

DISTRICT I. BUDGET IS PREPARED

School Directors Pass on Committee's Work Last Evening

ABOUT \$5,000 MORE MONEY IS NEEDED

Levy in Mills, However, Will Be Less Than Last Year, Is Report of the Board Members.

The La Grande board of school directors, together with the members of the budget committee, met last evening and adopted a budget for the La Grande school district, covering the current year. Each item of expense was gone over carefully by the budget committee, with a result that the school district will be asking the taxpayers for an additional amount of less than \$5,000 over last year, but the present indications members say, are that the levy in mills for this year will be a trifle less than last year.

The total amount of the school budget this year is \$156,749.26. The school district will be asked to raise \$108,657.34 on this amount. Last year the amount to be raised within the school district was a little over \$104,000. In addition to this sum there are estimated receipts from county school funds, state school funds, elementary school funds and high school tuition funds totaling \$47,111.92.

The complete budget will be printed by the school officials at an early date. The budget committee, in addition to the directors, consisted of William Miller of the United States National bank, H. A. Zuercher, of the La Grande National bank, Mrs. J. K. Charlton, president of the Greenwood Parent-Teacher association, Mrs. Evelyn Falk, president of the Riveria Parent-Teacher association and Mrs. George R. Lyman, president of the Council of Associated Parent-Teacher associations of the city.

COUNCIL TO AID WELFARE WORK

A foundation for future cooperation with civil, health and educational authorities in the promotion of measures that make for child welfare was laid at the first regular meeting of the City Council of Parent-Teacher associations Monday afternoon in the Neighborhood club quarters in the library building. Mrs. C. E. McPherson was elected to serve the council as secretary. Mrs. George Lyman is the president elected at a preliminary meeting several days ago. The council voted to accept the constitution and by-laws drawn up and presented by the law committee, composed of Mrs. J. K. Charlton, Mrs. E. P. Pats, R. A. Wilkerson and E. D. Towler. A. E. Sager, superintendent of county schools, was chosen chairman of the organization. On the program committee are J. T. Longfellow, Mrs. Carl G. Helm and Mrs. E. A. McEachran. The social secretary is Mrs. J. K. Charlton.

Wallowa Farmers Ready For Arrival of Winter

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special).—Weather conditions here have been ideal during the past two weeks for fall plowing and the cleaning up of other work before the approach of winter. Practically all of the fall seedling has been finished, and prospects are the best at this time of the year in many seasons, according to farmers. All threshing in this portion of Wallowa county has been finished with the exception of one job in the Leap section where Fred James is still busy threshing a part of his crop of spring grain which was late in maturing. Farmers in both the valley and dry farming sections of the county have been busy plowing for the past week or ten days, and others who have been later in the preparations, are just beginning the work. The soil is in fine condition for plowing, as the frequent rains of a few weeks ago soaked the ground to a depth of several inches. Many of the farmers are plowing now with the intention of planting grain next spring while others are plowing ground which will be in summer fallow next season. In a number of cases where this method has been followed in former years, it is said to have proved highly satisfactory, as the ground which was fall plowed appeared to have taken a greater amount of moisture than ground which was plowed in the spring. Many farmers favor fall plowing because weeds, which start now, are killed when the ground is turned over. General reports from farmers in Union county, especially in the Grande Ronde valley, are to the effect that the fall work, including plowing and threshing, has been virtually completed and that the snow, which fell today, will cause little trouble to the agriculturists.

Going Down



WEL's parachute open? Corporal Archie Atherton had a long time to wonder about it when he dropped off a naval plane at San Diego during parachute exercises. He fell 1200 feet before his lace pulled out, and then he floated down on the ocean and had to swim ashore. Picture was shot of him from another plane.

BENEFIT TEA DUE SATURDAY

Mrs. August J. Stanke will open her home on Spring street to the members and friends of the Neighborhood club Saturday afternoon for a tea to benefit the Federation News fund of the organization. The hours will be from 2 to 5 o'clock. Mrs. G. L. Larson is chairman of the club committee in charge of the event. She has divided her assistants into groups, each assigned to the performance of stated courtesies. Mrs. Lee Warnick and Mrs. J. A. Tedford will be at the door to help Mrs. Stanke receive the guests. In the living room will be Mesdames Albert Hunter, A. T. Hill, W. L. McAdory and H. H. Claver. The dining room committee includes Mesdames George A. Cochran, Hugh E. Brady, C. S. Moore and Grover Grimmett. A program is being arranged by Mrs. Earl Stoddard and Mrs. J. Donald Meyers. Punch is to be served by Mesdames R. J. Green, C. A. Bigman and Fred Spaeth. In charge of tea are Mesdames Cochran, Grimmett, E. Woodley, R. E. Tyler, Albert Wardell and Lee Warnick. The Oregon Federation News is (Continued on Page Five.)

MRS. CARPY DEAD AT THE DALLES, MESSAGE SAYS

Friends here received word today of the death of Mrs. George Carpy, of The Dalles. Mrs. Carpy was for many years a resident of this city and a teacher in the public schools. Her husband was connected with the public land offices in La Grande. They moved to The Dalles when the office was transferred to that place a few months ago. The funeral and interment will take place in Portland, according to the message.

