

SPECIAL ELECTION SET JUNE 3

FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS ON BALLOT

Four Bond Measures to Be Voted on by People of La Grande

CITY BOUNDARY ISSUE INCLUDED

Water and Storm Sewer Systems, Sewage Disposal Plant and Better Fire Equipment Sought.

Ordinances were passed last evening at the city commission meeting providing for a special election to be held here June 3, at which time the following bond issues would be placed before the people for approval or rejection:

- 1. \$185,000 for repair and modernizing of the water system.
2. \$105,000 for a sewage disposal plant.
3. \$25,000 for a storm sewer system.
4. \$45,000 for equipment and housing for the fire department.

POISONERS OF DOGS ACTIVE

Two dogs, one belonging to Neal Snyder and the other to G. C. Hopkins were poisoned yesterday. The Russian dog died immediately but the other one was found soon after he had partaken of the poison and it is thought that his life can be saved.

BAKER ENJOYS M. I. A. DRAMA

In spite of the fact that the Baker high school will present the drama "Honor Bright" next Tuesday evening the house was crowded to capacity when the La Grande M. I. A. gave the play at Baker last evening.

Jury to Consider Suit For Damages Late Today

Henry Hess, lawyer for the prosecution in the case, Gladys Carson vs. James DeVore and Thomas DeVore, now being tried at the court house, opened court this morning with his first plea to the jury.

No Trace Of Boys Found By Officers

Joe Busch and James Ferris Still Elude Pursuit; Believed to Have Gone West.

Wires to all parts of the state have so far failed to locate any trace of Joe Busch and James Ferris, 15-year-old boys who broke jail here Tuesday night and escaped, presumably by taking a Franklin car owned by C. R. Hibbard.

At the time the car was stolen it was filled almost to capacity with gasoline and oil according to Mr. Hibbard. This would have allowed the boys a chance to go some 150 miles without necessitating any stops to replenish the fuel supply.

Although the boys were supposed to have had very little money at the time of their escape both were known to be expert in the manipulation of siphon arrangements for draining gas from cars parked along the road side and may be able by this method to go a long way.

The car was stolen from in front of the residence on Pennsylvania avenue about 11 o'clock Tuesday evening. The officers are of the opinion that the two boys saw Mr. Hibbard park the car and made off with it almost as soon as he went into the house. He had just returned from a trip to Elgin and had filled the car with gasoline and oil before making the return trip.

Due to a peculiar make of tires on the car Mr. Hibbard was able to track his machine as far east on Pennsylvania avenue and north on Greenwood street to the Play Oil company corner. At this point the tracks turned west and were lost within a few feet.

The boys were being held at the time for trial following their confession to having stolen eight cars from La Grande citizens during the last few weeks. Two other boys were implicated in the case and will be tried before Judge Couch tomorrow.

The jail break itself was effected with the aid of an accomplice according to the known circumstances of the incident. The two boys were confined in the ladies ward at the court house as it is against the rules to place boys in there.

At the county court session yesterday E. R. Parker was appointed a member of the county traffic enforcement squad. Mr. Parker began work in his official capacity the first of this month.

C. P. Hollbrook, present traffic officer will continue in the same capacity and the services of Mr. Parker are to be in addition to the squad now in the employ of the county.

Payment of bill and other details of routine county business are occupying most of the session of the county court week.

Legion and Auxiliary In Meeting Last Night

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Post No. 42 was held in the Honan hall last evening. The meeting was well attended and a number of business matters of interest to legion members were dealt with.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its regular session in the Honan hall last evening also. Several new members were initiated by the auxiliary last night.

By order of the school board work has started on the grounds of the Willow school. The yard is being prepared for the planting of lawn and the tract of land in the rear of the school building is being leveled and smoothed for a playground.

Because the building was not completed until just before time for school to start last fall the work could not be finished then. The soil is good and, according to members of the board, this will probably be one of the best grounds in the city.

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Chapman



Gerald Chapman, "big business man of crime," put up a stiff front while marching to the court house at Hartford, Conn., where he was tried for the murder of a New Britain (Conn.) policeman. Note how he is pulled his sleeve over the detaining bracelets.

KING OF ELKS IS DETHRONED

For years a monster buck elk with a wonderful pair of horns has made the coup at the head of the Wallowa lake his home, but Tuesday when Loyd Scriber was showing a group of friends from the coast the wonders of Wallowa, they saw the old buck with six other elk, but his famous horns were gone.

