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TWO BIDS FOR COVE ROAD HELD

TWO SOLONS DENY ANY WRONG ACTS

Representatives Landley and Zihlman Both Issue Strong Denial

NAMES OF TWO MADE PUBLIC

Used in Connection with Charges by Grand Jury of Misuse of Official Capacity.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Representative Landley, on the floor of the house today, demanded an investigation of published charges that he had received money for exerting official influence.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Representative Landley, of Kentucky, and Zihlman, of Maryland, both members of the Republican party, denied today they had ever improperly exercised their official influence and received money for doing so. Their denials followed the publication of their names in connection with charges made by recent grand jury that two members of Congress had misused their offices. Both representatives said they had had no official business with the matter with newspapers but they declared they had received no official information that they were involved in the case. They emphatically asserted they could prove their innocence beyond any doubt.

REPRESENTATIVE REFUSES TO TAKE CABINET POSITION

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, has been mentioned as a possible successor to Denby as secretary of the White House that he prefers to continue as a member of the house rather than accept a cabinet position.

COCHRAN IN PORTLAND George T. Cochran, brought out as a candidate for representative in congress from the second district, is registered at the Multnomah hotel from La Grande, states a Portland newspaper. Mr. Cochran who formerly was water superintendent of the second district.

LEGION MEN IN BAKER TODAY

Many of La Grande Legionnaires are today in Baker, attending the Eastern Oregon American Legion convention in progress there. Fred Kiddle, of Island City, state commander of the organization, is presiding. He left for the Queen City last evening so as to be there in plenty of time to be ready to open the banquet when the meeting opens. Adjutant General White, of the state of Oregon, arrived in La Grande last evening and both he and Mr. Huron left for Baker today. Mr. White is connected with the Oregon National Guard, a unit of which may be organized in La Grande.

Agriculture Economic Conference Underway

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—About 150 Union county men interested in the solution of farming problems gathered here this morning at the opening session of the Union county agriculture economic conference.

A good number of La Grande farmers and business men left this morning for Union county for the first day of the Union county agriculture economic conference which began here in the high school building at 9:30 o'clock today. The second day of the conference will find La Grande hosts to the delegates and those in attendance. The meeting here begins at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in the La Grande high school building.

Today's program, with Dr. W. T. Day, of Hot Lake, in charge, began with a general assembly in the civic gymnasium at Union. An address by Paul V. Marie, director of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college, on the topic of "Why an Agricultural Program" and another address by H. G. Avery, Union county agent, on "Status of Union County Agriculture."

Late News Flashes

OIL "PRINCIPAL" NOT COOLIDGE, WASHINGTON (AP).—Ira E. Bennett, editorial writer of McLean's Washington Post, testified to the oil committee today that Daugherty sent a reassuring message to McLean in Florida on the day the publisher was summoned here to appear in the oil inquiry. The message included phrases "all that is possible to be done will be done by us" and "you know what to depend upon."

Bennett then declared that similar assurance was conveyed through him to McLean January 29 in the famous "principal" message. The "principal," said Bennett, was not President Coolidge, but Senator Curtis. He testified Curtis told him McLean should not be disturbed, that it would be all right.

Senator Walsh cross examined Bennett regarding the "principal" message. Bennett said, "I would like to explain. The second part of the message refers to my opinion which I got from attending White House conferences. The first part of the 'principal' refers to Senator Curtis."

TIMBER SALE IS COMPLETED

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—Documents marking the conclusion of the sale of the Wallowa county properties of the Nibley-Minnamith lumber company to the Bowman-Hicks company of La Grande have been filed, according to a local newspaper. The filings include deeds in fee to 22,280 acres of land and deeds to timber on an additional 4,840 acres and also deeds to the logging railroad and mill property at Wallowa. All the physical properties of the Nibley-Minnamith company except logged-off lands and certain residence tracts in Wallowa are included in the transfer. Clinton Elberhard, La Grande attorney, came from La Grande to Enterprise to file the papers covering the conclusion of the sale.

