

LA GRANDE BUDGET IS APPROVED

City to Have \$125,885.50 for Expenses During Coming Year

DEFICIENCY FUND IS ELIMINATED

Budget Committee and Commissioners Agree on Items at Meeting Last Evening.

The municipal budget for 1926 was approved last evening at a joint meeting of the budget committee and the city commissioners...

The budget committee is composed of R. E. Eakin, Dr. Ray Murphy and H. E. Coollidge. Votes were made in several departments and increases in others.

The deficit fund which was shelled \$2500. This was made possible, according to the manager, because the additional sewer expense has been wiped out.

Many Departments Benefit. Departments receiving more...

WALL CASE IS DISMISSED

The city's case, charging trespassing, against A. W. Wall, which was heard in the offices of Judge J. D. Slater yesterday afternoon, was dismissed because of lack of evidence.

According to police officers, the complaint alleged that Mr. Wall trespassed on the Central school grounds September 23 and the defendant was unable to prove that he had not stepped onto the grounds in question on that date.

K. P. Order Selects Grande Lodge Delegates

Last night after the regular lodge session of the Knights of Pythias a banquet was served for them at the K. P. Hall. There was a large attendance and several matters of importance to the lodge members were discussed.

The results of the election of delegates to Grande Lodge to be held at Eugene, October 13 and 14, were announced. The delegates are: Charles Moore, H. E. Dixon, Dr. J. E. Woodell and Joe Keeney.

Workmen Place Steamer Hydrants in City Today

Installation of the new steamer hydrants to facilitate fire fighting in La Grande, authorized at the recent special election, began this morning when workmen started the work on Adams avenue points.

Steamer hydrants will be installed as follows: Adams avenue, corner Jefferson and Depot intersection, one; Grande Bonds hospital, one; Elm and Jefferson intersection, one; La Grande high school, one.

Chinese Row Cause Given By Stoddard

Local Boy, Back from the Orient, Vividly Portrays Conditions in China Today.

The present Chinese internal disturbance was discussed today at the chamber of commerce luncheon in the L. O. O. F. hall by Waldo "Pete" Stoddard, O. A. C. student, who recently returned from a trip through the Orient with a number of other students sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of promoting friendly relationship and understanding between Americans and Chinese.

According to Mr. Stoddard, the present series of rows is merely Chinese rebellion against foreign control. The foreigners control China's sea coast, justice courts and other strategic departments, he said, which makes for a growing fermenting of the desire to throw off this yoke.

On the other hand, the speaker asserted, the concessionaries and foreigners in settlements state that the Chinese are not able to govern themselves because of illiteracy, chaotic conditions and general ineptitude in reference to executive demands.

Look to America. "The Chinese look to America as their savior," Mr. Stoddard said, "because of the return by the United States of its Boxer indemnity" and other friendly acts.

In describing China, Mr. Stoddard pointed out the immense natural resources, stating that enough coal existed in the natural state to furnish fuel for the world for ten centuries. Three crops are harvested each year with enormous yields resulting.

In speaking of Chinese women, he said that the feminine sex has no rights — married women are bossed by their husbands, widows by their sons and girls by their fathers.

The infant death rate is said to be as high as 75 per cent with the average span of life about one-third as long as in America.

Mr. Stoddard was introduced by Charles Reynolds, chairman, following introduction of guests, among whom were A. H. Sauge, of Merrill, Wisconsin, and L. Kinzel, recently of Merrill but now of La Grande.

H. E. Dixon, chairman of the city planning commission, asked...

CHANGE MADE IN FISH RACKS

Only such racks as permit the passing of game fish upstream will be placed in Wallowa river next year, L. B. Hammerfield, of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club, said today.

This concession to the interests of the sportsmen is made in the name of the fish commission by R. E. Clayton, director of fisheries, W. F. Eakin, Astoria, and J. S. Hayes, Bay City.

Traps spaced at about one inch were placed in Wallowa river and Catherine creek last June, robbing the sportsmen of 60 per cent of the trout that would ordinarily find their way into streams of this community, according to Hammerfield.

Baker Man Arrested By Officer G. M. Pierce

A man who gave his name as Ed Morgan and his address as Baker, was arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct on the streets Sunday night by G. M. Pierce, prohibition officer. Morgan forfeited his bond of \$50.

