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WRONG DOINGS TO BE PROBED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HOME PRODUCTS DINNER
PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Speakers Believe Greatest Year in La Grande's History Has Arrived; Installation of Officers One of Features; New President, Elmer I. Stoddard, Gives Address

SALIENT POINTS OF PRESIDENT STODDARD'S ADDRESS

1. New homes for La Grande.
2. City water supply.
3. Completing scenic highway and paving East and West Adams avenue.
4. Immediately acquiring Wallawa Lake Resort.
5. Establishing sash and door factory in La Grande.
6. Realization on good will this year.

In all Union county's splendid history no commercial event stands out like the annual home products banquet served last evening in the Holmes building by the chamber of commerce.

More than three hundred plates were laid and La Grande, Union County and Baker were represented by sincere people who turned out to learn more of eastern Oregon, who joined in the spirit of the occasion through a sense of both pleasure and loyalty.

Chamber orchestra opened the evening's program as guests found their place cards and arranged themselves in comfort. With one voice from "America" the large audience with bowed heads their accepted the spiritual blessing as delivered by Rev. A. E. Gifford of the Baptist church. President G. I. Larson briefly reviewed the business of the chamber of commerce and then called upon H. E. Coolidge, treasurer, to give the financial report. It was pleasant for all to hear that the chamber had met within its income, although it must be admitted that the income is not very large, and this admirable feature of living within its income was credited largely to Secretary Karl Reynolds who watches the movements of the chamber with the same extreme caution that a mother cares for her baby.

Following Secretary Coolidge's report Secretary Reynolds gave his statistical report. President Larson invited the figures were necessary but naturally dry and at this point he injected into the program a selection from the chamber of commerce market, which was received with that delightful appreciation which always accompanies the appearance of the quartet. Last evening all four members were dressed in white suits, and in the language of "decently" Burton, "we're all dressed up and have some place to go to show our clothes."

A very greatly appreciated number on the program was a cornet and trombone duet by Andrew Loney Jr. and Frank Robinson.

Stange Outlines Policy
The management committee of A. J. Stange, of the Stange Timber company, relative to the policy of his company in hastening the work of plant creation, his positive assurance of the plant being built on the old fair ground site, and his prediction of a healthy growth for La Grande in the immediate future met with great appreciation.

East Oregonians Work
For Wheat Aid Measure

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Wholesale support of the McNary-Haugen export wheat bill has been pledged by Portland business interests who late Tuesday rallied strongly to the measure and at once set under way a determined drive to bring the whole area to the support of the proposal and thereby aid grain producers of the country.

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—In a telegram to the Pendleton Commercial association, R. H. Thompson of this city, president of the Oregon Export Commission league, who is in Washington lobbying for the passage of the McNary-Haugen bill, states that the measure will be reported favorably by the senate agricultural committee probably March 7 or 8.

for the entire assembly. The words of Mr. Stange relative to La Grande people backing the project to get hold of Wallawa Lake park while such a thing is possible caused many to begin to realize that this great wonderland is a richly as yet to these two counties and should be secured at once in order that it can be continued for use of the public as a resort.

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GRANGE NATAL
DAY IS TODAY

Blue Mountain Grange Anniversary at Grange Hall—Many in Attendance.

An anniversary meeting of the Blue Mountain grange of La Grande, observing the founding of the organization, is being held at Grange hall today with a large number of present and past grangers in attendance.

SIX BOYS SENT
TO REFORMATORY

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Charged with various thefts in the vicinity of Milton and Freewater, six boys were committed to the reformatory Tuesday afternoon by Judge Schumacher in juvenile court.

The boys who received sentences in the reformatory were Walter and Donald Eaton, Jack Demery, Orval Myers, Jack Danner and Kenneth May.

BOND ISSUE IN
PORTLAND VOTED

PORTLAND, (AP)—The special election yesterday for bonds for widening bridges approaches result of 14,400 affirmative votes and 9,300 negative.

Boosting Bill
PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Determined to get action from Portland business men on the problem of the producer of eastern and central Oregon, a group of wheat growers and business men from east of the Cascade mountains, authorized at Portland late Tuesday and demanded a definite decision from the chamber of commerce on the McNary-Haugen wheat export bill.

The eastern Oregon people had heard that the chamber favored the McNary-Haugen bill, which provides a subsidy for wheat now.

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Wheat Duty
Increase Is
Anticipated

Tariff Commission Delivers Report to President Coolidge Today.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The tariff commission today delivered to President Coolidge the report on the wheat inquiry and the president is expected soon to proclaim an increase in the present duties on wheat and wheat products.

Favors Farmers Aid.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge is in entire accord with the desire to assist farmers of the northwest and those of the country generally through the present period of depression. It was stated officially Tuesday. Officials of the department of agriculture are expected to submit recommendations to the president upon the various legislative proposals now assuming shape in congress.

The first of these measures—the Norbeck-Burns bill, proposing a twenty-five million dollar federal fund to finance diversification of crops—occupied the attention of the senate for the entire session Tuesday and was still the unfinished business when a recess was taken with no indication of when a vote would be had.

