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CHIEF FAVORS LESSENING TAX; NO BONUS

The Weather
Portland, (AP)—Rain to-
night and Friday. Cooler in
the west portion tonight and
strong southerly gales.H. McCall
RESIGNS AS
TREASURERTo Be Affiliated With
First National Bank
of Lewiston, Ida.FLORENCE BACON
HIS SUCCESSORResignation Takes Effect
Immediately; County
Court Makes Appoint-
ment.

Hugh McCall, county treasurer of Union county for the past year and one-half, tendered his resignation to the Union county court, in regular session, the court accepted the resignation and appointed as Mr. McCall's successor, Mrs. Florence Bacon, who has been affiliated with the county treasurer's office for the past several years.

Mr. McCall's resignation takes effect immediately and today in his last day in the office, Mrs. Bacon took over her post today.

Mr. McCall is leaving La Grande this evening for Lewiston, Idaho where he will be associated with the First National Bank of Lewiston.

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BOOSTING HIS
HOME MAN FOR
U. S. SENATEAl Smith of Baker Sings
Strayer's Praise to La
Grande Democrats.

Looking through the dense political thicket Oregon Democrats evidently have good chance to win the United States Senate next year, for they are an active bunch for a strictly minority party.

Today Al Smith, a Baker Democrat who has served in the legislature from that county and is well known over the state, was in La Grande singing the song of "Fighting Strayer" for Senator.

At his all of Baker county regardless of factions of former affiliations is for W. H. Strayer, who has served several terms in the state senate and is a law maker of considerable ability.

Smith's Miller was here yesterday urging his chances among the few Democrats Union county still possess. Will R. King, the foreign candidate who claims Oregon as his home but never lives here, is said to be writing letters to "all the boys" telling them that he is the man who can do them the most good. George Mandel, who has not been a resident of Baker since his connection with the Farm Bureau, is constantly pecking away among a few advising them that he is the Magnus Johnson of Oregon, while J. K. Weatherford, a learned and respected old attorney from Union county, insists that he will probably enter the race for the Democratic nomination to the high office.

"All of this may be true," said Al Smith, "but Eastern Oregon has one genuine candidate to place before the Democrats in the person of W. H. Strayer of Baker. He has been tried and found genuine."

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BIG INCREASE
IN UTILITIES

The total assessment of public utilities of Union county for this year is \$2,533,282, according to an announcement today by County Assessor Dave Proctor, who has just received the statement from the Oregon state tax commission.

The figures above is an increase of \$153,347 over last year. Last year's figures placed the total assessment at \$2,379,935.

Henry Ford
Choice Of
One GroupHenry Ford Democrats
and Farmer-Labor-
ites Make Choice.

PERHAPS, S. D. (By the Associated Press)—The Fourth presidential election emerged from the proposals convention conducted here yesterday. Henry Ford, the choice of the fusion conference composed of Ford Democrats and a group of Farmer-Laborites who bolted the regular convention. James F. Houlihan, chief of the Ford supporters in the Democratic ranks, declared Wednesday night that the fusion ticket was ready for filing with the secretary of state as minority Democratic ticket for the March primary. The filing had not been made up to a late hour Wednesday night.

Heading the ticket with Henry Ford for president, the state, with Houlihan as spokesman for the Democrats and Mark P. Bacon, leading representative of the Farmer-Laborite group, for the senator, proposed filing Eric Eliason of Sioux Falls for governor.

BULLETINS

Seven Killed.—Seven persons were killed and 39 wounded in a clash Wednesday between unemployed and the police at Wamee, Westphalia.

Murdered Sentenced.—ROUSSEAU, Tex. (AP)—George Leeman, French aviator, tried here for the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Louise Floquet, was found guilty late Wednesday and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Ejects Democrat.—NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP)—The home city of President Coolidge has elected a Democrat, Edward J. Woodhouse, as mayor.

Hogs a Dime Higher.—PORTLAND, (AP)—Hogs are one dime higher on today's market here while cattle remains steady. Hogs, medium to choice (160 to 200 pounds) are \$7.10 to \$7.65. Sheep is steady. Eggs are four cents lower, 28 to 15 cents. Butter firm.

Poincare Sustained.—PARIS, (AP)—The Chamber of Deputies today gave another vote of confidence to Poincare, 408 to 127.

Retirement Sought.—INDIANAPOLIS, (AP)—Governor McCarty's retirement from office will be sought as a result of his being involved in financial affairs. Clyde A. Wall, Republican state chairman declared today.

RAY WILLIAMS
IS COMMANDERLegion and Ladies' Aux-
iliary Elect Officers
Last Evening.

