

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 11—Armistice Day celebration here.

Ladies Aid to Meet

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. John Hammond Thursday afternoon, October 9.

Fined

C. J. Schaffer was fined \$25 and costs in the justice court this morning for hunting without a license.

Too Fast

Charles E. Carey paid a fine of \$15 and costs assessed by Justice of Peace Hugh E. Brady for speeding this morning.

Get Three Bucks

Bob Lightfoot, "Red" Williams, Walter Pierce and Bill Taylor have returned from a ten day hunting trip with three buck deer.

Return from Portland

Harley Richardson and Captain Paul Hathaway have returned from Portland, after spending several days there on business. They made the trip by auto.

Going to California

Mrs. S. J. Paulk and daughter, Mrs. Durang, left last evening for Portland. Mrs. Durang will remain in Portland and Mrs. Paulk will go on to California, where she will spend the winter.

Got the Lead

Floyd Lanning and James Garity spent Sunday hunting China pheasants near Cove. They returned to La Grande with the limit.

Mr. Fugate Here

Roy Fugate, of the Bureau of Biological Survey with headquarters at Portland, who has been working in the squirrel poisoning work in this part of the state, was in town yesterday on business.

Visiting Here

Mrs. E. G. Brown and daughter, Betty, are visiting here at the home of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knowles. Mrs. Brown makes her home at Estersville.

Had Pheasant Feed

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lyman and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Andrews spent last evening at the D. H. Stoddard farm, where they had a China pheasant feed.

Who Wants a Baby?

A homing baby boy is looking for a good home, according to Adjutant Peterson, of the Salvation Army, who asks that if anyone is interested they may call on him or telephone Main 548.

Harvest Festival

A harvest festival celebration will be given at the Salvation Army hall on Thursday night at seven o'clock. Vegetables, fruits, aprons and home-made candy will be on display.

News Received

News has been received in La Grande from Mrs. P. A. Charlton, formerly of La Grande, but who is now at Forest Grove, Oregon, of the death of her mother at that place. The body will be shipped to Portland for cremation. She was 94 years old and was ill only a few days before death came.

Praises Union County

"The farmers have more wheat than they thought they would have and the price is going up steadily. So things are not so bad in Union county," states Robert Eakin of La Grande, at the Imperial. "In La Grande there is activity, and among the improvements is the laying of more pavement. The new sawmill is taking shape; the log pond has been excavated and the timbers for the mill are being set up." Mr. Eakin, who is an attorney, is in Portland for a case in the federal court. Portland Oregonian.

How from Portland
D. M. Baker, state manager of the Pacific Building and Loan association, arrived in La Grande this morning to be here a few days on business.

Nov. 11
C. J. Black and company, real estate dealers moved their offices this morning from the building near the La Grande National bank on Adams avenue to the Holmes building on the corner of Jefferson and Elm streets.

Hunter is Shot in Arm
While out hunting China pheasants in the vicinity of Sutton creek with other boys last Sunday, Fountain Cundiff son of Fred Cundiff of Baker, had one of his forearms badly shattered by the accidental discharge of his shotgun while getting into an automobile. The young man was brought to the hospital, where an examination showed that the bones had not been injured but the muscles and flesh were badly lacerated.

McKennon in Portland
Floyd McKennon, whose six-in-hand draft teams at the Pacific International horse show here each year have come to be considered the standard-bearers for Grande Ronde valley horse flesh of this type, is registered at the Imperial. McKennon's fine draft teams are the pride of the Grande Ronde valley, winner of the blue ribbons of the Union livestock show each year, and known to breeders of fine horses throughout the country. His annual competition with the six-in-hand teams of A. C. Luby at the Pacific International take on much the spirit of an international contest of horse flesh and driving ability. Whoever wins, the grandstand audience is always provided some unusual thrill when several tons of horseflesh are turned "on a dime," and the Grande Ronde valley's reputation as a country of fine horses is always sustained.—Portland Oregonian.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Richards motored to North Powder Sunday and spent the day visiting.

Charles Graham has returned from Portland after spending several days there on business.