GOLFERS MEET GETS RESULTS

A very successful meeting of golfers was held last evening in the city hall building with a good turnout of fans and players in evidence. The purpose of the meeting was to arouse enthusiasm in golf this year and also to discuss financial aspects. From the results it was indicated that a larger number of La Grande men will be playing this year than ever before and it was also decided to install culverts to drain ditches on the links. A committee, consisting of Chase Bohlenkamp, H. E. Watkins, Norman Press and Edmund Holmes, was appointed to be in charge of the procedure.

Canada Bans Entering Of American Livestock

OTTAWA (AP)—Importations into Canada of livestock from any state of the United States was prohibited by the Canadian government Thursday as a further protection against the spread of the hoof and mouth disease.

Offender Fined \$75 On Drunken Charge

E. Lyle was fined \$75 this morning in the municipal court by Judge J. D. Slater following Lyle's being found guilty of drunkenness. The offender was arrested yesterday afternoon. He paid the fine.

La Grande Man Severs Part of Foot With Ax

Ben Holliday, of La Grande, sustained a very painful accident yesterday while engaged in cutting wood on Fox hill. He accidentally struck his left foot with an axe and severed about half of the smaller portion of his foot. Mr. Holliday was promptly brought to the Grande Ronde hospital and is now under the care of physicians, who believe that no complication will result. Two of the smaller toes were severed when the axe struck his foot.

Ku Kluxers Donate \$15 To Wallowa Co. Church

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—A delegation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in full regalia, visited the Presbyterian church at Wallowa recently and during that service donated \$15 to Mrs. Eva Gardner, evangelist, according to newspaper accounts received here.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Unless Daugherty can present new and overwhelming arguments why he should remain in the cabinet there is every expectation, in administration circles that he will be asked to retire. Thursday there was no explanation from official source regarding the circumstance of the attorney.

REQUEST TO QUIT BELIEVED COMING

Eligibles for Position, Daugherty May Be Asked to Vacate, Are Considered.

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HUSKIES LOSE DECIDING GAME

OAKLAND, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—The University of California basketball team last night won the Pacific Coast Basketball Conference championship when they defeated the University of Washington team 28 to 25 in the second game of the title series. The Bears won the opening game by one point from the Huskies Tuesday night. No third game will be played.

SAM CLAPHAM DRAWS WITH PENDLETONIAN

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Two hours of fast wrestling between Sam Clapham, English champion, and Ray McCarrall, Pendleton man, resulted in a draw last night. The match is said to be the best staged in Pendleton during the season. Clapham won the first fall in 1 hour 8 minutes and 27 seconds. McCarrall won the second when he worked his pivot toe hold.

INSURANCE OF PAID UP SORT IN BONUS BILL

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Paid up insurance was decided upon as a provision of the bonus bill today by the House ways and means committee. Provisions of the bill vetoed by President Harding for vocational training and farm and home aid were definitely eliminated, but the option of cash payments is still pending.

FUNERAL SERVICE OVER EVA RICKS THIS AFTERNOON

Burial of little Eva Ricks, aged two years and two months, who was burned to death in a disaster, our barn fire near Cove Wednesday evening, occurred this afternoon. Services were held in the L. D. S. Tabernacle and interment took place in the Masonic cemetery.

Umatilla Debate Teams Meet in Tilt Tonight

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—High school pupils of Pendleton, Hermiston and Healy will debate in a triangular meet tonight. The question to be debated is: "Resolved, that the United States should recognize the present government of Russia."

Governor Pierce Will Be Back at Work Soon

SALEM, Ore. (INS)—Governor Walter M. Pierce will be able to leave the hospital Sunday and return to his work early next week, according to a statement by his private secretary, Ward Irvine.