The American Legion Post No. 42, of La Grande, meeting in their regular monthly session last evening at the K. of P. hall, elected Ray Williams commander for the ensuing year, succeeding Commander Ralph Huron. Arthur Van Fleet was named vice commander. Otis Palmer, adjutant. Chester Thompson, finance officer. Walter Bean, chaplain. L. E. Buser, historian and the executive committee elected, consisted of Ralph Huron, Lynn Robinson, Jerome Foley, Jesse Andrews and Harry Williams.

Coinciding with the Legion election the Ladies Auxiliary also elected officers for the year of 1934. Mrs. Florence Humphreys was elected president. Mrs. Harley Richardson, first vice president. Mrs. Paul Beck, second vice president. Mrs. Earl Rosenbaum, secretary and Mrs. Chester Thompson, treasurer.

At the Legion meeting the problem of caring for ex-servicemen's claims since the discontinuance of the Red Cross chapter here threw the responsibility on the Legion's shoulders, was discussed. A committee was appointed to arrange this matter and one also to take care of the membership drive for

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RAILROADS
PERFORMED
VERY WELLTransportation History
Marked by "Unequaled
Performance"I. C. C. REPORT IS
MADE FOR 1933Stabilization of Rates Is
Held Important Need
of Present Day Com-
merce.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Transportation history during the current year has been marked by "unequaled performance" of railroad service, the Interstate Commerce commission declared today in its annual report.

With an unprecedented volume of traffic to handle, carriers almost eliminated war shortages, the report said, and kept equipment serviceable to an unusual extent. It was added that at the same time general charges placed upon the public for service were decreased.

"The effect during the calendar year 1933 of rate reductions made in 1932 will be to lessen the total freight transportation charges paid by the shipping public by more than \$500,000,000," the report said. "We have referred to the stabilization of rates as one of the more important needs of commerce, and have not made any further general investigations of rates during the present year. But the year has continued to be one of transition and readjustments of rates, largely by reductions."

No recommendations for new legislation were made in the report, though considerable attention was given to describing the work of controlling security issues, and increasing safety inspection efforts, as required by more recently enacted laws.

It was also revealed that for the first time the government had obtained some revenue from the "re-capture" claims of the Transportation Act. Though the earnings making the payments were not named, it was said that 18 railroads, which earned more than an amount equivalent to six percent on the estimated value of the property used by them in transportation services had paid over to the Commission half of such excess earnings, or approximately \$94,500, which is now held by the Treasury. The validity of the law is still being contested in the courts, the report pointed out, and in consequence the money was paid under protest by the corporations concerned.

About 35 railroads, the report continued, appeared on the books of preliminary audits, to have earned excess amounts during 1932. Figures have been completed for 1933. The Transportation Act in directing the Commission to fix rates so that railroads might, so far as possible, earn six percent on the value of their property, directed that half of the excess over such a return should be taken by the government to be placed in a general railroad contingency fund, from which loans might be made to railroads generally, if needed. The Commission was given power to alter the fair return rate, and has cut it down to 5.44 percent for 1932 and later years. The report indicated that 26 roads had earned more than 6 percent in 1932, as compared with the 35 in 1932.

In the matter of dealing with war time railroad control, the report indicated an almost clearing up of accounts. A total of \$501,223.00 has been paid to carriers under the Transportation Act provisions guaranteeing railroad earnings for six months after termination of the federal control, and but \$27,677.00 remains to be paid when all accounts are adjusted. The ability of roads to finance their services for the most part, without further application for government loans was indicated by the statement that during the year the commission had authorized security issues having a total par value of \$1,215,954,000, and had likewise authorized the last issue of 1,029,000 shares of common stock having no par value.

Voters Are
Balloting In
EnglandJobs, Tariff, Tax Are Is-
sues; "Red" Plot Is
Said Uncovered.

LONDON, (AP)—The Evening News here says that a "red" plot to interfere with voting in London today had been discovered and that the police were taking steps to prevent its accomplishment.

The plot, it asserts, the newspaper, apparently were paying great attention to women voters and radicals in certain sections of the city had been assigned the task of intimidating women who are extremely anti-Communist.

By David M. Church,
International News Service Staff
Correspondent.

LONDON.—England is at the polls today.

For the second time within four months English voters are engaged in the election of a government.

Voting today was accompanied by the usual excitement and intense campaigning, but there was no great popular rush to the polls for this has been an unwanted and an unpopular election. The prevalence of automobiles bearing party colors, carrying voters to the polls, was indicative of the disposition on the part of the public to go to the polls unless carried there. Campaign workers, wearing huge rosettes, with their party colors, were scouring the countryside in search of non-voters, and every effort was made to turn out a large poll. Campaign banners and posters were plastered over every nook and corner of the "White House" from John of Groat's to Land's End.

Three big issues stand out in today's election namely:

Unemployment.

Tariff Protection.

Capital Levy.

