

# Local News In Brief

**Fined for Reckless Driving**— J. H. Eccles was fined \$15.00 and costs by Judge Brady, justice of the peace, this morning for reckless driving.

**Marriage License Issued**— A license to wed was issued from the county clerk's office Saturday to Earl Chandler and Ethel Shelton, both of Elgin.

**Goes To College**— Clark Fitzgerald of La Grande, has gone to Pullman, Washington, where he will enter college. He expects to major in pharmacy.

**Called to Spokane**— Mrs. Sarah LaGore, of Joseph, passed through La Grande on her way to Spokane, to visit her son, who is ill, having recently undergone a major operation.

**Saw Tossers Contest**— Mr. and Mrs. Claud Seranton and family, and Miss Barhite, of La Grande, witnessed the La Grande-Elgin basketball game at Elgin Saturday evening, which was won by the local team.

**Attended Basketball Game**— Lyle Chandler and Fred Hart, of La Grande, attended the La Grande-Elgin basketball game at Elgin Saturday night.

**Dog License Tags Arrive**— The city treasurer's office is in receipt of the 1924 dog license tags which arrived recently and are now available for securing by owners of dogs.

**Income Tax Forms Out**— Coming from the State Tax Commission at Salem, Or., Saturday state income tax forms arrived in La Grande. Those who are required to make out tax returns have until March 21, 1924, to return them to the State Tax Commission.

**Over from Hot Lake**— J. F. Pfy, who is recuperating at Hot Lake, came in yesterday to spend Sunday with Mrs. Pfy at the Foley hotel.

**Begin Work on Dining Room**— Bon DeGious, proprietor of the Summer hotel, started decorators to work today carrying out a plan for general revamping and re-decorating the dining room of the hotel. Harley Richardson is designer for the undertaking.

**Increased Office Room**— Robert Leighton, proprietor of the Leighton Welding and Machine shops on Washington street, has finished enlarging his business office and salesrooms. He is adding a large stock of automobile parts and accessories.

**Dog Catcher is Busy**— The city dog catcher started working today, according to police officers. Chief of Police Clint Haynes announced that inasmuch as the licenses have arrived and are available at the city treasurer's office, that no leniency will be shown dogs found without their 1924 tags. Anyone missing a dog is urged to notify the police department immediately as the licenses will not be held for a very long period.

**Police Judge Busy**— Municipal Judge J. D. Slater heard three cases this morning on drunkenness violations. Guy Tuttle was fined \$25 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail. Hot Dog was fined \$25 and sentenced to 10 days in jail and O. Dickson received a similar judgment. Penitence are understood to be out to ask the city commission to recommend leniency in the latter two cases.

**License No. 1 Three Times**— Payche, the police dog that calls Chief of Police Clint Haynes for master, is again to wear Dog License No. 1 this year. This is the

## Wheat Keeps Up Fight

Third time that the License No. 1 has been worn in three consecutive years by Payche.

**Seeds Subscription**— Fred D. Halston, formerly a merchant of La Grande but now located in Redrock, Arizona, sent the Observer his annual subscription and asks that he be remembered to all of his old La Grande friends. Mr. Halston left La Grande a few years ago to locate in Arizona on account of his family's health.

**Coker Keeps Up Fight**— Since Elder J. E. Coker, formerly of La Grande, has taken up his residence in Washington, D. C., he has held a federal position in the Federal Land bank department. For some reason he got out with Judge Lobdell, the head of the department, and he is now waging a war against the judges.

**WHEAT AID LOCAL UNIT ORGANIZED**

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most feasible plan yet discovered. W. J. Case told of the farmer in Idaho who first conceived the idea and reviewed the efforts of E. S. Jewett, head of the co-operative wheat marketing organization of the northwest in behalf of this plan. Mr. Case was of the opinion that the idea was born on a wheat ranch, is being pushed to the front by wheat growers and is therefore sound and workable. He closed his remarks by assuring all present that he is in favor of it.

**Committees Appointed.** When the meeting opened there seemed to be sentiment to hold a short session and adjourn until a few days later when speakers from over the state could be present. But the general understanding obtained from the different speakers apparently justified immediate steps toward organization and Frank McKennon moved that a committee on resolutions and a committee on permanent organization be named by the chair.

Chairman Hamber appointed Ed Jasper, Thomas Washington and W. J. Case on the resolutions committee. On the committee for permanent organization he named Frank McKennon, Frank Wright and James Woodell.