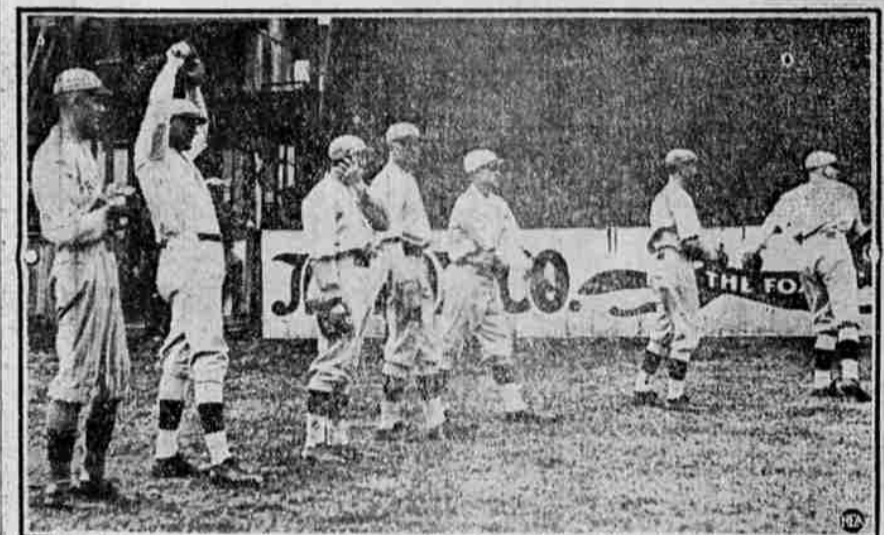
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Prairie City Man Is Offered Superintendency

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—The school board of Enterprise recently offered the superintendency of the Enterprise school system to Frank Bennett of Prairie City. He has not yet sent his acceptance.

Ball Season Not Far Away



The Boston Red Sox got underway in their annual spring training camp at San Antonio, Texas, the other day. "Play Ball"—How does that sound, you sporting element?

FIVE SEEKING SAME OFFICE

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—Lively interest in the political situation in Wallowa county continues to remain at a high point. Two more candidates for county judge have announced themselves this week. The new aspirants are H. C. Cramer and J. B. Streeter, bringing the total number seeking the office of judge to five. Mr. Cramer is running on the republican ticket and Mr. Streeter on the democratic.

PORTLAND IS OUT OF LUCK—CHOICE CUTS STAY HERE

Portland epicureans who have looked to Pierce & Son, Union county raisers of top notch beef cattle, for their choice steaks and roasts, will be denied that gastronomic delight this spring for the reason that Pierce & Son hereford cattle that have been selling in Portland where they have commanded top prices in keen competition, will remain in La Grande, for the present at least. The Grande Ronde Meat company has contracted with Lloyd Pierce, manager of the Hereford farm, for the purchase of the finest of the herd at fancy prices. One carload allotment has already been consigned to the local dealer.

BUFFALO MAN AND WIFE ARE SEPARATED NOW

NEW YORK (AP)—Hugo P. C. Schenkopf, of Buffalo, and his wife, Irene, who was robbed of \$200,000 worth of jewelry in this city a year ago, have signed a separation agreement. It was disclosed in court. Mrs. Schenkopf and Frank H. Carmon, whose apartment she was leaving after the New Year's party when she was robbed, were passengers yesterday on the Berengaria, returning from abroad.

LA GRANDE ELKS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

The La Grande lodge No. 422, K. of E. met last evening in the Elks temple for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Nominations were made last month and the balloting proceeded in short order. Elmer Green was named delegate to the grand lodge and Frank C. Brantley, alternate delegate. Lester Brantley was elected exalted ruler; C. G. Bolton, esteemed leader; Knight; H. L. Hess, esteemed loyal knight; Hugh F. Brady, esteemed lecturing knight; Mood Beckley, secretary; C. O. Murchison, tyler and George Hopkins, trustee.

Swearing by Husband No Reason for Divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Plain old common sense probably from the lips of a husband is not ground for divorce, according to a ruling here by Judge Irving M. Owen. "If plain, ordinary swearing constitutes the ground for divorce, it is safe to say that half the men would be offenders," said the court. "There are times when a man is perfectly justified in 'swearing blue.'"

BULLETINS MYSTERY PLAY IS ON TONIGHT

Seven keys to Baldpate Inc. were each one in the hands of a separate person. Each person having a key thought he had the only one. Imagine them all thrown together in the same inn—and one has a brief idea of the plot of the mystery drama to be presented by the senior class of La Grande high school tonight and tomorrow night in the high school auditorium.