Business Men Hear W. H. Farley, Dayton, O.

With charts and figures and numerous illustrations, W. H. Farley, Dayton, O., speaking under the auspices of the Merchants' Service bureau of the National Cash Register company demonstrated to the 92 merchants and mercantile employees present at the meeting in the city hall last evening, how merchants may definitely compute the loss or profit accruing in each department and from each employee.

Of the 1,500,000 retail merchants in United States only 25 per cent realized a fair profit from their business last year, Farley stated. No one store can afford to gather the data necessary for an understanding of the national merchandising situation, he said, but statistics have been compiled and are available to interested merchants on application to the bureau.

MITCHELL LAMBASTS ARMY, NAVY

Avalanche of Criticism Poured Upon Heads of Air Service

GENERAL STAFF OF ARMY BLAMED

"Stormy Petrel," Testifying Before President's Board, Demands Separate Air Department

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Colonel William Mitchell, who precipitated the present aircraft row, today poured another avalanche of criticism on the heads of those charged with administering the nation's air services.

Testifying before the president's air board, he assailed the army general staff, declared it incompetent to draft air policies and blamed upon it the blame for the impoverished and inadequate air force.

The colonel also attacked the navy, charging its officials with looking upon aviation as a subordinate adjunct defense.

Mitchell advocated pushing the fleet to sea to fight "where it belongs."

Mitchell, called after Lieutenant...

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Railroad Magazine Features La Grande

The December edition of the Union Pacific magazine has been assigned to La Grande by Howard Elliott, editor, who sent the word to Earl Reynolds, secretary of Union County Chamber of Commerce.

Pictures of La Grande and vicinity will adorn the covers and companion pages, fill the center spread, and illustrate a number of articles that will be found on the pages of the magazine. Homes and children of railroad men of this city will be featured in stories.

Mr. Reynolds will be assisted in gathering the material by R. E. Eakin representing the railroad company.

Plans for Caravan to Yakima Progressing

Although the special irrigation and reators' committee of the chamber of commerce postpones their session with the chamber at Union because of the merchandising meeting scheduled for the same night, plans are going ahead for the arrangement of the caravan to Yakima, Earl Reynolds announced this morning.

The postponed meeting probably will take place at Union Thursday evening.

County Board Hears Four Tax Complaints

Only four tax complaints were filed for consideration by the county board of equalization this year. They are petitions for reduction of assessed valuation by O. E. Siltworth, near Covey; Joseph McElroy, near Union; Henry Knustler, near Union, and J. L. Henderson, near North Powder.

Judge L. G. Couch, Kenneth McCormick, clerk of courts, and George Proctor, county assessor, who compose the board, will visit the farms Thursday. This board meets the second Monday in September each year, for equalization and adjustment of taxes and continues in session to 30 days unless the year is completed before the expiration of that term. The work this year is lighter than usual, Judge Couch commented this morning.

Service Has Been "Rollen"

Some sections and communities served by The Observer have, in the past, experienced far from satisfactory service. Many improvements have been made. The Observer believes, in the last six months, and every effort is being made to gradually re-organize the circulation department to see that you get as near perfect service as possible.

Whether you receive your paper by carriers or by mail, the Observer is anxious to know of any irregularities or unsatisfactory service. If it is the Observer's fault or that of the postal service, an effort to correct it will be made promptly. Suggestions as to service improvements are always appreciated.

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Naval Court Sifting Shenandoah Tragedy



Naval officers investigating the crash of the dirigible Shenandoah met at Lakelhurst, N. J., and used a model of the big airship in their discussion of its construction and possible weaknesses. They are, left to right, Commander R. G. Pennoyer, Commander Maurice Pierce, Captain Paul Foley, the judge advocate, Captain Louis B. McBride, Admiral Hilary P. Jones, president of the naval court, and Commander John H. Towers.

AIR WIDOW TO RELATE STORY

LAKELHURST, N. J. (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne, widow of Commander Lansdowne, of the dirigible Shenandoah, accepted today the invitation of the naval court of inquiry to appear and make a statement.

Her telegram to the court suggested no date for her appearance other than it be the latest possible time.