While these committees were out making their reports many spoke benefits on the farming conditions and the wheat situation. Tom Johnson took the stand that he wanted to know more about the plan before going to it permanently, but he admitted that it seemed to be a step in the proper direction.

J. E. Reynolds, who has been actively connected with the Oregon Co-operative Wheat Growers and the McNary-Haugen bill, said exactly what his organization has been attempting to do, except that under the bill every wheat farmer automatically becomes a member, and under the co-operative plan only a small percentage of the farmers took advantage of the movement. Mr. Reynolds predicted great success for the wheat grower if the bill passes and believes it will be passed by congress.

S. J. Brooks, who is a graduate in growing wheat, said he came to the meeting opposed to the bill, but what he had heard had broken down some of his opposition and he was of the open mind now and willing to be shown.

County Judge C. G. Couch spoke in favor of the bill asserting that he is for anything that will have a tendency to aid the farmers.

Everett Walsworth admitted that he had not looked with very much favor on any such plan, but he said, "if there is no number in the woodpile this ought to work out all right."

Fred Kiddle, Sr., prefaced his remarks by stating that he was not a wheat raiser, but he dealt with the raiser and was therefore the "missing post" for many of them. He said he had been rather apprehensive about any cure all that was offered but he felt better about the plan under discussion since he had heard more about it.

Frank McAddick refused to endorse the movement until later but he said the whole situation resolves itself into either higher wheat prices or a lower protective tariff on other articles.

By this time the committee were ready to report and the one on permanent organization reported:

**NEW TODAY**

**NOTICE.** Due to difficulty experienced in collecting charges for advertising that is listed under classified advertising and under the "new today" heading, the Evening Observer will hereafter take no classified advertising or advertising to be run as "new today" unless the advertising is accompanied by cash.

**WANTED**—Position as housekeeper or any kind of work. Address: E. L. Observer, 1-23-21P.

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meant that the Union County Wheat Export Commission League be formed and empowered. The chairman to appoint a wheat grower in every school district. It is to be a league with a membership of merchants, farmers, professional men and all others who care to join. The fee is one dollar for any person not engaged in active farming and fifty cents for every quarant and fifty cents for every quarant of section of land owned by a farmer. Renters have a flat fee of fifty cents. The money thus raised in the state will be used to send one or two Oregon men back to Washington to lobby for laws to aid the wheat grower.

Senator McNary is asking for a lobby from Oregon here and it is apparent that representatives must be sent to the capital if proper results are obtained.

The resolutions committee reported the following resolutions:

Whereas Forces over which we have no control have made wheat growing unprofitable to the farmer, and

Resolved, That this organization is heartily in sympathy with the measure and we do urge its adoption by congress.

Reports of both committees were unanimously adopted by the meeting and Chairman Hamber stated that he would announce the appointment of men over the county to organize the different school districts at an early date.

A motion prevailed to wire the text of resolutions adopted to members of the Oregon delegation in congress.

**BRANCH BANK CASE ENDS IN HIGH COURT**

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ters of such vital importance as the establishment of branches. After the case had been once argued and had been set for reargument, the federal government was permitted to intervene, and supported the St. Louis and a number of other national banks in the contention that states had no jurisdiction over matters controlled by the national banking laws.

**Branch Banks Scored.** Declaring branch banking destructive, centralizing and monopolistic, the federal government was permitted to demoralizing to their banking systems should national banks be permitted to engage in such practices while their own institutions were prohibited. When federal authorities fail to enforce the laws of congress, the states asserted, the states may go into the courts to have those laws enforced. It was contended that the federal government is considered by the states essential to the preservation of the rights of their citizens and the protection of their personal and property rights. The states insisted that as distinct sovereignty they had the right to protect their own sovereignty as well as the rights of their citizens "against the exercise of unlawful authority alleged on the part of federal officials."

Admitting the constitutionality of the federal banking laws, and conceding that they could not prevent the location of national banks within their borders, the states insisted that the national banks by their charters were authorized to establish only one banking institution. Each branch bank, such as that established by the St. Louis National Bank, was a distinct banking unit, the states insisted, although it was conducted under direction of the officers of the parent bank. They declared that in practice there was no material differentiation between branch banks, which Attorney General Daugherty in an opinion had held unlawful, and a branch office which he had declared permissible. They also recalled that George W. Wickersham while Attorney General had held that national banks were not authorized to conduct a banking business except in the place designated in their certificates of organization, and that as late as 1922 the Comptroller of the Currency had prohibited national banks from establishing branches and in August 1922 had stated that he had not authorized a national bank to establish a branch in states where state banks were not permitted to do so.

