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CITY DADS AWARD JOBS LAST NIGHT

W. C. Kelley's Bid for Altering City Hall Is Accepted

HARDENBOWER IS WATER WINNER

H. & S. Electric Company Gets Contract on Wiring; Total of Bids Awarded Is \$30,260.80.

At a special session of one o'clock today the commission accepted the bid of Hardenbower Brothers for the Main Beaver creek, West Beaver creek and Hidden Springs improvements for the amount of \$18,424.00. The Wieland bid which was rejected was for the amount of \$18,424.00.

Building Bids Let. The city commission at a special session last evening considered bids for the improvements on the city building. The contract calls for the remodeling of the building to house the new fire equipment and a general rearranging of the entire structure.

Two bids were received, both from local contractors. H. P. Nelson's bid was opened first. Mr. Nelson proposed to do the work for \$18,322.80. W. C. Kelly submitted a bid of \$11,125.

With so much variation in the amounts there was little discussion by the two commissioners present. A. T. Hill, president of the city and Charles Playle, commissioner being both in favor of a motion to accept Mr. Kelly's bid.

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BATTLER PAYS FINE TO CITY

E. T. Stroum and E. H. Fuller, accused of fighting, were brought before the municipal judge last night. Stroum was found guilty and paid a fine of \$10. Fuller was found not guilty.

Dr. W. T. Phy Will Read Paper at Medical Meet. Dr. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake has gone to Medford, Ore., to attend the Oregon State Medical society convention.

RAINIER PIONEER DEAD. BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Benjamin E. Toney, one of Baker county's prominent pioneers, died at the family residence at Haines at noon yesterday from heart trouble following an illness of several weeks.

Bid For Log House at Emigrant Park Loses. A project that is of special interest to La Grande and Union county fell by the wayside at Friday's meeting of the state highway commission at Portland.

Flower Show Will Open At Elks Hall Tomorrow

Final preparations for the annual Neighborhood club flower show are being completed today. The show will open tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the main ballroom at the Elks temple.

Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded tomorrow evening. The prize list is a long one and some unusual flower displays will be entered in the show.

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Ezra's Rival



At last a rival has been found for Ezra Meeker, long hailed as epitomizing the pioneer spirit of the west. E. A. Estes of Rent, Wash., arrived in Seattle, Wash., via ox-cart, two years before Meeker.

BAND CONCERT THIS EVENING

Providing weather conditions are favorable the La Grande high school band, under the direction of Andrew Loney, Jr., director, will appear in concert this evening at 8 o'clock sharp at the high school athletic grounds.

The members of the band have been drilled diligently of late by Mr. Loney who expects the concert to be a grand success.

Due to the large number of people who enjoy each band concert the police department has found it necessary to make some regulations regarding the parking of cars at the ball park so that the concert may be played without interruptions and the traffic handled with the minimum difficulty.

In order to park with the ease and convenience of the concert, the gates to the ball park will be closed. No parking will be allowed on Third street in front of the M. Avenue entrance at the north with the exception of the cars owned by the members of the band who must park in closer order to food and refreshment stands and equipment.

After the concert has started no cars will be allowed to leave the park. Entrance to the park must be made on Third street so that the cars can be positioned properly. Exit can be made from the conclusion of the concert at either the K Avenue or the Third street gates.

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JOHN D. JR. PAYS MOST INCOME TAX

More Than Six Million Turned Over to the Government

COLLECTORS LET ALL VIEW RETURNS

Newspapers Now Permitted to Publish Amounts Paid; Ruling Follows Long Court Fight.

DETROIT (By the Associated Press)—Henry Ford paid \$2,604,808 income tax and Edsel Ford, his son, \$2,153,955. The Ford Motor company paid approximately \$16,500,000.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—John D. Rockefeller Jr. paid \$6,277,500 income tax, the largest recorded for the financial district. His father paid \$128,420.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The people of the United States have their second opportunity today to see who paid income taxes in 1924, and how much each paid. At 9 a. m. local time, internal revenue collectors in all districts opened the income tax lists to public inspection and for the first time newspapers may publish them without fear of moves against them by federal authorities.

Under recent changes in the migratory bird treaty act, regulations and state laws, the open seasons in Idaho and Oregon on waterfowl (except wood duck and swans), mallards, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, black-bellied and golden plovers, and greater and lesser yellowlegs now extend from October 1 to January 15, inclusive, according to an announcement of the biological survey, United States department of agriculture, to sportsmen of these two states.

Such birds legally killed may be possessed only during the open season and the first ten days of the closed season, but provisions of state laws in regard to tagging, furnishing affidavits, and procuring storage permits must be observed.

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LEGIONNAIRES TO BEGIN WORKING ON CELEBRATION

The regular meeting of the La Grande American Legion post No. 42 and the ladies auxiliary will be held at Roman Hall at eight o'clock tomorrow evening.

Preliminary reports and plans for the Armistice Day celebration will be made.

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Coal Strike Causing No Worry Here

Quitting of 158,000 Anthracite Miners in Pa. Will Effect La Grande But Little.

The strike of the anthracite coal miners in the eastern coal fields will have no direct effect on the local business conditions. The coal supply for La Grande comes almost entirely from the Wyoming and Utah mines.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The closing hours of the anthracite wage contract, the expiration of which at midnight goes down in coal history as "zero hour" for a suspension of 158,000 miners was marked by a parting thrust at the mine owners by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America.

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TEARS SHED WHEN BABE SEES WIFE

George Herman Ruth, Premier Slugger, Denies Sensational Yarns

WILL APOLOGIZE TO HIS MANAGER

Yankee Swatsmith Interviews Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Visits His Wife, Who Is Ill.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Babe Ruth announced after conferring today with Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankees, that he would publicly apologize for his derogatory statements concerning Manager Miller Huggins.

