

CITY FACES SUIT FOR \$12,500.00

Lee Reynolds Will File Complaint, He Declares Today

COMMISSIONERS TURN DOWN CLAIM

Request for Damages the Outgrowth of Permitting Sewage Output to Flow Through Ranch.

Probability of a damage suit of \$12,500 against the city, the result of permitting the outflow of the septic tank to flow through the dairy farm owned by Lee Reynolds which, he alleges, is responsible for the loss of his business and the cause of several typhoid fever cases contracted through milk he has delivered, developed last night when a claim for damages was read in the first commission meeting of the year.

"We are morally bound to go through the law on this matter," said Commissioner H. P. Landis. "I'd rather 12 men would decide on the question than us three."

Reynolds Intends to Sue. When interviewed this morning Mr. Reynolds stated that it is his idea, as the next step, to file suit against the city for the amount mentioned in the claim.

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Candidate



Henry W. Zweifel of Fort Worth, Tex., is being groomed as a gubernatorial candidate by prominent Texas Republicans.

HUG RETURNED TO JAIL CELL

Harold Hug, a farmer living near Elgin, who was released last June on a partial payment of a \$1000 fine imposed by the county court for the crime of illegal possession of a gun, was brought back to the county jail last night to serve out the remaining \$500 of his debt to the county, at the rate of two dollars a day.

Men Club to Discuss James J. Hill Tonight

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the president, E. A. McClellan, 1805 Fourth street.

COUNTY COURT MEETING

Bids on gasoline and oil for county use and bids on the auditing of county books next year were opened in county court at the second day of the January session today.

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ADVANCE IS STARTLING SINCE 1900

First Quarter of the 20th Century is Greatest Inventive Age

RADIO, AIRPLANE OPEN NEW WORLD

Progress by Man Over 25-Year Span Unchecked in Every Industry and Profession.

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—High on a frontier hill, a century ago, a thin spiral of smoke sent its message to a band of red-painted savages crouched in a forest.

Around the edge of the forest, slowly, laboriously, came an emigrant train, four or five crudely fashioned boxes of wagons, drawn by sweating oxen.

A few swift arrows whistled through the air. The struggle was unequal. Man in his native element had conquered man, the invader, again.

But man's mind proved swifter than the swiftest and straightest of the feathered darts of death of the Indians. The years passed and the invader defeated the native. Standing today in the same spot where that migratory train met its fate, looking back over the century between, the man of today rules as master of all he surveys. He has bent Nature to his bidding.

Elements Heated. Especially during the quarter century coming to a close with 1925 has man, the invader, beaten down the elements into inventions that would send man, the natives, screaming in flight.

The inventions of the past 25 years, and their practical development, overshadow all the inventions of the entire race for hundreds of years previously.

Before the dawn of the twentieth century the knife of medical science, efficient though it was, went in with only a general knowledge of man's ailment. But now its path is defined. The X-ray was discovered by William K. Roentgen in 1895.

In a Paris laboratory, in 1898, two scientists worked to give the world a wonderful new chemical element, radium, an element that is still so rare that it is being passed around the world from hospital to hospital, where it is used in the treatment of cancer, goiter and other diseases. Its value has been put at \$20,000,000 an ounce.

The scientists were Prof. Pierre Curie and his wife, Marie Sklodowska Curie.

New Spoke Signals. Where the red man's smoke sent its signal into the sky now stands a huge tower, taller than the highest tree of the old forests. From the tower, man sends his messages to his fellows in invisible symbols that flash across continents and oceans in the twinkling of an eye.

Twenty-five years ago the world launched its greatest war, the world war of Guglielmo Marconi and a little group of men who believed in the wireless.

At the next meeting of the association Wednesday, January 12, permanent officers will be elected. At that time all prospective members will be asked to sign a membership agreement.

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Art Contest Date Set By Club Women

Grade Children's Finals to Be Jan. 16—High School and County Finals Jan. 30.

Dates and hours for the art memory contests that are stirring La Grande school children to unprecedented interest in paintings and posters this winter were established last evening when the Neighborhood club's committee met with a group of teachers at the library building.

The grade schools will begin their individual contests next Monday to determine their respective contestants in the finals at the library building Saturday, Jan. 16.

Then on Saturday, January 16, the winning pupils, accompanied by their teachers, will meet at the library building for the final contest, each group at the hour appointed. First and second grade entrants will go at 10 a. m.; third and fourth, at 11 a. m.; fifth and sixth, at 1 p. m.; seventh and eighth, at 2 p. m.

High School Contest. The high school students will (Continued on Page Five)

CITY STAFF IS RE-APPOINTED

Reorganization of the city government took place last night during the meeting of the city commissioners in the municipal building. No changes in the personnel resulted.

President A. T. Hill declared his willingness to pass the honors on to one of the other commissioners and Commissioner R. J. Landis and Charles Playle declared they were perfectly satisfied with matters as they stand.

Mr. Cress announced that he is re-appointing all city officials for 1926. J. E. Stevens, city recorder; Clint Haynes, chief of police; Emma Fowler, city treasurer; C. O. Marchison, fire chief; Horace Knapp, street and water superintendent; Dr. A. L. Richardson, city health officer; and A. H. McClellan, city engineer.

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IRRIGATION TRIAL PLOT IS PLANNED

Test Site in the Grande Ronde Valley Discussed at Committee Meet

O. A. C. PROFESSOR TO AID MOVEMENT

Health Week and Economic Conference Also Discussed at Hot Lake Last Evening.