E. D. Jasper, a farmer near Allentown, was a La Grande visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Piers of Ramona, were visitors to La Grande yesterday.

Mrs. A. H. Johnson left for Portland to take up her residence in that city. Mr. Johnson is an engineer on the O.-W. and has been transferred to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bailey of Portland are now stopping at the Sommer hotel and will be in the city several days. Mr. Bailey is in the employ of the O.-W. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have been in La Grande several times before and have many friends here.

Will Ross of Ellensburg, Wash., is registered at the Sommer hotel. Mr. Ross is on the road buying horses for eastern markets.

Mrs. Bertha Dahlstrom of North Powder, drove to La Grande yesterday and was in the city most of the day on business.

Mrs. E. L. Lilly, Mrs. W. C. Perkins and Mrs. Tex Knight drove to Baker yesterday.

Frank Hobbs and E. Lund of North Powder are registered at the Foley hotel today.

Mrs. Ernest Vehrs and small daughter, Betty May, returned to their home in Portland this morning. Mrs. Vehrs has been visiting in the city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wright.

Henry Piper, rancher of Wallawa, was in La Grande on business this morning.

Tom Kay Hits Back at the Accusations

Candidate for State Treasury Gives Figures on School Fund Loans in This County

Those who are making charges against the state land board for loaning school funds on lands of little or no value, which charges have caused Thomas H. Kay, farmer state treasurer and candidate for election to that office this year, to feel that indirectly the charges are directed at his candidacy, are brought to an accounting in the following article which Mr. Kay has obtained from the audit of the state school fund, its notes and its mortgages:

Jefferson Meyers, democratic candidate for state treasurer, and Governor Pierce have had an audit made of the state school fund notes and mortgages, for which the state school fund paid \$1200, which they are using principally for political purposes. They are spreading very extravagant reports of immense losses which the school fund will probably suffer, on account of bad loans from these funds. And, in order to make it appear that there is an immense number of delinquent loans, they have listed 602 notes, amounting to \$1,155,000 as in bad shape, which they list as delinquent, but on which foreclosure proceedings have not yet commenced. In order to make it appear that this large number of notes and mortgages are doubtful they figure interest delinquent after six months. As a matter of fact, the interest was paid on all of these 602 notes in full in the year 1923, and on all but a small percentage of them in the fall of 1923. Therefore, when this audit was made, late as of June 30, there was over \$20 of these notes on which there was not yet one year's interest due, and yet, for political purposes the land board is exploiting farmers' notes as delinquent and in bad shape, even though on most of them less than one year's interest had accrued, and on most of which no doubt the interest will be paid this fall. As a matter of fact, the state does not stand to lose any considerable amount of money on these 602 notes. This audit shows that the

school land board has sent out for foreclosure 181 notes and mortgages, of this number, the interest was paid in full at 1923 on 58, in 1923 on 43 and in 1924 on 83. Therefore, there was never 181 months to one and one-half years' interest due on over 100 of these 181 notes which are now under foreclosure.

The legislature in 1923 recognizing the unfortunate condition in which the farmers are now placed, on account of low prices, etc., amended the school law to read as follows: "Provided that it should appear to the satisfaction of the board that the mortgage cannot make the payment of interest and that foreclosure would work an injustice, and foreclosure is not necessary, to secure the fund from loss, the board may extend the time for paying such interest as was now due, not exceeding two years."

Chapter 272, Session Laws 1923. It is therefore evident that the land board is foreclosing mortgages on many loans on which they are not required or expected to foreclose by law, and this in order to exploit the supposed bad condition of the school funds and for political purposes only. If the bankers and business men of the state should follow the example set by the school land board they would bankrupt many good and reliable farmers in the state.

Delinquencies Smaller
While Governor Pierce is attacking previous boards for carelessness loaning of school funds, yet a check of the loans made in 1923, the first year of his administration, will show a larger number of delinquent notes than the average for many years past. Of these loans made in 1923, when applying the same rule of delinquency as that applied on the 602 notes, there are 70 now delinquent. Or, in other words, on which the interest has not been paid at the end of six months. Therefore, it will appear that he has made no improvement in loaning these funds.