Ruth emerged from a half hour conference with Ruppert smiling. "I am sorry I was so hot headed, this is the only thing I can do," he said. "I guess everything will be all right now."

Ruth Sheds Tears. There was a dramatic touch when Ruth visited his wife, who is seriously ill at her hotel.

Both broke into tears when he reached her bedside. Somewhat patetically, the Babe tried to console her and with tears running down his cheeks he assured her there was no truth in sensational stories about him.

HIGHER FEES ARE ASKED ON TRUCKS AND AUTO BUSES

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—William Doby, chairman of the Oregon state highway commission, has declared that he "favors an initiative measure to compel the owners of trucks and commercial buses to pay a higher license to the state than that placed upon them in a measure passed by the 1925 legislature and held up until November, 1926, by referendum."

Doby, however, says he has not been advised as to whether he has a legal right to place a similar measure on the ballot before the present law is disposed of, but if we have a legal right to do so, I am in favor of doing it.

Support of practically every county court in the state would be assured if such a measure went on the ballot next year, Doby says.

Pendleton Dons Loud Shirts and Sombreros

PENDLETON, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Today officially marks the opening of the "Hot-rod-up Show" in Pendleton and cowboy hats, loud shirts and high-heeled boots made up the uniform worn by the crowd.

Tonight a cowboy dance staged by the Happy Canyon association will give the round-up period its official start.

Brookhart in Lead at Close of Vote Recount

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The recount of the vote in the election for senator from Oregon Monday night at the state capitol in the light of the election, supervised for both Senator Brookhart and Daniel P. Stock, his Democratic opponent, showed victory for their candidates.

The final outcome however, will not be known until the senate convenes on Wednesday and elects its members on Wednesday and elects its members on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bessie Loren



Despite careful precautions taken by the murderer of Mrs. Bessie Loren, Oakland, Cal., nurse, to cover up his crime, it was unmasked by police and newspaper investigators.

PORTLAND (AP)—Inspection of income tax returns of prominent Oregonians reveals the following: Julius Meier, department store manager, paid the government \$16,906.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Bert E. Haney, of Oregon, shipping board commissioner, today reiterated his refusal to resign under the circumstances requested by President Coolidge.

While Haney has received no word from Swampscott himself, he was informed of press advice that the president hoped he would reconsider his decision. He declared he could not consider resigning so long as the president based his request for resignation on "alleged breach of faith."

GASTON BUSINESS HOUSE DESTROYED BY FLAMES TODAY

FOREST GROVE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Gaston and McCune general merchandise store at Gaston, six miles south of here, was destroyed by fire today with a loss estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

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Farm Outlook Is Good, U.S. Agriculturists Say

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The agricultural situation generally is viewed by the department of agriculture in its September review as a promising one for the year.

Union Men Ordered to Avoid Baseball Games

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—An order of the American Federation of Labor to stop "commercial pressure" against the Pacific coast American baseball club, set on foot in the national capital, was ordered by their officers to stay away from the Washington-Philadelphia games here.

ONE PLANE FORCED TO QUIT TRIP

PN-9, No. 3 Being Towed Back to San Francisco Flew 300 Miles

MOTOR TROUBLE LANDING CAUSE

PN-9, No. 1, Passed Half-way Mark on Flight to Hawaiian Islands Early This Morning.

HONOLULU, 11:25 a. m. (By the Associated Press)—The navy seaplane PN-9, No. 1, is out of Honolulu and will be forced to land, said a message received here from Hilo, Island of Hawaii.

The PN-9, No. 1 was less than 350 miles from Honolulu about 9:45 this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—A radio from the liner City of Los Angeles, received here, said that the PN-9, No. 1, had passed the destroyer Iteno at the 1,400-mile station southwest of San Francisco at 10:27 o'clock this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—The seaplane PN-1, the third of the trans-Pacific flyers, probably will take off tomorrow for Honolulu, carrying 1,400 pounds, the same amount she will carry over the Pacific, she made a successful 21-mile flight today.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—The navy seaplane PN-9, No. 1, attempting a non-stop flight to Hawaii, had completed half of its 2,100-mile journey between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning.

The PN-9, No. 3, which also started on the long journey yesterday, was forced down about 300 miles from San Francisco because of motor trouble.

MEDFORD MAN WRECK VICTIM

ROSEBURG, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Charles Moore, 24, believed to reside near Medford, was killed and Marie Mead and Floyd Swartz, local waitresses, suffered minor injuries this morning when their automobile turned over at a street intersection here.

The Pacific highway was barricaded for one block by a ditch for a water pipe line. Moore apparently failed to see the detour and drove close to make the turn. According to a pedestrian who saw the accident, Moore was driving at a high rate of speed.

Governor and America Forget Virgin Islands

(By Charles P. Stewart.) WASHINGTON, (NEA special)—While secretary of the Navy William, whose department runs the Virgin Islands, doesn't admit responsibility for the deplorable conditions which Judge Louis J. M. Malone charges exist there, it's beyond anybody's power to deny truthfully that economically the islands' population has degenerated disastrously since the United States took the group over from Denmark in 1917.

The legislation which wrought this ruin was not of the Navy's making.

It was the work of a congress in Washington of whose members few can find the Virgin Islands on a map, without hunting, and some of whom, probably never heard of them.

The distant Danish government took an interest in the Virgin group and its people, shared its politics in their interest and turned them over to the United States as a thriving colony. This country put them under the charge of a naval governor and forgot them—and the governor, too.