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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP).—Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Thursday except probable rains Thursday in the northwest coast portion.

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1926 LEVY IN COUNTY $805,207.04

Amount Represents Total Sum of Taxes for All Purposes

INCREASES GOES TO SCHOOLS, CITY

La Grande Will Pay a Total of 58.7 Mills on Assessed Value of Property in Limits.

The total sum of taxes levied against Union county for all purposes in 1926 is $805,207.04, according to the statement of taxes issued from the office of D. H. Proctor, county assessor.

Last year the taxpayers were called upon to produce $754,559.12. City and schools will be the greatest beneficiaries from the increase.

La Grande will pay a total of 58.7 mills on the assessed value of property within the corporate limits. Of that amount, 16.9 mills represents the state's portion; 22 mills is the special levy by the city, and 19.8 mills is levied by school district No. 1.

The aggregate of tax moneys to be gathered in the city is $645,924.59.

Taxable properties in the state are valued at $25,211,268.00, on which 16.9 mills tax is levied in $427,760.42 for operating expenses, and appropriations. For the state proper, the rate is 5.03, with 2.55 additional mills for county purposes.

Oregon will raise $53,152.66 in state taxes alone for its schools. The library fund is $506.22. For roads and bridges, a one-mill tax is imposed; for market roads, 1.38 mills; for bond redemption, 2.65, and for interests on bonds, 2.17.

Union at the Top

Union, asking 26.8 mills as a special levy by the town, leads in millage rate, but is many thousands of dollars lower than La Grande in the amount of actual money demanded. La Grande's tax will amount to $169,413.85, while Union will expect to reap $16,763.86 in town taxes. North Powder's millage is 21.6; Summerville's 16.7; Elgin's, 16; Cove's, 9.1; Island City, 5.3; Imbler, 3.2.

On properties outside the high schon ldistricts, a special high school districts, a special high 1.7 levy.

Special taxes levied by the

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ALL UNITS OF MILL WORKING

With all units of the plant operating regularly the Mt. Emily Lumber company mill here is now well started on its industrial program. One shift of men is employed.

The plant has been in operation now for a period of about three weeks. The formal opening date will be determined later.

Johnson Back

"Pussyfoot" Johnson, famed prohibition crusader, apparently sees too much with his one eye. "Turkish women are taking off their veils," he reported on his arrival from Europe. "American women should put a few clothes on." He claimed a growth of the dry cause in Europe.

STOCK CLUBS ARE FORMED

A Holstein calf club was organized with six boys and girls enrolled and R. H. Daniels, of Cove, as their leader, last night when more than 50 people—boys and girls interested in club work and their parents—met at Cove with J. E. Mills, president of the Cove commercial club and H. G. Avery, county agent, for that purpose. It was stated during the meeting that all of the boys and

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Principals to Meet Thursday Afternoon

Preparatory to the opening of the second semester of school Monday, January 25, Superintendent J. T. Longfellow has summoned the principals of the several buildings to a meeting Thursday after dismissal of classes. Plans for closing one term and commencing another will be discussed, as well as other matters of interest in connection with school administration.

Nelson Resigns From Intermediate Rate Body

A. W. Nelson of this city, has resigned as director of the Intermediate Rate association, effective immediately, he announces today. It is doubtful if his successor will be chosen until the association meets at Salt Lake City in the spring.

Mr. Nelson gives business pressure as his reason for resigning.

Trout Limit Reduced By Commission

Union and Wallowa County Streams to Be Closed; Chinese Pheasant Season Shortened.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Closing of several Wallowa and Union county streams, reduction of the bag limit on trout, determination of the open season for hunting Chinese pheasants and closing of some streams to commercial fishing, beginning February 1, marked the changes made at the fish and game commission meeting here.

Only one Union county stream, Ladd creek, was ordered closed, that only from April 15 to July 15 of each year.

The following Wallowa county waterways were acted upon: Bear creek, closed 10 years; Hurricane creek, Little Hurricane creek, and East Fork of Lostine river, Wallowa river from Wallowa lake to fall in said river (a distance of one mile), closed 10 years; Aneroid lake, closed from September 15 to April 15 of each year for 10 years; Frances, Wood, Swamp, Hobo, Lilly and Maxwell lakes closed three years.

Several changes in general regulations, operative during 1926 only, were made.

The bag limit on trout was reduced in all sections of the state to 30 fish or 15 pounds and a fish in any one day, or 60 fish or 30 pounds and a fish in any seven consecutive days for each person.