In the audit the following recommendation appears: "A state administration of the treasury loan business can never be expected to obtain the same security for investments that would be obtained through investing in irrevocable principal in sound well selected bonds. The administration of the land board securities, under such a plan could be handled through the state treasurer, with little or no added expense, and elim-

ination of costly losses and expense incident to conducting a farm loan business subject to ever present pressure of political expediency.

Advanced Loans
Further, Mr. Meyers had advanced loaning not less than 10,000 of the school funds to any one person. The majority of the board, therefore, would take from the farmer the opportunity of borrowing money from the school board which has been in vogue ever since the state has been admitted. This is the only fund which is always available to the farmer from which to secure cheap money. Further, the state receives 6 per cent interest on these loans, while if the money was invested in good bonds they would not receive more than 4 1/2 per cent, so they will be ahead even though some losses are sustained.

To show that the estimate of losses which may be sustained by the school fund is very greatly exaggerated, one can take the worst set of notes which the state owns, viz: 50 notes on which the mortgages have been foreclosed, the record shows that the assessed value of these loans are from 40 to 50 per cent in excess of the amount which the state has in them, including delinquent interest and cost of foreclosure. The state does not stand to lose heavily on them. For instance, in Baker county, five loans which have been foreclosed, and which have been sold for 50 per cent of their value, the property is \$15,850, and the unpaid value \$16,500, and every one knows that land is not assessed at more than 50 or 60 per cent of its value.

In Malheur county, which is listed as one of the worst counties in the state, eleven notes on which the state has invested \$21,177, is assessed at \$21,070, and is appraised at \$27,600, and so on through the list.

The state has already sold 15 farms on which they had foreclosed, and on which they have received on an average of 40 per cent cash payment, and yet, none of these farms have been sold at a loss. Therefore, taking the worst loans which the state has made, they do not stand to lose very great sums of money, as estimated by Governor Pierce and others.

All talk to the effect that the treasurer will have to cease distributing school funds to the districts of the state, on account of these immense losses, is nothing more or less than "blarney" and the statements are made without any foundation of fact, but for political purposes only.

The business done in Union county is reviewed by Mr. Kay as follows:

STATE LAND BOARD
ANALYSIS OF DELINQUENT LOANS — NOT UNDER FORECLOSURE

Date of Loan	Amount of Loan	Interest Paid to	Date	Amount Delinquent	Symbol
4-27-20	\$ 4,200.00	5-12-23	11-12-23	\$ 250.00	D
17754	2,250.00	11-6-23	5-6-24	67.50	T
15181	1,600.00	7-13-24	1-13-24	48.00	T
32125	400.00	11-20-23	5-20-24	12.00	D
17781	2,250.00	7-20-23	1-20-24	97.50	D
16777	5,000.00	9-20-23	3-20-24	150.00	T
16744	2,500.00	5-20-23	11-20-23	150.00	T
17697	5,000.00	5-17-23	11-17-23	180.00	T
14251	3,000.00	11-7-23	5-7-24	90.00	D
17654	3,000.00	9-25-23	3-25-24	90.00	D
18333	3,000.00	N/A	1-25-24	37.50	D
16575	5,000.00	5-31-23	2-28-24	90.00	T
17381	1,000.00	12-12-23	6-12-24	150.00	T
14578	1,000.00	10-16-23	4-14-24	29.00	T
17822	500.00	12-27-23	6-27-24	15.00	T
17822	3,000.00	9-20-23	3-20-24	69.00	T
16671	4,250.00	11-21-23	5-21-24	127.50	T
14472	2,500.00	8-5-23	2-5-24	75.00	D
16529	1,000.00	8-23-23	2-23-24	29.00	T
16579	2,500.00	12-7-23	6-7-24	75.00	T
16195	5,000.00	12-29-23	6-29-24	150.00	T
\$58,200.00				\$1,984.00	

*T—Temporary. *D—Doubtful.

Going Up!