Immediately after the Shenandoah wreck, Mrs. Lansdowne was quoted as saying her husband was reluctant to make the western trip with the airship because of the danger of thunderstorms.

FIFTY CARS OF FRUIT SHIPPED

UNION, Ore. (Special).—The week end saw the end of the peach harvest here.

Nearly 50 carloads of the fruit were shipped out of this vicinity during the picking and packing period. Most of the orchards' products were of an excellent size and quality.

Sections of the Union high school were resumed last Wednesday after being closed for a few days to allow the students to participate in the picking and packing of the fruit.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HEAR J. J. HAMMER'S VOICE

J. J. Hammer will sing at the assembly announced for La Grande high school Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Hammer's program will be supplemented by announcements of the student body. The sale of student body tickets, which adult holders to all regular athletic events of the year, is almost completed and the committee is preparing to extend the ticket sale to the business section of the city.

Ex-Premier of France, Leon Bourgeois, Dead

PARIS (By Associated Press).—Leon Bourgeois, eminent French statesman and former premier, is dead.

CARROTS CURE COMA; BEETS BRING BEAUTY

OREGON STATE FAIR, SALEM, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—A house of health showing correct and incorrect practices is proving one of the popular state fair exhibits arranged by the state college and the experiment station. A young woman manufacturing her beauty through artificial means as seen in the display is being told by more attractive stars that better results are obtained by natural means. Carrots give "pop" and beets may be used to take the place of rouge, she is assured—beauty is built from within.

One of the exhibits showing development of Oregon industries is a native Christmas tree on which are hung among twinkling electric lights gifts of Oregon woods. Recovery of cedar oil from sawdust and myrtle oil from leaves is shown to be possible.

A stamp mill is the center attraction of a display which sets forth Oregon's mining possibilities. A cement plant shows the way to plot and mix materials and cure them for the most permanent cement for road building.

Many problems relating to farm management are brought out. Boys and girls club work is given special stress impressing visitors with the value of this type of effort in developing character and enterprise.

NO BODIES FLOATING BOSTON. (By the Associated Press).—In a search over 15 square miles of water in the vicinity of the sunken submarine S-51, aviators have discovered no bodies floating, a radio to the Boston navy yard indicated.

ARMY HAS FIFTEEN FIGHTING PLANES

XTRA Survey of Air Fields Shows What's Wrong with Aviation, Writer Declares.

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Only 15 airplanes fit for combat use should America suddenly be forced to go to war.

That's the fighting strength of the army air service, an official survey of all the military flying fields shows.

The remaining equipment is composed of training planes, messenger planes and obsolete heaps of junk.

Not a Chance. Spreading one of these obsolete planes into battle against a modern aircraft "would be exactly like a river steamer going into a naval engagement against a first-class battleship," a high army officer says.

"It wouldn't even have a ghost of a chance."

The following data relative to equipment at the various fields is taken from war department records.

At Brooks Field, Tex., are 50 training planes for "green" student flyers, and at Kelly Field, nearby, 27 training planes for more advanced students.

These can be used for training purposes only.

One Amphibian Plane. Mitchell Field, L. I., has 30 planes. All of them were built during the war and are now obsolete.

The fifty planes at Langley Field, Va., include 15 obsolete war-time Martins and 25 training planes of various types. Of the latter, one is a new, up-to-date Loening amphibian. The others are old and worn out.

At Selfridge Field, Mich., there are 40 pursuit planes. Of these, 15 are modern, first-class Curtiss and Boeing planes. The rest are Thomas Morse planes, which are not battle planes.

At Bolling Field, near Washington, there are 12 old DeHavillands, three of which have been rebuilt, two Sperry two-seaters, and one small Wright training plane.

Rockwell Field, near San Diego, has six old DeHavillands.

That sums up America's flying strength now in comparison. McCook Field, near Dayton, O., is simply an experimental station.

An army air service headquarters officer, who for obvious reasons requested that his name be withheld, summed up the condition of the country's air forces as follows: "General Mitchell stated that we have only 15 planes fit for combat use."

"When he made that statement, about a year ago, it was undoubtedly true."

"Of the 15 planes he referred to, I know that at least four have..."

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TWO-DAY FAIR HELD SUCCESS

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special).—The Wallowa Community fair came to a successful close Saturday evening with fairly large crowds in attendance both Friday and Saturday.

