Wants Wage Adjustment.

BERLIN, June 19.—Berlin was buzzing Monday night with talk of impending outlay strikes after the mark had suffered a collapse which, once during the day, saw it selling at 145,000 to the dollar among unofficial dealers.

There was scarcely a household in the city Monday night where the question was not raised as to how far the German unit can or will fall. The new wave of depreciation has intensified the feeling of unrest among the laborers who have become accustomed to repeated increases in retail prices, which virtually keep pace with the exchange of late, while wages follow tardily.

These trade unions already have inaugurated negotiations with Chancellor Cuno and the ministry of labor with the object of remedying the wage difficulties due to the mark's depreciation, but there is widespread fear that the rank and file of the workers, faced by still worse conditions, will get out of hand and strike. Some quarters regard the rumblings of outlay strikes as one of the causes of the mark's slump; others continue to attribute it to Germany's political prospects abroad and the heavy remand lately among German industrialists for foreign currencies.

The dollar officially was 147,620 to 148,270 as compared with Saturday's 114,712 to 115,285. Late in the afternoon the dollar reached 150,500 unofficially. The rumor was circulated on the board for a time Monday night that hereafter the mark would not be given official quotation in New York.

### Plan Activities

NEW YORK, June 19. (AP)—Federal prohibition authorities, electrified by two of the wildest bootlegging stories that has yet reached their ears, tonight began planning a campaign to mop up Long Island, which has been adopted as the new scene of operations of runners plying to and fro from the rum fleet.

### COURT DISBARS SEATTLE LAWYER

OLYMPIA, June 19.—Walter M. Harvey, Seattle attorney, formerly of Tacoma, Washington, was permanently disbared from practicing in the state courts by the supreme court. He was charged with fraudulent, unethical conduct involving services to his clients.

### FRITZ OUGHT TO REDUCE



## FORMER DAY ATTIRE WORN AT MEETING

### Chamber of Commerce Members Meet in Regular Session; Making Ready for Pageant.

One of the most rousing, jolly meetings held this year by the Union County Chamber of Commerce occurred this noon at the Methodist church when "Frontier Dress Day" was observed, as a day to start the wearing of pioneer attire and old clothing preliminary to the Old Oregon Trail pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains. Approximately one half of those present were dressed either typically of early day frontiersmen or of slightly later day Westerners.

Several business matters were attended to at the meeting which was presided over by W. C. Perkins, who was not lacking in appropriate clothing. With a red bandana (to keep the dust of the plain from his mouth) he sat at the head of the table doing his stuff in a very creditable way.

H. E. Coolidge reported on the new by-laws and they were adopted by unanimous vote subject to amendment at the next meeting, which incidentally will be the last meeting of the Chamber until fall. The final meeting will be held in the new Summer hotel and will be presided over by G. L. Larson, president of the commercial club.

### Announcements Made.

Announcements were made that the Chamber of Commerce would be entertained this evening at Union by the Union Chamber of Commerce in the Union Hotel at 6:30 o'clock. The delegation, expected to number about 25, from La Grande, will leave for the Y. M. C. A. at 5:45 o'clock and will urge the Union business men to attend Chautauqua Week to be held here June 24-29 inclusive. Several announcements regarding the same were made.

### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD YESTERDAY

Funeral services over the body of Miss Kathleen Mills, who passed away at Granger, Washington, Saturday, were held from the home of Mrs. Lydia Grandy yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. A large gathering of sorrowful friends and relatives were present. W. C. Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivered the funeral sermon. The interment took place at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The deceased was a sophomore in the La Grande high school and left for Granger to visit her mother about three weeks ago. Her class was present at the funeral en masse. Miss Mills was born December 27, 1907, and is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mills, and two sisters, Josephine and Lydia, of Granger Wash, and two brothers, Stanley, of La Grande, and J. R. Mills, of Canada. Another sister, Ellen Mills, passed away here two months ago.

Funeral services were in charge of the Reynolds and Zimmerman funeral service parlors.

## Male Bandit Wears Skirts

CHICAGO, June 19.—Fred G. Thompson, said to have posed as a woman, was positively identified today, according to the police, by Mrs. Richard C. Tesmer, as the supposed woman bandit who shot and killed her husband in a holding by two persons on the night of June 5.

Thompson, or "Mrs. Francis Garrick" as he had been known, was declared by Frank Garrick to have posed as his wife for 14 years.

Garrick, Miss Marie Clark and a man known only as John Doe, were taken into custody. The police announced that a medical examination would be made to determine whether the suspect was a man or a woman.

