

State Income Tax Gaining Slowly

Congressman N. J. Sinnott Outlines the Possibility of Irrigation Work Here

SURVEY COSTS TO BE BORNE ONEQUAL BASE

Chamber Hears Excellent Address by Second District Representative

MANY VISITORS WERE GUESTS OF CHAMBER

Farms of Valley Would Be Forced into Smaller Units If Government Entered Reclamation Work.

Pointing the way to show how the government of the United States can be interested to meet half the expense of an initial survey for irrigation in the Grande Ronde valley, Congressman N. J. Sinnott yesterday gave one of the most interesting and instructive addresses that the Chamber of Commerce has ever enjoyed at a noonday luncheon.

Many prominent visitors were in attendance at the luncheon including members of the Eastern Oregon Mineral association of the Methodist church who are in convention in La Grande on church matters.

Following the luncheon upon the assembly which was offered by Rev. Keith of the First Methodist church of La Grande, Editor Ed. Hendry of the Baker Herald responded to a call of the toastmaster with greetings from the sister city. Mr. A. Steward, one of the pioneers of the Third valley project, spoke of the great merit of irrigation to any community. Walter E. Mosheim, secretary of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, held aloft the fact that the Old Oregon Trail is to be kept free from snow this winter, which statement was backed up by State Highway Commissioner Doby who in a few remarks told of the highway work. L. R. Bowen, who has been editor of the Baker Democrat since time immemorial, eloquently told of his administration for La Grande. Rev. Joseph Chester, one of the eloquent orators of Methodism, who hails from Baker, responded in a brief speech for the entire number of citizens present.

IRRIGATION, THE THEME.
Congressman Nick Sinnott was introduced as a member of congress whose long study of irrigation makes him an authority today on that subject, and his chairmanship of the public lands committee puts him in close touch with the department at Washington. It was stated that the congressman had acted as nurse at (Continued on Page Five.)

SUPPORT FOR Y OPENING IS TO BE SOUGHT

W. W. Dillon, State Y. M. C. A. Worker, Has New Board Selected.

One more herculean effort will be tried to get support for the purpose of re-opening and maintaining the local Y. M. C. A. It was announced today by some members of the new board of directors which W. W. Dillon, state worker, has selected, and following a board meeting recently.

It will be remembered that the old board of directors, which was composed of a number of business and professional men, found it impossible to get sufficient funds for the support of the institution and deficits were faced at regular intervals. Believing that new blood on the board might help the situation a meeting of the old board members was called some time ago and they agreed to a proposition made by Mr. Dillon that an attempt to reorganize the La Grande Y. M. C. A. and put it back on its feet.

This is what is under way now, and while no great encouragement is being offered, nevertheless many of the new board hold to the theory that with La Grande's splendid assured growth it is no time to let the Y go by default. An extraordinary effort will be made for it.

One plan being talked of is to raise funds to pay off the mortgage indebtedness on the building and to pay a year's running expenses. Naturally this will require some large subscriptions. The other plan is to refinance the present indebtedness and provide for a yearly budget with the anticipation of two years hence raising by a strenuous campaign money to pay off the mortgage.

Mr. Dillon expects to return to La Grande in the near future at which time the new board will complete its organization, adopt a definite plan of procedure and put the proposition up to the citizens of La Grande to be determined by them whether they want a Y. M. C. A. or not.

HARVEST MOON DANCE TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

The pre-Armistice Day dance which is to be given by the La Grande post No. 43, American Legion, on Friday evening, November 9th, promises to be one of the big events of the season, according to the Legionnaires.

They are preparing special decorations for the Harvest Moon Dance, and also are planning on making up a most interesting and varied program of dance of it. The committee in charge maintains a cloak of secrecy over the latter announcement, refusing to go into details or explain, but promising however that the dance will be one of the best of the year.

To Oscar Rollins of Cove, covering the appropriation of water from a spring for irrigating 1 acre.

To Chas. E. Hutchinson of North Powder, covering the appropriation of water from Wolf Creek for irrigating 62 acres. The construction cost is estimated at \$1,000.

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To Joe Kollman of Cove, covering the appropriation of water from four springs for irrigating and supplemental supply for 5 acres. The construction cost is estimated at \$1,000.

To Oregon State Commission of Portland, covering the appropriation of water from Catherine Creek for fish hatchery.

VOTE IN UNION COUNTY GOES FOR MEASURE

Incomplete Reports Show: For Income Tax, 1,252; Against Income Tax, 524.

VOTE WAS CLOSER IN LA GRANDE

Of Thirteen Precincts Here, One Tied, Four Were Opposed and Eight Were for State Measure.