CHAMBER OBSERVES APPLE DAY

Importance of Fruit to Union County Pointed Out by Speaker

HENRY GRIESEL TELLS OF CROP

Any Local Apple Grower "Who Attends to His Business" Can Realize Profits.

What the apple industry means to Union county and La Grande was the subject chosen by Henry Griessel, of the Blue Mountain Fruit exchange, in his address before the chamber of commerce today at a noon luncheon in observance of apple week. Mr. Griessel pointed out that apple growing was one of the main resources of the Grande Ronde valley, citing some statistics to prove this. The total number of carloads of commercial apples raised here this year will probably be 400, and the crop will be worth a total of \$300,000, he said. America's production of commercial apples will run about 100 million bushels this year, which, if loaded into railroads of 75 cars each, would total 2000 trains. The northwest will produce about 60,000 carloads, he stated.

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Settlement Of U.S. Debt Is Promised

Second Painleve Cabinet Presents Declaration to French Parliament Today.

PARIS (By the Associated Press).—Restoration of the French treasury and improvement of the French financial situation, of which American debt settlement is one of the most important features, dominates the ministerial declaration with which the second Painleve cabinet faced parliament today. While expressing determination to arrive at a definite settlement of debts to America and England, the declaration does not mention the means of reaching that end. A parliamentary group of the socialist party today decided to abstain from voting when a motion of confidence in the Painleve government comes up in the chamber of deputies. The fate of the second Painleve ministry may become known late tonight. The premier, having accepted immediate discussion on interpellations on his general policy, intends to push it through to a vote before the chamber of deputies adjourns.

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They Come In Regularly

Hardly a day passes in which one or more individuals fail to come here. The Observer's office, say that they have just come to La Grande, and buy a paper to scan the Want Ads because they want to rent a house, buy some furniture, find a job, employ some help, or any one of a dozen wants. The Observer's Classified Page is the natural market place and medium of exchange for the entire community. No matter what you want or want to get rid of, you make immediate and profitable contact through the Want Ads. The cost is practically nothing—the service is invaluable. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON HITS CITY

Winter Arrives with Rising Sun in Valley Early This Morning

EASTERN OREGON REPORTS VISIT

Mercury Drops to Lowest Mark of the Season During Night, Registering But 24 Above.

Coming with the rising of the sun about 7 o'clock this morning, the first snow flakes of the season drifted down onto the Grande Ronde valley, accompanied by freezing weather. The fall at first was slight, and of extreme fineness, but by 9 o'clock the flakes had increased in size and quantity. By 10:30, approximately half an inch of snow blanketed La Grande, at which time the thermometer registered one degree below freezing point. Last night, incidentally, was the coldest one since last winter, with the mercury going as low as 24 degrees above zero, according to the government thermometer at the fire station. The coldest night before that was on November 1 when a mark of 28 was registered. Snow Melts Quickly. Before noon today, the weather became warmer, and the snow began melting. Early this afternoon the greater share of the snow had been melted, with a sun, peeping occasionally from a cloudy sky, helping in the work. The snow fall is general over Eastern Oregon today. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Portland and Klamath Falls both report snow today. Home and Klamath Falls had their first touch of winter yesterday when some snow fell.

COOLIDGE HOPES FOR TAX CUT OF BIG PROPORTIONS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—President Coolidge is hopeful that taxes can be reduced by more than \$300,000,000, although he believes no safe maximum can be fixed until the budget for the coming fiscal year is completed. Secretary Mellon's recommendation is for a decrease of \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000, but the president is not convinced that the cut will have to be held within this limit.

DEMENTED WOMAN HACKS OFF YOUNG SON'S HEAD

KEESAU, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Cora Zach, demented mother of nine children, who lived for years on a lonely homestead in the Kalama river valley, yesterday killed her youngest son, Gilbert, 5, by hacking his head off with a double-headed ax in the front room of her home. She was brought here last night by Sheriff Studebaker and Coroner Van Note and lodged in the county jail. The body of the boy was taken to Kalama. The woman said she killed the boy because "he never had been right."

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO JUDGING TEAM WINNER

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Governor Moore of Idaho and Governor Pierce of Oregon arrived at the Pacific International Livestock exposition today for Governor day so early that the reception committee missed them. When the committee found them, the governors were assisting an exhibitor in rounding up a reception shout. The judging is in full swing today. PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The University of Idaho won first prize in college student judging at the Pacific International Livestock exposition here. The results of the contest, held Saturday, were not announced until Monday. Montana State college was second, the University of British Columbia fourth, Washington State college fifth, and the Oregon Agricultural college fifth. Robert C. McCroskey of Garfield, Wash., almost swept the field in the Clydesdale classes, winning 15 general ribbons and all champion ribbons but one.

"Just Starting to Live"



Herman D. Williams, 83, founder and former publisher of the Des Moines (Iowa) Daily Capital, has been married in Berkeley, Cal., the new Mrs. Williams being only two years his junior. Williams, whose son, Harry A. Williams, is president of the Pacific Coast baseball league, says, "Why, we've just started to live."