For the second time this month several citizens of La Grande have decided almost simultaneously to make a number of improvements on property in the city. Although the total work called for by the permits taken out this morning does not reach a high figure, work of this kind indicates a hopeful condition in the local financial situation.

MACDONALD IS TO FIGHT FOES

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The Conservatives and the Liberal amendment proposing an inquiry into the circumstances under which session charges against a Communist editor were recently abandoned.

FIVE PLANS FOR WATER ARE OFFERED

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In this city indicate their choice. Please be advised also that no city can grow beyond its water supply for water is life and La Grande will have soon reached its peak unless we can succeed in developing and delivering into the distributing reservoir a larger and more adequate supply of water.

and stripping the bottom of mud, dirt and so forth, leaving it with rock bottom, is approximately three hundred sixty-five thousand and one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$365,185).

The advantages of duplicating our present line would be that we can develop power from such a line for the lighting of our streets and save the city considerable outlay for lights and power for many years to come. The cost of this line will be less than Lower Beaver creek.

The disadvantages are that we tap Beaver creek at a point high on the water shed making it necessary to use stored water for the months of June, July, August, September and October and that the pipe line has numerous siphons (pressure). Some of the pipe which is a 400 foot head which requires high pressure pipe and that during the winter months this line is almost inaccessible, making it a serious menace to the City of La Grande if the pipe should at any time break or wash out.

ture for a gravity source; on the other hand these in favor of a test well supply claim it would be cheaper and that such a supply line at sufficient depth that it is impossible for it to become contaminated.

The City of La Grande should have at the present time a supply equivalent to about two million gallons per day of 24 hours. If the present growth of La Grande continues, two million gallons per day of 24 hours will fall considerably short of the peak load. Assuming that each well will deliver 250,000 gallons per day of 24 hours it would therefore require something like eight wells to supply our needs. The cost of these wells would amount to \$120,000 unless we succeed in getting a cheaper price on well drilling.

Also the cost of pumping of such wells assuming that they are pumped from a depth of 200 feet from the surface of the ground will amount to \$1,494.80 per month as against \$794 from a surface supply. If, however, we should hit a supply of sufficient capacity that we could pump from 100 feet below the surface it would cut our pumping down to \$1,178.50 per month; on the other hand if we should be forced to pump from a depth of 300 feet below the surface of the ground our pumping would then amount to \$1,310.76.

Plan No. 4—Repairing and Improving Beaver Creek Line.
The cost of this repair and improvement is estimated at \$150,000, which includes rebuilding and partly cleaning the Beaver creek reservoir and gathering together the flowing water in the vicinity of the intake, the flow of which amounts to about 1,200,000 gallons per day of fresh, cool sparkling water during the driest part of the season.

The relaying of portions of the present pipe line with 14 and 18 inch pipe which would be sufficient to increase the delivery of the present line to approximately 2,000,000 gallons per day, which amount would be sufficient to take care of the present needs and allow for a small increase in population. If a very material increase

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storage; filtration or any doctoring such as copper sulphate, chlorine, etc. The pipe line from Summitville Springs can be constructed of continuous wood stave pipe, steel pipe, iron pipe or concrete. The surveyed route of the line is readily accessible during winter and summer and if there should be a break in the line it could be very easily and quickly repaired.

The disadvantages of this supply is that it is low elevation, approximately 22 feet above the surface of the ground at the Second street viaduct and would necessitate the installation of a pumping station to boost the water into the distributing reservoir. This pumping station would be located near the Second street viaduct. The total cost of pumping water to the reservoir including the installation of a motor pump and appurtenances and allowing 15 per cent for depreciation is \$2,017 per 100,000 gallons.

Plan No. 5—Lower Beaver Creek
The estimated cost of this project is that we tap Beaver creek low on the water shed and thereby get a somewhat larger flow. The pipeline will always be accessible for repairs and it will give an abundance of water for future supply of this city for many years.

It has disadvantages in that it is very expensive to construct, also that it would not be possible to generate power from this line on account of its low head.

However, after an exhaustive study of the water supply problem for the city by Meyers and Cook, consulting engineers of Portland, this project was recommended by them.

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