Late this afternoon reports were received from the following precincts: Elgin No. 3—53 yes, 14 no; Big Creek, 35 yes, 5 no; Starkley, 13 yes, 4 no; Kamela 21 yes, 5 no. Which makes the total vote in Union county with 32 out of 47 precincts counted, 1,377 yes, 552 no.

Union county, the home of Governor Walter M. Pierce, royally supported him in yesterday's statewide referendum on the state income tax. In Union county the vote is over two to one for the income tax. In La Grande the figures are closer a check on the 13 precincts showing that of 564 votes polled, 549 were for the income tax and 15 against it.

North Powder went overwhelmingly for the tax. Complete returns from that city showed that 124 votes resulted in 98 yes and 26 no. Further voted 62 yes, 2 no. Hot Lake voted 26 yes, 5 no; Abies voted 50 yes, 15 no; Sumnerville voted 55 yes, 14 no; Union (4 precincts) voted 128 yes, 71 no; Elgin (2 precincts, incomplete) voted 32 yes and 14 no. Island City voted 73 yes and 12 no and Cove voted 29 yes and 47 no.

The total vote in Union county cannot be ascertained until tomorrow at the earliest but as it stands today, complete checks, unofficial, of 28 precincts out of 37 in the county give 1,252 yes and 524 no votes cast. A ratio of nearly two to one for the tax.

The total vote polled in La Grande wasn't as heavy as was at first anticipated, which is really in the condition that exists all over the state. La Grande polled 861 votes and the county as a whole, minus nine precincts, polled 1,778. If the same ratio continues it is doubtful if more than 2,000 people voted in Union county yesterday.

How They Voted
(La Grande)

Precinct 1	Yes 24, No 25
Precinct 2	Yes 21, No 21
Precinct 3	Yes 41, No 19
Precinct 4	Yes 46, No 9
Precinct 5	Yes 47, No 14
Precinct 6	Yes 57, No 12
Precinct 7	Yes 46, No 15
Precinct 8	Yes 25, No 18
Precinct 9	Yes 25, No 25
Precinct 10	Yes 27, No 55
Precinct 11	Yes 48, No 54
Precinct 12	Yes 44, No 12
Precinct 13	Yes 41, No 5
Union	
1	Yes 26, No 26
2	Yes 19, No 26
3	Yes 47, No 12
4	Yes 49, No 12
Elgin	
1	No report

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EXPERT CAUCUS ROW BRIGHTER

France and Great Britain May Agree on Text U. S. Invitation to Reparation Conference.

PARIS (AP)—Promises for an agreement between France and Great Britain came last of the invitation to the United States to join the conference of experts on reparations, was signed in diplomatic and French official circles as brighter than yesterday.

Fashionable Wedding



William H. Vandervelt is shown coming from a New York church with his bride, Emily O'Neill Davies. Police had to clear a path for the couple. The wedding united two of New York's oldest families.

Democrats Elected Three Governors; Win Majority of Contests for House

Kentucky, Maryland and Mississippi Go Democratic; Vermont Elects Republican Senator.

UNDATED (By the Associated Press)—Democrats were elected yesterday in all three states where there were gubernatorial elections, Kentucky, Maryland, and Mississippi.

In Vermont, where the only senatorial contest was held, Porter H. Dale, Republican, defeated Park H. Pollard, comb of President Coolidge.

In new contests for the house Democrats won four and Republicans three.

Party alignment is unchanged excepting in one New York district where the Republicans won. Judiciary candidates unsupported by William H. Hearst, in New York, were defeated. Mayor Holpi, Republican, of San Francisco, was apparently elected.

Dale Elected
MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Porter H. Dale, Republican, former congressman for the second Vermont district, was elected United States senator at Vermont over Park H. Pollard, Democrat, winning more than two votes for every one cast for his opponent. Complete returns from the 24th and 25th and in the state gave Dale 59,827, Pollard 15,622.

In the congressional contest in the second district to elect a successor to Mr. Dale, who resigned to become a candidate for the senate, Col. Ernest W. Gibson of Brattleboro, Republican, was returned by an overwhelming majority over his Democratic opponent, Burton L. Bailey of Montpelier. The total vote was: Gibson 17,614, Bailey 4,172.

The senatorial contest was featured by the activities of the "dry" forces of the state in the interest of Mr. Dale, who had announced he was opposed to any change in existing prohibition legislation. The Democratic candidate, Park H. Pollard, a merchant of Cassino, and a cousin of President Coolidge had expressed a desire for modification of the Volstead act to (Continued on Page Five.)