The St. Louis Bank, supported by the federal government and the national banks which were permitted to participate in the case, sought to make the question of the jurisdiction of state courts in such matters the principle issue in their attack upon the decision of the Missouri courts prohibiting the St. Louis institution from establishing a branch, were subject, they asserted, exclusively to federal control in the administration of their banking business. The state could not regulate the class of business such banks could handle, they added, nor in any way regulate their administrative affairs.

The rapid growth of city populations had resulted, the government said, in congestion of traffic in the downtown districts, and in the development of residential sections at remote distances from the banks. To accommodate distant customers the need is strongly felt in many localities, it added for the banks to maintain an office or offices at some distance from their banking houses for the purpose of receiving deposits and cashing checks. Branches for that purpose could be lawfully established, the government contended, differentiating, however, between such branches and those at which other business was transacted. If the information with regard to the business handled at the branch of the St. Louis bank was correct, the government stated, the class of business it proposed to handle at the branch was unlawful.

The Comptroller of the Currency has the supervisory power, the gov-

## DEMAND FOR LUMBER HIGH

**Growth in Demand Reported From All Sections of Country; Market Gathering Strength**

A continued, steady growth in demand for lumber is reported from all producing sections, and the market is gathering further strength, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. The recent cold weather which swept most of the large consuming sections has noticeably slowed down building and other outdoor activities, and consequently has affected the lumber movement from retail yards and also to some extent the volume of yard buying. On the other hand, industrial buying has shown great expansion during the past several days, and has resulted in unusually heavy consignments at the mills for this early period of the year. Furthermore, retailers expect the abnormally heavy winter building operations to be resumed quickly as more moderate temperatures arrive, and they are buying in order to build up their spring stocks. The outlook, therefore, is for excellent business.

Bookings in all manufacturing territories have recently exceeded production by some time, because of the result that stocks are being further depleted. Demand for southern pine has gone above the normal mark, without production having risen above 55 per cent of normal, the average that has prevailed for some time. Demand for the output is again normal, following the midwinter shutdown, but orders have leaped to 28 per cent above. Bookings by western pine mills are nearly normal, while cut is barely half of that of normal. Latest statistics on North Carolina pine show orders at 28 per cent above normal, while production registered only 48 per cent of the same mark. About the same proportions prevail in the case of most other woods.

Books naturally are firm at the higher levels that have been attained since the first of the year, and the tendency in most instances is upward.

ment explained, to see that a national bank does not exceed its power in transacting its "usual business" beyond the walls of its main office, declaring that all "usual business" must be transacted in the main office. The whole national banking system would be thrown into confusion, the government insisted, should the federal and state authorities have divided control over it.

The growth of national banks cannot be restricted to the present, the St. Louis bank contended, in the main office. The whole expansion it was not compelled to add an additional story to its building, but could, it insisted, locate in a building across the street or several blocks distant. That was held to be merely a matter of convenience and sound business judgment.

An impossible condition would be created, the national banks asserted, should the highest court hold that those states which prohibit branch banking had jurisdiction over national banks in such matters, and could thereby prevent the establishment of branches, while national banks located in states which had no such laws were free to establish branches.

**Hope Is Seen For The Irrigationists**

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Two Klamath delegations, A. L. Wichard, representing the project directors, claimed that the project was in fair condition, while A. M. Thomas, and R. E. Bradbury, carrying credentials from the governor, stated they were chosen by 45,000 irrigators of water users and appealed for a special investigation of the project. Thomas and Bradbury further asked that the result of the special investigation be reported directly to the Secretary of the Interior and not to the heads of the reclamation bureau.

"Great Wrong Done" The governor's letter said he felt a great wrong had been done the people in the management of the project and urged an open hearing in Klamath Falls and that he believed the government was morally and ought to be legally bound to deliver water to the settlers at the original price named.

A. P. Davis Scored SAULT LAKE CITY (AP)—Former Director of Reclamation A. P. Davis, was charged with having contemplated the sale of certain power facilities owned as part of the Klamath reclamation project, to the California-Oregon Power company, in a manner contrary to government contracts, in his report, R. E. Bradbury, who asked that the sale be cancelled, and that the commission be sent to an investigation of the matter.

**SARAZEN BEATS ENGLISH CHAMP IN GOLF MATCH**

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gene Sarazen, American professional golf champion, defeated Arthur Havers, British open titleholder, five up and four to go, in a 72-hole match for the unofficial world's professional championship which began in San Francisco Friday and completed at the Hill Country club course here Sunday afternoon.