## LEASKA HEADS MUSIC PROGRAM

### Miss Leah Leaska to Sing at Old Oregon Trail Celebration at Meacham.

Leah Leaska, dramatic soprano, who with the Union County Chamber of Commerce quartette and the Union Men's Community Chorus, will furnish the highlights on the musical program at the Old Oregon Trail pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains July 3 and 4, is a soloist of wide renown. Leah Leaska, who by the way is really Miss Leah Cohen, of Portland, was selected several years ago for the endorsement of the music league of America, of New York City, in which she was successful.

Many writers call her "Oregon's Queen of Song" and a considerable stir was manifested in local circles when it became generally known that she had consented to appear in conjunction with the program outlined for the entertainment of President Harding and his party at Top O' Blue Mountains. Much credit is due Walter Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association, for being able to secure her for this affair, as she has just returned from New York and is on her way to Chicago.

When asked to participate in the dedication ceremonies, she graciously responded by saying, "I consider singing for the president of the United States to be the event of a life time, and it will give me great pleasure to accept your very kind invitation." The eyes of the nation will be at Meacham, Oregon, on that date, and the happenings at the dedication of the Old Oregon Trail will be heralded far and wide by every news medium in the country. A vote of thanks is due Walter Meacham and his committee, who have worked night and day to make this celebration a success.

Leah Leaska is a native Oregonian having been born and reared in Portland, where she received her education in the Portland Academy, later going East to complete her musical education. She studied leading roles at the Metropolitan Opera company with Maestro Solti, and has excellent concert repertoire with leading teachers in the country. A short time ago she appeared at the Auditorium in Portland in concert presented by the Music League of America whose management she has been under for three years. Just recently she had the honor of singing at a banquet for Governor Al Smith, of New York, at the Hotel Commodore.

Miss Leaska's voice is a dramatic soprano of extraordinary range and volume. Combined with a personality of great force and personal magnetism, she stands foremost on the list of living, native-born American genius.

### Recall Fails in Sumpter, Administration Confirmed

BAKER, June 19.—The recall election held in Sumpter Saturday was defeated. On the recall of the mayor the vote was 55 for recall and 75 against. For recall of commissioner the vote stood 47 for and 75 against. In the vote for mayor the administration of Mayor W. H. Gleason was confirmed, he receiving 75 votes and F. L. Wilson, 65. For Commissioner No. 3, W. H. Jameson received 75 votes, to 47 for his opponent, John Clark.

### WHEAT QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND, June 19.—Soft White \$1.10; Western Red \$1.05.

## Sommer Hotel Opening Is Success, 200 Were Present

One of the most successful openings of the year was held last night at 5:00 o'clock when the doors of the new Sommer Hotel were thrown open by the proprietor, Ben DeLeon. The hotel lately has undergone a complete renovation and is now listed among the really fine hotels of the district.

A large number of citizens and many visitors from other points were present at the opening. Approximately 200 or more were in attendance. A banquet given by C. H. Catehling,

## 50,000 SAID HOMELESS IN ITALY TODAY

### Mount Etna Continues Active With No Abatement, Is Report.

### CITY OF GIARRE IS THREATENED

### Population of 20,000 Are Already Foresaking Apparently Doomed Giarre; Lava Flow Increasing.

CATANIA, June 19.—The eruption of Mount Etna continues unabated. One stream of lava is threatening Giarre, a city of 20,000 population, at the base of the volcano and the population is beginning to leave. About 50,000 have already been made homeless in the area surrounding it.

### Fissures Erupting.

ROME, June 19.—Eye witnesses to Etna's eruption state that not only did the main crater break into activity but that at least five fissures appeared in the northeastern side of the volcano, contributing to a flow of lava upon forests and fruit groves that clothed the lower slopes of the mountain.

## FIRE THOUGHT WORK OF 'BUG'

### Annex to the Presbyterian Church, Recently Moved Across the Track, Partially Razed.

At about ten thirty o'clock last evening the fire department was called to the corner of Greenwood and T Avenue, to extinguish a fire which broke out in the building owned by John Mars. The building was formerly an annex of the old Presbyterian Church and recently moved to its present location. Prompt action prevented the blaze from spreading although damage amounted to between \$400 and \$500.

At five minutes to twelve the department was again called to the same place and extinguished flames which again broke out in the same building. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed that it was the work of some fire bug. Officers report that upon their arrival at the fire, black smoke, similar to that which arises from burning oil, was pouring out of the building. There was no insurance on the building.

## BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT, DANCE

### Thursday Evening at Zuber Hall Big Social Event Will Be Staged by Organization.

The Municipal band will give one of its well-known social events on Thursday evening at Zuber hall. There will be a concert on the streets of La Grande followed by a few selections rendered in front of the hall and then the dance program will be given.

The band is doing this in order to raise funds to cancel expenses incurred in the purchase of needed equipment and the worthiness of this organization's efforts toward the general public is so apparent and so well appreciated that aside from the splendid dance which is assured, there will be a lot of support given from the standpoint of civic pride.

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