The Conservative Party, the governing party, goes to the polls upon a platform in favor of a protective tariff. Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and his supporters maintaining that a protective tariff is needed to protect British trade and to end unemployment.

The reunited Liberal Party, under the leadership of the two ex-Premiers, Asquith and Lloyd George, is opposing the Conservative Party with a platform in favor of Free Trade. The Liberals maintaining that protection will increase the cost of living and will not end unemployment. The Libs are also demanding a more active foreign policy and greater efforts to deal with the unsettled European conditions due to the reparations problem.

The Labor Party is seeking vote Capital Levy upon all fortunes of \$25,000 or over, for the payment of war debts. The Labor Party also demands great national steps for the relief of unemployment and a foreign policy that will provide for revision of the Treaty of Versailles.

Both the Conservatives and the Libs are making onslaughts against the Labor Party on grounds that the proposed Capital Levy is a socialistic confiscation of private property.

Three great personalities stand out in today's election—Stanley Baldwin, H. H. Asquith and Lloyd George.

Baldwin has forced an unpopular election and stands in a fair way to lose some of his power if he is not voted out of office altogether.

Asquith and Lloyd George, after a feud of several years' standing, are again fighting side by side for a return to power which they have lost. The elections are bound to increase the power of these two men, even if they do not regain control of the Government.

In the background, an unknown quantity, stand Ramsey MacDonald.

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BRIDE A WEEK;
IS DROWNED IN
RAGING RIVER

EUGENE, (AP)—Mrs. Josephine Byers, formerly Josephine Goodman, of Aberdeen, Washington, a bride of a week, was drowned at Harborside Ferry, landing when a car driven by William J. Park, San Francisco, plunged into the river.

Mrs. Byers' husband, Robert Byers, of Los Angeles, had a narrow escape.

Byers and his bride were en route to Los Angeles where they were to live. Mrs. Byers, burdened by a heavy coat, was swept down the stream. He clung to an obstruction in the stream and was saved. "The machine is lying under its rest of water."

INSURANCE
"CHEATER"
CONFESSESEdward J. Sallstad Ad-
mits Perpetrating a
Criminal HoaxQUESTION GIRL
IN HOSPITALMiss Dorothy Anderson
Tells Story of Her As-
sociations with Sall-
stad.

NAPA, Calif. (AP)—Miss Dorothy Anderson, companion of Edward J. Sallstad, confessed perpetrator of the insurance hoax at Lake Nohagamon, Wisconsin, in which he disfigured and burned the body of a friend to make it appear to be his own, was questioned today by District Attorney Anglin at a hospital where she is confined with incipient tuberculosis.

Anglin also intended to question Sallstad further to clear up phases of the case not fully revealed in the confession.

Sallstad three years ago rented a summer cottage at Lake Nohagamon, disfigured the body of his friend from the cemetery, and then set the cottage afire, disappearing with Miss Anderson, his stenographer.

His wife is suing the insurance company and has married again in Wisconsin.

Miss Anderson in a preliminary statement said she met Sallstad in Chicago in 1919 and that she loved him very much but did not love him. She claims she was engaged to another man but that Sallstad induced her to break her engagement and come to Eau Claire, Wis., as his stenographer at the Multi-Phone Phonograph company, of which he was president.

Alleged Trouble Causer.

Mrs. Sallstad at this time is alleged to have complained that Miss Anderson was causing trouble in the family and urged her to quit her husband's employ. The girl said that she then went to Chicago and that Sallstad followed her. Later they left for San Antonio, Texas, where they went into business.

A storm then damaged their Texas place and they took an automobile and toured to California, playing they were gamblers.

Miss Anderson insisted that she knew nothing of Sallstad's wrongdoing.

Meeting Tuesday.

Mr. Sallstad has called the meeting for Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in the city hall building.

In addition to the discussion of the radio question, the city commissioners attended to routine business matters.

The usual racket occurred, this morning at eight o'clock in Glass Bros. Inc., when the reserved seats for the high school operetta "The Gypsy Rover" went on sale. A few good seats still remain but the greater portion were snapped up pronto this morning. With the 30 reserved seats for a Cove dedication of opera-tor-ers for Friday night and the amount sold today "The Gypsy Rover" must be a financial success.

Dress rehearsal will take place tonight and tomorrow evening the first presentation of the romantic musical comedy, under the direction of Miss Isabel Miller, will occur. The program starts promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

The cast follows: Meg (Rob's foster mother) an old gypsy woman—Othella Gray; Zara (The belle of the gypsy camp)—Wilma Smith; Marta (Meg's husband)—Vincent McEwen; Soko (Gypsy boy in love with Zara)—James Coker; Rob (afterwards Sir Gilbert Howe, the Gypsy Rover, lost to the Sir Gilbert Howe estate)—Joe Pink; Lady Constance (daughter of Sir George Martindale)—LaNeta Gaskill; Lord Craven (An English lord)—Benjamin Portland; Sir George Martindale (An English country gentleman)—Sheldon Brownson; Sir (By).