Coolidge Urges McNary Bill.

Opposition to the bill ranged all way from the position voiced by Senator Wadsworth, Republican, New York, who claimed it as a

COMING SOON

Earl Wood, superintendent of construction for the Warren Construction company, has announced that construction work on the city streets is to start sometime after March 15th, depending upon weather conditions.

Work will probably start on Pennsylvania avenue where several blocks are yet to be surfaced. Other streets to be graded and surfaced are Cedar street, from Spring to Adams, Washington, from First to Alder, Oak, from Washington to Grand, Walnut street, from Spring to Adams and Main street, from Walnut to Alder.

U. C. "Basketeers" Seek Coast Crown



Left to Right—
John Taft,
Al Kyle,
Denny Holmes.

Three members of the University of California basketball five who won their first game of the Pacific Coast championship series with the University of Washington last night. Kyle plays forward and has been one year on the varsity. Taft also is a forward and for two years has been named the all-coast forward. Holmes is a guard developed out of the 1923 freshman squad.

Late News Flashes

NEW BONUS BILL PROPOSED.
WASHINGTON (AP).—A two-fold soldier bonus plan, providing options of full cash payments or paid up insurance was proposed to the house ways and means committee today by the committee of veterans representing house Democrats.

LEGISLATOR IS DEAD.
MEDFORD (AP).—John A. Westerlund, a prominent Rogue River orchardist and a member of the legislature from 1912 to 1918, died today at the conclusion of a long illness.

NEW BANK CHARTERED.
SALEM (AP).—A charter was issued by the state banking department today for a new American Bank of Marshfield, with a capitalization of \$150,000. Charles Hall is president, John E. Ross and G. McJohnson, vice presidents, and George F. Winchester, cashier.

FARM ECONOMIC
MEETS ARRANGED

County Agricultural Economic Conferences to Be Held in Union, La Grande.

Programs for the two-day Union county agricultural economic conference were announced today. The first day of the conference, March 7, will take place at Union and the second, March 8, will be staged in La Grande.

Friday's program at Union is as follows:
9:30 A. M.—General assembly convened in high school gymnasium at Union. Dr. W. T. Phyl will serve as chairman.

10:00 A. M.—"Why an Agricultural Program," an address by Paul V. Maris, director of the Extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college.

11:00 A. M.—"Status of Union county agriculture," an address by H. G. Avery, county agent.

11:30 A. M.—Announcements.
1:00 P. M.—Meeting of commodity groups. Separate sessions in assigned rooms in the high school will be held by the following groups: horticulture, livestock, dairy, poultry, grains, potatoes and alfalfa.

Saturday Program.
The conference in La Grande, on Saturday, will begin at nine o'clock.

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RESERVED SEAT
SALE FOR PLAY
OPEN THURSDAY

Tickets for "Seven Keys to Baldpate," a comedy drama to be presented to the public in the high school auditorium by the Senior class Friday and Saturday, will go on sale tomorrow morning at eight o'clock at Glass Drugs, Inc. Invariably a rush for reservations should be at this time and those who desire to get their choice of seats should be at the booth on time.

Dress rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday evening.

HUSKIES LOSE
OPENING GAME

BERKELEY, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—The University of California, champions of the southern portion of the Pacific coast conference, defeated the University of Washington, title holders of the northern portion, 32 to 31 in the first game played here last night to determine the championship of the Pacific Coast basketball conference.

FILIPINOS'
FREEDOM IS
NOT BACKED

President Coolidge Says Time Is Not Ripe for Separation

GOVERNOR WOOD
UPHELD BY CHIEF

Bill for Philippine Island Freedom Now Before House; Coolidge's Words Said Weighty.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge today informed the Philippine independence mission that in his opinion the time had not yet come for the separation of the Philippine Islands from the United States.

He also declared that the United States government has full confidence in the ability, good intentions, fairness and sincerity of Governor General Leonard Wood.

"In the present state of world relationships," said the president's letter to Manuel Roxas, chairman of the Philippine mission, "the American government owes an obligation to continue extending a protecting arm to the people of these islands."

Coolidge's letter was written in reply to resolutions passed by the island legislature asking for independence and attacking General Wood.

The president's views are expected to have weight in the House consideration of the bill providing for independence, recently reported favorably by the insular committee.

The committee members said the measure was brought in merely to place the question before the House for discussion.

DR. MAYVILLE
PLANS RESORT

Nature Cure Institute and Fresh Aid Held Resort to Be Installed in La Grande.

La Grande is to have a modern nature cure institute and a fresh air health resort according to announcements made by Dr. Mayville of this city, today. The Toy Young property on east Adams avenue, has been purchased by Dr. Mayville and the present buildings on the property are to be enlarged.

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SOLDIER BONUS
CASH PAYMENT
PROMISES FIGHT

WASHINGTON (AP)—Indies, done of a determined fight for a straight out cash payment option developed Tuesday in hearing of a soldier's bonus before the ways and means committee. Chairman Green of the committee said the reporting of a measure, which he delayed beyond Saturday because of expected efforts to make considerable changes in the old bill as substantially introduced in the McKenna measure now before the committee.