The judging of agricultural exhibits was conducted by H. G. Avery, Union county agent. The weather both days was favorable.

The list of exhibitors included 121 persons, from this section of the county, from the valley, and dry farming sections in the hills, also from Prineas and Powwatha and Troy sections.

While the exhibit of agricultural products was not as large as was expected by the association, a creditable showing was made and the quality of the products shown was fine.

The exhibits of grain in both wheat and threshed samples were small. The rainy weather which has delayed harvesting considerably during the past few weeks is thought to have been largely responsible for the lack of interest shown by many of the farmers, who were busy taking care of the crops while the fair weather lasted.

A large part of the exhibit of vegetables, grain and other products are being prepared to be taken to Enterprise for the county fair this week, to be shown as a precinct display. A. W. Johnson has charge of the exhibit and will be assisted by Chas. Thompson and some members of the agricultural class in getting it arranged.

The rodeo program held at the ball park on Friday and Saturday afternoons was good, with something doing at all times.

A number of good bucking horses were brought in and gave some of the boys some thrilling rides.

The riders Friday included John Eline, Lloyd Lubok, Eugene Gault, Dick Bird, Clark and others.

The quick-change race had a large number of entries. Gilbert Baker of Middle valley was first winner in this event, with John Kline second, and Shopp McClain third.

Some goods rides in the bucking contest took place. On Friday afternoon with Eugene Gault getting first and John Kline second money. A large number of steers were ridden both days. The team-pulling contest held at the ball park Saturday morning created considerable interest, with several of the best teams of horses in the county.

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English Setter Killed When Struck by Auto

"Jimmie," the English Setter bird dog belonging to Chase Bohannon, and well known to every sportsman of this section, was killed Friday evening when hit by an automobile. The accident occurred a few miles east of Island City.

The dog, which was always seen with the Bohannon truck, had gone with his master and two other men had gone to the house and was evidently lying in the road when a passing car hit him. He was a little hard of hearing and probably did not hear it approach. He was dragged forty or fifty feet. The car did not stop and the owner is unknown.

"Down East Industries" Not Hurt By Imports

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA special).—Domestic and not foreign competition is responsible for the slump in "down east" industries.

This will be the argument of numerous mid-western and southern legislators when New England manufacturers, especially of textiles, make their expected appeal to Congress next winter for a higher wall against imports.

These comment from the Mississippi valley and south of the Mason and Dixon line concerning the New Englanders' plaints is pretty much all the same effect—that the east doesn't realize to what an extent the rest of the country is becoming industrialized.

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SUBMARINE REACHED BY SEA DIVERS

Remains of John L. Gibson, of Oregon, First Taken from Craft

OTHER BODIES ARE REVEALED

Lifeless Crew Members Will Be Taken to Hospital at Newport by U. S. S. Camden.

U. S. SUBMARINE BASE, New London, Conn. (By the Associated Press).—The body of John L. Gibson, 25, engineer, second class, of Astoria, Oregon, R. P. D. 188, was removed from the wrecked submarine S-51 by divers this morning. Gibson's body was the first one taken from the submarine.

Gibson's body was found in the battery room, the part of the submarine that was rammed by the steamer City of Rome last Friday night. The body is in good condition, lack of air and the intense cold at the depth of 123 feet preventing decomposition.

The body of William T. Teschner, 19 seaman, first class, of Bangor, Penn., was the second body found in the submarine by divers. His twin brother, Frederick, also aboard is believed to have been lost. Frederick is thought to have been at the helm when the submarine was struck and was one of those washed overboard.

William's body was brought aboard the U. S. S. Camden, indicating that all bodies would be taken to the naval hospital at Newport.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Mayor John F. Hylan today made a formal record of his intention to retire to private life at the end of his present term of office, thus virtually eliminating the possibility of an independent ticket in the November majority election.

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That the mid-west, in particular, was quicker than the east to appreciate the value of Latin American trade is very clear.

The east has a spasm of activity in that direction immediately after the war, but it didn't last.

Managers of most eastern plants soon lost interest in it and concentrated on domestic markets, though in the Mississippi valley hung on.

Moreover, they began bringing in increasing quantities of raw materials from the non-industrial Latin America republics, and in shipping them back, and to the orient, as finished products.