TWO PRIESTS HELD CAPTIVE

PEKING (By the Associated Press).—Information that two American priests are held by bandits at St. John's island, south of Hongkong, has been received by the American legation. It is understood that an American destroyer and a Chinese warship are proceeding to the island.

TOWN WRECKED BY DAM BREAK

LANADUNO, Wales (By the Associated Press).—Seven persons were reported drowned and 17, including a woman and nine children, are missing, the result of the bursting of a dam and the destruction of the village of Dolgros. Buildings were swept away. One hundred cattle and sheep were drowned. Later dispatches showed the disaster to be worse than was at first indicated. When the dam burst, it released waters formed in two torrents, each from 20 to 25 feet deep, which raged down the valley leaving ruin in their wake. A furnace in an electric power station exploded when the flood reached it, filling the little valley with steam. Many persons, running at top speed, barely reached high ground before the waters swept away their homes.

MARSHALL N. DANA NAMED ON STATE PAROLE BOARD

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Marshall N. Dana, local newspaperman, has been appointed the successor to W. G. MacLaren as a member of the state parole board. Circuit Judge Dickson, commissioned by Governor Pierce to interview Dana, announced today that Dana had accepted the appointment.

REBEKAHS ELECT MRS. C. INGLE

BROWNVILLE, Ore.—The district Rebekah convention was held at Brownville last week and was attended by something like 200 persons. A big banquet was the feature of the closing night. Mrs. Calvin Ingle of Albany, who is grand marshal of this state assembly, was elected president of the district for the ensuing year. Probably Corvallis will be the next meeting place, although this was not definitely settled.

ROSEBURG GIRL DIES OF POISON

ROSEBURG, Ore.—Miss Jean Maddix died here at 8 o'clock as the result of poisoning. Miss Maddix swallowed several poison tablets last Tuesday night, mistaking them for aspirin. The young woman, a junior in the Roseburg high school, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Maddix. Besides her parents two brothers, Woodson and Richard Maddix of Roseburg, survive her. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is on record in the large taxpayers' favor. The rich, he says, won't try to make more money if the government taxes most of it away from them; give them a chance to keep a reasonable amount of it and they'll plug into business, making better times for everybody.

MITCHELL WILL HAVE FREE HAND

Court Action Today in Allowing Witnesses Indicates Long Trial

THREE CABINET MEMBERS ON LIST

Judges Adjourn Until Next Monday to Allow Drawing Up of Subpoenas.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The court martial trying Colonel Mitchell held today he is within his rights in asking for testimony from the long list of witnesses, including three cabinet officials, in defending himself against the disciplinary charge. Adjournment was then taken until Monday to permit the preparation of subpoenas. The court's action apparently means that Colonel Mitchell will be given a free hand in thrashing out the whole aircraft problem in court in an attempt to prove he was justified in charging that the army and navy air services were being administered with cruminals and almost treasonable neglect of the best interests of the country. A trial running into several weeks now seems certain.

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PRINCE TUMBLES AGAIN

LEIGHTON-BUZZARD, Redfordshire, England (AP)—The Prince of Wales took his first tumble from the back of a horse today since returning from South America. The fall came in the course of an exciting fox hunt when the prince's horse failed to take an awkward fence. Both horse and rider disappeared in a watery chasm. Wales scrambled to safety. The prince's fall was a minor incident in a week of excitement. He had been riding a white horse named "The Duke" which he had bought in South America. The horse was a champion jumper and had won many prizes. The prince was riding with a party of friends and was leading the hunt. The fall occurred at a particularly difficult fence. The prince was thrown clear of the horse and landed in a shallow stream. He was not hurt and was helped up by his attendants. The horse was also unhurt and was led back to the stable. The incident was a surprise to everyone, as the prince was considered an expert rider. It was the first time he had fallen from a horse since he was a child.

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AMERICA HAS 500,000 MILES OF PAVED ROADS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The bureau of public roads of the agriculture department today estimated that the close of this season's road construction work would bring the nation's total hard-surfaced highways to nearly one-half million miles. The estimate is based on reports from states and counties throughout the country.

TAXES MUST BE CUT IS HOUSE COMMITTEE VIEW

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Members of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives, now wrestling with taxation questions, preliminary to congress next meeting, agree on one thing—taxes must be cut. Concerning details there are plenty of differences of opinion, not all of them partisan. The two outstanding controversies are: (1) Shall the very large taxpayers of the rank and file of the taxpayer be exempted from the tax on the unearned income? (2) At what rate shall the rest of the national war debt be paid off? Secretary Mellon believes in this. He thinks each generation should settle its own bills. He likewise advocates cleaning the slate as soon as possible lest something else come up to pile on further bills. Finally, he points out, the faster the debt is paid, the less the interest. Yet it is obvious that the present burden can be lightened, and still more taxes can be taken off, if the period of payment is extended to 42 years, as the democrats and some of the republicans, among the committee members suggest.