FINDS TWO PINTS LIQUOR IN CAR; DRIVER ARRESTED

Ray Lewis, taxi-driver of La Grande, was arrested last evening by the sheriff's officers on the charge of transporting intoxicating liquor. Lewis was arrested on Fifth street and two pint bottles of liquor was found in his car.

He waived arraignment and has been bound over to await the action of the grand jury. No bonds have been set as yet.

MULTNOMAH VOTES FOR REMOVAL OF INCOME TAX; REST OF OREGON FAVORS

EARLY REPORTS THIS MORNING GAVE INCOMPLETE RETURNS, YES, 30,368, NO, 40,837.

Uptate Counties Favored Income Tax But Vote in Portland District Two to One Against Measure; Sellwood Bridge Bonds Voted; Voting Machine Tax Levy Failed.

PORTLAND, (Presstime Flash by Associated Press)—The majority against the income tax was cut to 3,739 by returns tabulated at two o'clock this afternoon. Figures were, for 48,226; against 51,965.

M. E. MINISTERS' CONVENTION ENDS AT NOON TODAY

The convention of Methodist Ministers of Eastern Oregon, held in La Grande yesterday and this morning, came to an end at noon today. A very interesting debate last evening at the Methodist church, with a fine attendance, was held. Resolutions of appreciation were passed today to thank the people of La Grande and especially the Union County Chamber of Commerce for their welcome.

Many of the visiting ministers returned to their homes this morning.

Firing Squad Punished 346 Britons During War

LONDON, (AP)—Out of the many millions of men which comprised the British army during the late war only 346 officers and men so failed in their duty as to justify their execution by the firing squad.

Three British officers were shot—two for desertion and one for murder. One man was sentenced to death three times over for desertion. Twelve he was executed but he could not stand the water of blood and mud of the trenches so he deserted again and the third time he was shot.

Fifty other men, after being sentenced to death were reprieved only to offend again and be shot. In 266 cases the officers against the military code was desertion. Though 37 men were executed for murder, eighteen were shot for cowardice, three for mutiny and two for sleeping on duty. In all, 2,000 death sentences were passed.

Portland, (Nov. 7—10:15 A. M. Associated Press)—The proposed state income tax, voted upon in yesterday's referendum, was disapproved by such a large majority in Multnomah county on the face of returns this morning that favorable majority in upstate counties was upset.

Incomplete returns from 28 of 36 counties in Oregon showed for income tax 30,368; against 40,837.

Multnomah county, 452 out of 467 precincts, voted: for income tax 14,234; against 25,736. The other 27 counties received: for income tax 16,134; against 15,101.

Measures voted in Multnomah only showed: Sellwood bridge bonds, yes 28,652, no 10,708; for tax levy for voting machines, yes 15,812, no 22,799.

Portland, (AP)—Available returns show that counties giving majorities for the tax were Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Harney, Hood River, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Union, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill. Counties giving majorities against the tax were (Continued on Page Five.)

Ready to Call Hearing.

PARIS (AP)—Reparations commission decided to give Germany a hearing immediately if the several governments, including the United States, are unable to agree regarding the expert investigation committee.

Late News Flashes

Governor Walton Pleads Not Guilty to 22 Charges.

OKLAHOMA CITY, (AP)—Gov. Walton pleaded not guilty today to each of twenty-two indictments returned against him.

Motion Presented to Dismiss Bill of Complaint.

LAWTON, Okla. (AP)—A motion to dismiss a bill of complaint filed yesterday by Governor Walton in federal court here was presented by state attorney general Short today before Judge Cotter.

Six Jurors Found for Covell Case.

COQUILLE, (AP)—Six tentative jurors were obtained up to noon recess today for the trial of Arthur Covell, crippled Bandon astrologer on the charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ebba Covell.

I. C. C. Refuses to Make Probe.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today refused to undertake an investigation on the general level of railroad rates.

Water Permits Issued in Union County Were Seven

During the months of August, September and October, 126 permits were issued by the state engineer, for the appropriation of water from various streams throughout the state. These permits cover the irrigation of a total area of 1814 acres of land, development of 243 horsepower, and the use of water for mining, municipal, domestic, manufacturing and various other purposes. The estimated cost of the construction work contemplated under the various permits amounts to \$76,339.

In Union County the following permits were issued:

To W. E. Boix of Cove, covering the appropriation of water from a spring for irrigating 16 acres and domestic supply. The construction cost is estimated at \$30.00.

To A. B. Hump of Union, covering the appropriation of water from Pyle Creek for irrigating