It is reported that last fall the big buck got mixed up in the barbed wire and for several weeks carried around a bale of the barbed wire wrapped around his horns. Then he disappeared and it was feared that wire had caught in the branches of the trees and that the old buck had died, but Tuesday, he was back at the lake, minus his horns.

As leader of his herd, the old buck seemed to have lost caste for he was several yards from the two cows and calves of the group, while a younger buck seemed the center of attraction.

Buck Identified

A. R. Strickler of Enterprise, who was in the party Tuesday, is a regular visitor at the lake, and he is certain that the old buck which they saw is the one which has so often frequented the lake. The picture of the old buck, along with the younger buck, which is on display in several show windows of the business houses of La Grande.

V. A. Spier of Portland, Glen Taback of Medford and Mr. Sammons of Portland and John Tait of Astoria were other members of the party which were within sixty feet of the herd of elk.

Start Work on Willow Grammar School Lawn

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RESORT MAY BE MAGNET "BAD" WITH IN WINTER AUTHORITIES

Amusements Would Be Feasible at Wallowa in Cold Season

DIRECTORS LOOK INTO CONDITIONS

Excellent Hotel Facilities Will Be Available at Wonderland This Summer.

The improvement of the road to Wallowa lake making it open for travel the year around, has suggested to many the possibilities of opening the resort for winter sports.

Directors of the Wallowa Lake wonderland, who have been interviewed on the matter, say they have been investigating the proposition and are convinced that it would be feasible to make a winter resort of Wallowa lake but that they are not ready to make any definite statement.

It has been pointed out that the ice on the lake is often open for skating for months during the winter, and that the snow of the mountains and the head of the lake would be ideal for skiing, tobogganing, sledging and coasting. These sports along with the amusements which could be held in the proposed new dance hall such as basketball, tennis, track meets, croquet and many others would give greater entertainment than offered in most winter resorts.

Several of the winter resorts of California draw crowds to their winter carnivals, equal to their summer crowds. While the winter air is cold at the lake, the lack of wind and dryness of the atmosphere, makes the weather enjoyable.

Hotel Facilities

Modern hotel facilities, will be available to the visitor at Wallowa lake this summer, as the first unit of the new hotel being built there is completed.

Well lighted hot rooms, each having hot and cold water will be offered the guest. The dining room located in the new hotel has been finished in a very novel rustic finish and with excellent furnishings, the visitor will have

Approximately one hundred and fifty members attended the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church last evening which took place in the dining room of the church in the front of a basket supper. Reports were heard from the various societies of the church and from the treasurer and building committee. The committee reported practically one hundred per cent paid up subscriptions on the new church building. The cost of the church was \$20,000 and at the present time there is less than \$100 in unpaid subscriptions. There are no obligations on the building.

C. M. Humphreys was elected to fill the office of elder for a term of two years and E. S. Eakin, H. R. Hanna and D. L. McDowell were re-elected to succeed themselves as elders for a term of three years. Chas. Binger, Lee Reynolds and A. V. Lindgren were elected trustees for a term of three years. Mrs. Alvah Duryea and Mrs. L. I. Boney were re-elected deaconesses for a three year term.

La Grande Student on O. A. C. Inspection Tour

O. A. C. Corvallis, Ore. (Special)—Philip Heidenreich of La Grande was one of the seniors who made the inspection tour with the senior crew "lighting" chain during spring vacation. The Savage river dam near Grants Pass, the California-Oregon Power company's project in the Skagitno mountains near Medford, the Klamath Falls irrigation project being made by the United States reclamation service, and the headwaters of the Will Run river where Portland gets its water supply were inspected by the men.

Mr. Heidenreich is a member of Kappa Delta Sigma fraternity.

A New Comic Strip

Through an enlarged NEA service, The Observer will present shortly several new features that will prove of interest to readers.

The enlarged service will include a new comic strip, "Freakies," in addition to the "Mom an' Pop" feature so popular now. Watch for it—you'll enjoy "Freakies." It will provide new reader interest for The Observer.

Prize-Winning Headdress



Mlle. Fernande was awarded first prize for the most beautiful coiffure worn at the Bals de la Couture, or the dressmakers' ball, in Paris.