COUNTY COURT
TO OPEN BIDS
FOR COVE ROAD

The regular monthly county court meeting opened today at the courthouse with County Judge U. G. Smith and Commissioner John Wells of Alder, and J. E. Hutchison, of Union, in attendance.

Regular routine business will be followed in the main but bids for the surfacing on the Island City-Cove road are to be opened during the session.

Speed Cup Race.
H. M. Price forfeited \$10, W. G. Jones forfeited \$5 William Matthews forfeited \$10 and L. L. Hawley and Dr. George Vetter were fined \$10 and \$25, respectively. In the municipal court on traffic violation charges. Several arrests for failure to observe parking laws were also reported.

Aged Five



Young indeed! Miss Alice Patterson, of Philadelphia, was born 30 years ago but has celebrated but five birthdays. Her advent into this world happened to be on one February 26th. But Mrs. L. P. Derby, of Union, has her bested. Mrs. Derby celebrated her 10th birthday last Friday and she is 72 years of age.

BULLETINS

CONTRACTS ARRANGED.
Salem, Ore. (AP)—State officials have decided that the state this year will contract for 3,000 acres of flax with farmers of Marion and Polk counties, to be worked at the prison flax plant.

The farmers will be paid \$21.50 for short straw and \$36.50 for long straw. The Holte people, who own a Canadian pulper, demonstrated here last year, announce they will establish mills at Stayton, Turner and Albany and one may be established at Anusville.

MOORISH REBELS
ATTACK SPANARDS

MADRID, (AP)—Moorish rebels have launched a general attack against Spanish communications in Morocco, says an official statement. Reinforcements are being hurried to Morocco.

WALL STREET
BOMBER DEFIED
EXILE ORDERS

NEW YORK, (AP)—Police were advised today that Ralph Thuermer, who confessed in a London prison complicity in the Wall Street explosion, was in San Quentin prison when the explosion occurred.

Thuermer's confession is seriously questioned by detectives who doubt the truth of his allegations.

LONDON, (AP)—Ralph Thuermer, prisoner in the Pentonville jail, who has confessed complicity in the Wall Street bomb explosion of 1929, recently came to England in defiance of deportation orders sending him to America, says the Daily Sketch.

Thuermer is said to have left his home in the United States when he joined the Canadian army. While serving in France he was suspected of being a spy and ordered deported.

Daugherty Evidence To
Be Handled Summarily

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Senate oil committee today again suspended hearings to examine a new batch of telegrams. Additional employees of McLean will testify tomorrow. Senator Walsh today declared he was informed that Samuel Knight, of San Francisco, named as a special counsel for the recovery of California oil lands, is a counsel for the Equitable Trust company, of New York, a Rockefeller bank.

MANY SAID
CONCERNED
IN NEW MIRE

Two Congressmen to Figure in U. S. Grand Jury Investigations

VETERAN BUREAU
ALSO INVOLVED

Sweeping Probe Into Actions of Suspects to Be Conducted Immediately

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press)—Not only charges against two members of Congress but evidence relating to other suggestions of wrong-doing by officials in Washington, will be laid before the federal grand jury here immediately.

White House officials said today that all phases of evidence adduced recently by the Chicago grand jury investigating the veterans Bureau and not passed on there because of lack of jurisdiction, would be gone into by the grand jury here.

The subjects expected to be investigated involve charges that one or more high officials used their official influence for purposes of speculation; that liquor permits were wrongly procured through the use of money; and that official government files were turned over to persons not entitled to them.

President Coolidge announced last night that charges against two members of the House of Representatives, involving acceptance of money in connection with the release of federal prisoners, would be thoroughly investigated by the grand jury.

John W. H. Crim, who was in charge of the Chicago investigation conferred with members of both the Senate and House but he has declined to furnish them the names of those involved or any details, saying that the evidence requires further developments before it can be divulged.

STAGE DEPOT
NEW PROBLEM

It is just one thing after another confronting the city commission of La Grande. When once a man could be a city councilman with ease and comfort after his election, now it requires constant application of the mind to changing conditions.

As proof of this comes the auto stage problem. The city commission has been wrestling with auto parks for tourists, has been battling over suitable highways in and out of the city, and now to further complicate the situation enters the auto stage, a passenger-carrying vehicle which has taken a prominent place in the public's affairs. The last few months Twenty-seven stages arrive for La Grande every day. Think of it, twenty-seven stages haul passengers each way over the mountains and around the valley in the daily charge of duties.

No one worried about them until citizens began to complain about the streets being jammed around hotel centers, and it became plain that a terminal of some kind is necessary.

At Roseburg an auto bus terminal has just been finished and Roseburg has no more stages per day than does La Grande. In other cities and towns of the northwest stage lines have put in terminals and this is the problem that now confronts La Grande.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Attorney General Daugherty's counsel were notified formally late Tuesday that the senate committee investigating his administration would proceed in a summary manner rather than follow the technical rules of evidence. Senator Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama, told the senate that Daugherty went to a race track some time ago with Sinclair and that Daugherty bet money for cabinet members.