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Canadian Girl Wins



Miss Norma Niblock, of Toronto, took first honors at the International Beauty Contest held in New York City. She is shown here receiving a silver cup from Rodolph Valentino.

May Form Radio Club
In La Grande TuesdayRadio Fans Appear Be-
fore City Commission
and Enter Protest.

A delegation of La Grande radio fans, seeking to prevent the elimination of the "regenerative" radio receiving sets in this city, appeared before the city commission last evening at their regular weekly session in the city hall.

Arguments pro and con on the question were advanced, both sides being represented. L. C. Smith, speaking for the delegation, emphatically urged that regenerative radio sets be done away with in this city due to the fact that they interfere with the receiving of concerts by other receiving sets due to the "buzz" and "scratches" sounds that they cause. Mr. Smith explained the regenerative sets in detail.

The delegates present made arrangements with J. E. Higgins, city recorder, and also owner of a radio receiving set, to call a meeting in the city hall next time next week for two purposes, first the organization of a La Grande Radio club and second, the taking of steps to do away with the regenerative sets and other interfering sets that cause concern among the majority portion of the fans in this city.

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SNOW MELTS IN
SHORT ORDER

Snow, that fell in La Grande last evening and up to about midnight, was completely obliterated this morning when the sun rose due to a sudden change in temperature that melted the white covering in short order. Black winds occurred yesterday.

The weather bureau predicts rain tonight and Friday accompanied by strong southerly gales. The highways in Eastern Oregon are all reported open and passable.

BAKER, (Special)—A wind and snowstorm, coming up suddenly and subsiding as quickly, left two inches of snow on Baker streets Wednesday evening.

COUNTY COURT
NOT ADJOURNED
ON WEDNESDAY

The Union County court, which convened yesterday, is still in session today. Routine matters and the appointment of Mrs. Florence Bacon to succeed Hugh McCall as county treasurer, remained, occupied the body yesterday.

COOLIDGE
SPEAKS TO
CONGRESSFavors Stimulated Con-
solidation of Rail-
roads in U. S.OPPOSED TO THE
SOLDIERS' BONUSSpeech Brief and to the
Point; Mellon Tax Plan
Is Endorsed.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A legislative program touching almost every aspect of national life was presented by President Coolidge today in his first message to Congress.

He endorsed President Harding's proposal for American membership with reservations in the world court; unqualifiedly approved Secretary Mellon's tax reduction plan, and announced his opposition to enactment of soldier bonus legislation.

He also went on record as favoring stimulated consolidation of railroads, reorganization of the freight structure as applied to farm products, and gave

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COURT MEETS
IN ADJOURNED
TERM MONDAY

Circuit court, presided over by Judge J. W. Knowles, will reconvene December 10, Monday, to complete the adjourned October session. Motion day will be held in circuit court tomorrow.

Three cases, two criminal and one civil, are already set on the court calendar.

The first trial to be opened during the adjourned session will be the State of Oregon versus Charles Raymond Lewis, defendant, charged with transporting liquor in his car. The trial will open with selection of a jury Monday morning, December 10, at 9:30 o'clock.

Allen Case Appealed.

The second trial, an appeal from the justice court, is set for Tuesday, December 11. Ezra Allen, convicted in the justice court of transporting liquor in his automobile, and fined \$150 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, is appealing the decision of Judge Hugh H. Bradley.

P. S. Ivanhoe will represent Allen and Attorney Cochran and Eberhard will represent the state.

The case of Ralph Butler, plaintiff, vs. W. J. Townley, defendant, civil case, will be commenced Wednesday morning, December 13, at nine o'clock. Niblock, Hallack and Donald are attorneys for the plaintiff and Crawford and Eakin are representing the defendant.

"NOT GUILTY"
PLEA MADE BY
FRANK HOGG

Frank Hogg, of Union, was arraigned this morning in circuit court on the charge of possession and sale of intoxicating liquor. He entered a plea of not guilty. Trial will be held probably some time next week although positive announcement was not made.

NAVY TEAM IS
GIVEN RIGHT TO
PLAY IN WEST

ANNAPOLIS, (AP)—Rear Admiral Wilson, superintendent of the Naval Academy gave his assent to the trip by the middle gridiron men to Pasadena New Year's day for a post season game with the University of Washington.

Two Convicted.

PORTLAND, (AP)—The conviction of Sam and Autone Skojo, proprietors of a hotel at Astoria, on charges of bootlegging and maintain a nuisance, late yesterday marks the first victory in a campaign by U. S. District Judge C. C. Smith to drive bootleggers out of the coast.