Plans for irrigating a trial plot in the Grande Ronde valley, and for Union county's health week and annual economic conference were furthered last evening when members of the health and agriculture committees of the chamber of commerce met at Hot Lake as dinner guests of Dr. W. T. Poy, who is chairman of both committees.

Robert Withycombe, manager of the Eastern Oregon experiment station at Union, met with the committee especially to consider the irrigation question. He is joining the chamber and will be affiliated with the agricultural committee.

A report that Prof. W. L. Powers, of O. A. C., will soon visit the valley to help work out the irrigation movement was heard at the meeting. The committees intend to plan a chamber of commerce (Continued on Page 5.)

Roesch Family to Begin World Trip February 6

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Roesch and son, Marcus, left La Grande Tuesday on their way to San Francisco, Cal., where they will spend two weeks before sailing from that point on February 6, at 6 o'clock, on the steamship "Laconia" on a trip around the world.

On their round-the-world voyage they will stop at Cherbourg, France, and from there they will go into Germany. They will go to Annstadt, a little town in the southern part of Germany, near Stuttgart, where Mr. Roesch made his home about 50 years ago.

He has never returned to his former home since coming to the United States. Whether he will find anyone he knows there he does not know.

Bible Study Exams to Be Held Friday, Jan. 15

Bible study examinations will be conducted in the high schools of the state Friday, Jan. 15, according to word received by Principal E. D. Towler.

Five La Grande students have registered for the tests on the New Testament, and seven, for the Old Testament examination. Their papers will be graded under supervision of J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction. To all who pass, credits toward graduation will be granted.

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Counterfeit Plot Bared



A system of counterfeiting money by making photographic reproductions on special paper has been uncovered with the arrest in New Jersey of Frank Weigand (inset). Above is the equipment seized after \$50,000 has been placed in circulation.

WOMEN BECOME MORE MANLIKE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Women, if they continue to smoke, will look like men, Joseph Byrne, manager director of the national beauty shop owners' convention, said today.

The tobacco face is becoming more common among women, he added.

"The features of women smoke grow sharper, as the nicotine habit grows upon them. The skin becomes taut and sallow. The lips lose their rosy color. The corners of the mouth show wrinkles. The lower lip shows a tendency to project beyond the upper lip. The eyes acquire a stare and the lids rise and fall more slowly," Byrne said.

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Check-Kiting Financier, Who Defrauded Los Angeles Banks, Seen REGISTERED AT PORTLAND HOTEL

Southern Police Believe He Doubled Back to South; Oregonians Hold Different Theory.

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Officers working on the case of J. K. Fronk, fugitive check-kiting financier, who is charged with defrauding Los Angeles banks of more than \$380,000, today is hiding trace of a supposed hiding place of Fronk's loot in Portland, Ore.

Advices from Portland that Fronk's automobile had been seen there after he fled from Los Angeles New Year's eve caused officers to believe that he rushed north to hide the bulk of his plunder and then double back southward, where he intends to hide if possible.

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BUDAPEST (By the Associated Press)—A report that there is a plot to restore the throne in Hungary is being circulated.

On one side it is reported that the fascist intends to attempt to give the crown to Archduke Albrecht, while the legitimists are supporting Prince Otto, son of the late King Charles.

A Vienna newspaper asserts that Julius Gombos, leader of the Hungarian fascists, is 50 miles southeast of Budapest gathering men for a march on the capital within two or three days.

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FRUIT MEN IN COVE MEETING

Fruit growers of Cove, including those who specialize in tree berries and brush fruits, are meeting this afternoon at the Cove. The meeting is being held at the home of G. A. Avery and Mr. Seany to consider purchasing fertilizer for the orchards in that district.

The fertilizer under consideration will do a lot to restore the old cherry orchards in that section, the county agent said this morning.

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Crown Prince Loses Throne

TOKIO (By the Associated Press)—Vernacular advices from Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, say that Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian dictator, has announced his retirement.

The foreign office spokesman said that the report is not confirmed but was believed probable.

U. S. TO GIVE TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS AT LAKE. HOT LAKE (Special)—Two one-act plays are to be given in the assembly hall at the sanatorium Thursday night by Union high school students.

Both skits, "The Trying Place" and "Hearts to Mend" were presented in Union December 12 by the same cast that is re-appearing at the Lake tonight.

Miss Alma Bracht coaches the plays and arrangements for bringing them to the sanatorium have been made by Miss Gracia Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the Union high school student body.

San Francisco Agents Seize Giant Distillery. SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Sweeping down on a four-story warehouse in Sunnyvale, south of here, prohibition agents Thursday night seized one of the largest illicit distilleries that has been uncovered in this district.

The entire layout is said by agent to be worth approximately three hundred thousand dollars.

E. A. Lodge, rancher of Santa Clara county and owner of the warehouse and five other men were arrested.

Parisians Quit Home; Flood Disaster Feared. PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Paris is in an extremely critical situation; a further rise of 20 inches in the Seine would precipitate a catastrophe. Despite protective works hastily thrown up on both sides of the river, the waters

are invading the city. The first effect of this is the closing of the Invalides railroad station, directly across the street from the ministry of foreign affairs.

Traffic to Versailles, Rambouillet, Dreux and Gargenville has been suspended. The island of St. Denis was abandoned Wednesday evening by the residents, who took refuge in the city barracks, while Fort Vincennes, set aside for the accommodation of refugees in the eastern part of the city, already shelters hundreds.

While the people of Paris are not panicky, they are waiting for the worst.

FLOOD DAMAGE RUNS HIGH. COBLENZ, Germany (AP)—The total damage in the Rhine country from the floods is estimated at one-tenth of a billion marks. The number of unemployed in the Coblenz district alone has been increased 40,000.

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