M'CAMANT IS RECOMMENDED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Wallace McCamant, of Portland, who upset Republican leaders' plan by stampeding the Chicago convention in 1920 to Coolidge for vice president, was recommended to President Coolidge today for federal judgeship.

Senator Stanford made the recommendation suggesting he be named to a vacancy caused by the retirement of Judge Ross of the ninth district.

PERJURY LAID TO MOVIE MAN

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Charles L. Duell, head of a motion picture company, was held for the grand jury on perjury charges today after the court dismissed his bill of complaint in a suit to compel Lillian Gish to make pictures only for his company.

MARSHFIELD MEN TO HANG

MARSHFIELD, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Arthur Covell, crippled astrologer, and J. W. Peare, who lost appeals from first degree murder convictions, were sentenced yesterday to hang on May 22, 1925.

Turks Continue Drive Toward Kurdish City

CONSTANTINOPLE (By the Associated Press)—Turkish troops are reported by Reuters from the front to have pushed their way into the center of the territory affected by the Kurdish insurrection.

It is expected that 150,000 miles north of Diarbekir will fall shortly, by according to the messages, which add that the Turks have occupied several important positions.

Justice of Peace Arrested

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Frank Burgholzer, justice of the peace in the Dayton precinct, was arrested by Sheriff Hoopes on several minor charges and lodged in the Washington county jail. He later was released on bail.

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MURDER IS DENIED BY CHAPMAN

Alleged Slayer of Patrolman Skelly on Witness Stand Today

CANDIDLY TELLS OF PAST HISTORY

Chapman's Manner During Testimony Like One Discussing Current Topics.

HARTFORD (AP Press Time Flash).—Shortly after Chapman's testimony both sides rested. Arguments are to be taken later today.

HARTFORD, Conn. (By the Associated Press)—Gerald Chapman today took the stand in his own defense on the charge of murdering Patrolman Skelly at New Britain October 12.

Chapman was cool and collected and, speaking in clear tones, denied ever being in the New Britain store where Skelly was killed.

Examination Brief

Chapman's direct examination was brief. Under cross examination he refused to be rushed into answers to questions by the prosecution. He candidly discussed his past life and admitted four previous criminal convictions, discussing them dispassionately.

He denied having a gun during the New York mail truck robbery in 1921.

When the prosecution disagreed with his version of the mail robbery, Chapman, looking straight into the prosecutor's eyes, said, "I don't want to argue. I don't want to go into the case at all. It has nothing to do with this charge of murder."

His manner suggested the young man is engaging in a most pleasant discussion on current topics.

MEDICINE MAN SLAYS NAGGER

CORTEZ, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—Another death was charged late Wednesday to Indian vengeance when Mormon Joe, medicine man of the Ute tribe, slew a cell-mate in the Cortez jail who had chided him for the killing of an Indian infant—alleged to have been buried alive last week in accordance with sacred tribal rites.

Angered by the taunts of the cellmate, a Mexican, the aged Red skin tore a leg from a table in the corridor of the jail and beat the prisoner to death before the sheriff could intervene. It is alleged, The Mexican was being held on a bootlegging charge.

Only a few hours before the killing in the jail, a coroner's inquest had returned a verdict declaring that the 18 day old infant daughter of Plat Nay, Mormon Joe's son-in-law, was buried alive by Plat Nay under the coercion of Mormon Joe.

The jury also decided that the infant's dead mother, with whom the living child was buried, came to her death of natural causes.

Keeps Senate Seat In Possession of Family

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Membership in the United States senate has become almost a family affair in Delaware. Both politically and financially, the Bayard-du Pont families seem to have the small but wealthy commonwealth safely pocketed.

Thomas Francis Bayard, senior senator from the gunpowder state, is the sixth in his immediate line to sit in the senate.

A Bayard as a senator from Delaware has come to seem a necessity. It has become almost a state tradition.

And down east, here, precedent and tradition are still mighty powerful.

Bayard's father, his grandfather, his great-grandfather and a great-uncle, on his paternal side, have served his state in the senate.

On his mother's side, his great-grandfather, Richard Bassett sat in the senate at the same time his great-grandfather James Asheton Bayard, held Delaware's other seat.

Both Delawares want, for that matter, might be said to be in the same family today. For T. Coleman du Pont, financial overlord of

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