HIGHER UPS INDICTED

New York (AP)—Thomas B. Fisher, attorney, was indicted by the federal grand jury today with Gaston B. Means, former agent of the department of justice, and Edward J. Connelley, the latter's secretary, charged with having conspired to bribe the attorney general of the United States and others.

U. S. MARSHAL ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Harry V. Reed, chief deputy United States marshal, was arrested here Thursday charged with drunkenness after his automobile had been wrecked in a collision with a steel girder on a bridge. Alex Davidson, another deputy, was badly cut in the crash.

KING HUSSEIN NAMED CALIPH

JERUSALEM (AP)—King Hussein, of Hedjaz, has accepted an offer of the caliphate from the Muslims of Mesopotamia, Transjordan and Hedjaz, who have proclaimed him caliph, the Transjordan government stated. It is expected, added the statement, that the other Arab Moslem countries will follow their lead in selecting him head of the Islamic world.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Wheat quotations late yesterday on the market here were: hard white, \$1.01; western red, \$0.99.

World Court Boost Planned

BAKER, Ore.—Two nationally known speakers, Hamilton Holt, former editor of the Independent, and Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, former Congressional minister, will address a mass meeting to be held in this city March 17, advocating the world court, according to an announcement made by the local international association.

Legionnaires to Confer

PENDLETON, Ore.—Fred Kiddle of Island City, department commander of the American Legion, Harry Nelson of Portland, department adjutant and others prominent in the state organization will be here Saturday when representatives of the posts from Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties will confer. Harold J. Warner, state executive committee man, will preside.

DECISION TO BE MADE ON MARCH 18TH.

Cove People to Abide by Decision of Union County Court

ATTEMPTS TO GET PAVEMENT FAILS

Hard Surface Bid Not Considered by Court Due to Irregularity—Road to Be Macadam.

When the county court convened again this morning to determine further regarding the bids presented for the construction of a Cove-Island City highway, it was made known that the bid entered yesterday by the Oregon Contract company would not be considered as it was irregular.

Announcement was also made that the bids submitted by the Newport Construction company and the Columbia Construction company would be held for further consideration. Final decision will be made as to the respective merits of the two offers at ten o'clock on the morning of March 18th.

To Abide by Decision. Cove representatives today announced that they would abide by the decision of the county court.

Determined efforts on the part of a portion of the people of Cove, who are striving for success in their campaign to secure a paved road between Island City and Cove, Thursday afternoon put an unexpected bid at the awarding of the contracts for this piece of work by the county court.

The Cove representatives, thru their attorney, A. A. Smith, of Baker, maintained that the \$276,000 voted by Union county citizens a few years ago for the purpose of building an Island City-Cove road, was to be spent for the sole purpose of building the best possible highway between the two points.

With the belief that hard surface pavement could not be laid on this piece with the amount of money voted, the county commissioners advertised for bids for macadamizing the road.

But the body of Cove people were not convinced and yesterday, when 25 contractors and others interested in the opening of bids were assembled in the offices of County Judge U. G. Couch, the Oregon Contract company of Portland, surprised the meeting by submitting a bid.

LET BIDS FOR WORK SHORTLY

Prompt action in the construction of the grammar school building to be erected in East La Grande this summer seems to be the watchword of the board of education.

Bids for the excavation for the basement will be let not later than tomorrow according to Harry Williams, clerk of the school board, and it is very probable that the actual work will begin early next week.

The plans for the building, though program enough to permit excavating to begin, are yet incomplete. It is expected that they will be completed within the next ten days.

Baker And La Grande Fear Water Shortage

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Fear is expressed by Baker water bureau officials that this city will experience the worst water shortage in its history during the coming summer, due to the almost unprecedented lack of snow during the winter just passing.

Not only in Baker, but also in La Grande, fears of a water shortage during the coming summer are felt. La Grande has had such shortages many times in the past and with such a dry winter, officials and citizens are fearful that the supply of water will be more or less inadequate.