Sarazen came out of the first 36-hole round in San Francisco with a lead of three holes, and this he increased to five during the last 36 holes Sunday, check-mating Havers at the end of the 6th hole.

At the nineteenth hole of Sunday's round, rain began to fall but a gallery of 200 spectators, following the play with unquenched interest.

**WOOL MEN GATHER IN PENDLETON**

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and some special stands have been planned by the committees to provide the visitors with rain.

**Speakers are Secured.** Among the speakers of national note in the ranks of wool producers who will be here are J. J. Hag-cobarth, president, and E. H. Marshall, secretary of the National Woolgrowers; Dr. S. W. McClure, co-secretary; E. L. Potter, chief of Oregon Agricultural college and R. A. Ward.

Monday following the address of welcome by J. H. Gevins, representing the city of Pendleton, and Jay H. Dobbins of Joseph, representing the sheepmen, the annual report of Mac Hoke, secretary, will be read. Fred W. Falconer, president, will deliver his annual address and the subject, "Forest Service and Public Land Policies," will be discussed by F. H. Marshall.

The afternoon session will be given over to a conference with forest service officials and will be followed by the following addresses:

"Range Appraisal," C. E. Ruchford, forest services, Washington, D. C.; "Appraisal of the Mountain Group," Walter Dutton, banker, "The Central Oregon Group," F. D. Wharton, Bend.

Daniel Boyd of Enterprise will discuss the results that will be felt if the proposed rates are put into effect on the Wallawa national forest. There will also be a round-table discussion of the question open to growers.

Monday night an economic conference will be held, in which address by Paul V. Morris, director of extension of Oregon Agricultural college, and E. L. Potter, chief of animal husbandry, will be given.

**Princess Has Daughter** **ROME** (By the Associated Press)—Princess Yolanda, eldest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel, Sunday gave birth to a daughter.

## ATTENDS RATE I. C. C. HEARING

Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Union County Chamber of Commerce returned yesterday from a business trip to Portland and Corvallis in the interest of the local body. While in Portland Mr. Reynolds was in attendance at the hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission conducted by Commissioner Patton on the application of the railroad companies for a cheaper rate to coast terminals than to intermediate points on certain classes of freight originating west of the Indiana state line. Although a shorter distance from this point the interior country now pays the same rate as do the coast points and if the application was granted the interior points would pay a higher rate for a shorter haul. Testimony was offered to show that this would be detrimental and in a sense unfair as it would tend to keep the interior at a stand still rather than help build it up. Besides Mr. Reynolds' testimony Walter Stewart of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, also represented this section of the state.

After the hearing in Portland Mr. Reynolds attended the final day of the Agricultural Economics conference at Corvallis where there were over fifty hundred farmers, bankers, business men, Testimonies from the commercial organizations, and others interested in the development and general welfare of Oregon in attendance. One of the items of interest to this community was the endorsement of the American West growers plan that has been embodied in the McNary-Haugen bill now before Congress. The results of the Conference will be put in bulletin form and sent to those interested while the working plans will be carried out in such county under already existing agencies.

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## BAKER PROJECT ITEM APPROVED

**House Votes \$500,000 for Reclamation; Umatilla and Klamath Figures Passed.**

**PORTLAND (AP)**—According to advices from a Washington, D. C. news bureau of a Portland newspaper, rumors of opposition to the Baker reclamation project failed to materialize on the floor of the house today and the appropriation of \$500,000 for beginning its construction went through without any questions being asked.

The Umatilla and Klamath figures, as submitted through the budget, also were adopted.

The form in which the appropriation is made is a reappropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, of the unexpended balance of \$500,000 appropriated for the current year. Of this only a few thousand dollars has been expended in preliminary work.

This is the third time congress has appropriated for the Baker project, but actual construction has been delayed by the interior

department. Recently members of the appropriations committee of the house have indicated displeasure over this delay in the department, and D. W. Davis, reclamation commissioner, was forcibly reminded that if congress makes a third appropriation, as seems now assured, it expects the project to be built.

Secretary Work has withheld the word to go ahead upon the plea of waiting for an agricultural or crop survey from experts of the agricultural department. This report is preliminary form was recently made and was found to be unfavorable in the matter of project cost. It was then revealed that the report had been made by highway engineers who assumed to pass upon construction costs, and was declared by members of the Oregon delegation to be in no real sense an agricultural survey or crop report.

It apparently had little weight with members of congress who inspected it, although it came into the hands of members not particularly friendly to Oregon project.

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