The open season for trout in all counties of the state except Klamath county in 1926 will be from April 15 to October 31, inclusive. In Klamath county the season will run from April 15 to November 30, inclusive, under the new regulation.

Open season for hunting Chinese pheasants will be from October 15 to 21 in all counties with the exception of Malheur, where, in 1926, it will be October 15 to 31, inclusive.

E. O. VETERANS TO MEET HERE

Arrangements for a joint meeting of Pendleton, Baker and La Grande Spanish-American war veterans here February 6 for the purpose of setting the dates for the annual state encampment, which will meet in Baker sometime in the spring, were made by the local organization at its monthly session here last night.

The veterans' and ladies' auxiliaries of the three encampments will attend the February session and state department officers of both organizations will be in attendance.

Officers were installed at the meeting. H. E. Williams is the new commander of the local body.

Coach Schissler Will Be Guest at Luncheon

Coach P. J. Schissler, of Oregon Agricultural college, whose football team tied for the championship of the Northwest this year, will arrive in La Grande Friday, Jan. 22, accompanied by Mrs. Schissler, on their way home from a conference of coaches at New York City.

In their honor, the local alumni and former students will gather for an informal luncheon at The Tiffin at noon. Jesse Andrews, chairman of the alumni association in this vicinity, is in charge of arrangements.

J. E. Reynolds Named on Fair Finance Committee

SALEM, Ore. (Special).—J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande, was selected as a member of the finance committee of the Oregon state fair board at its annual meeting here. Mrs. Ella Shultz Wilson was re-elected secretary.

O. E. S. TO INSTALL.

The Order of the Eastern Star will have installation of officers tonight when they meet in regular session at the Masonic hall. Mrs. Ella Russell, past matron of the Eastern Star will be installing officer. Several visitors are expected from outside points.

LASSITER IS SUCCESSOR.

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—Selection of Major General William Lassiter, commissioner of the department of Panama, to succeed General John J. Pershing as president of the Tacna-Arica commission was made yesterday by President Coolidge. In the event of General Pershing's recovery after treatment, General Lassiter will again return, resign and General Pershing will be reappointed head of the commission.

JUDGES AND CLERKS ARE APPOINTED

Election Boards for 1926 and 1927 Chosen by County Court

185 SELECTED FOR ALL PRECINCTS

First Service to Take Place May 21, Date of Primary Election in Oregon.

One hundred eighty-five men and women of Union county will find their names on the list of judges and clerks of election recently appointed by the county court to serve as such for the term of two years.

The list is still subject to change and will be until it is approved by the court at its next regular session the first Wednesday in February.

These boards will be called upon to serve at all state and county elections in 1926 and 1927, their first call for duty to precede the primary election the third Friday in May, which falls on the 21st.

List of Appointees.

Following is a list of the appointees, according to the precincts in which they will serve:

Alicel: Judges, Bruce Clark and Harvey Ruckman; clerks, S. G. Ruckman, J. A. Gaskill and D. McDonald.

Antelope: Judges, C. A. Hill and G. V. Wilkinson; clerks, Willard Hill, Cora Titus and W. F. Titus.

Big Creek: Judges, James, Goble and P. J. Powers; clerks, G. W. South, J. R. Wanker and W. H. Duncan.

Cove, No. 1: Judges, Robert S. French and R. J. Daniel; clerks, Georgana Chadwick, Alvin Orton and Bessie Kelley.

Cove, No. 2: Judges, T. G. Wilson and Thomas Harris; clerks, George Anderson, Bessie M. Stacelland and Fannie E. Conklin.

Elgin, No. 1: Judges, S. E. Harris and J. M. Durr; clerks, W. P. Durr, R. A. Ohms and C. E. Moore.

Elgin, No. 2: Judges, J. A. Masterson and Una M. Denham; clerks, Charles Cross, Rose Cummins and John N. Hazelwood.

Elgin, No. 3: Judges, Harry Hug and Joe Hallgarth; clerks, Leonard Parsons, James Gekeler and J. W. Cummins.

Elgin, No. 4, Judges, J. H. Barnes and A. J. Tucker; clerks, Nellie H. Crum, Galus Dutton and Luther Hindman.

Hilgard: Judges, Frank Sanford and William Cendit; clerks, Mabel Scott, Bonnie Cantrell and Mrs. Jennie Halverson.

Hot Lake: Judges, William Beaton and D. W. Miller; clerks, Goldie Boyles, H. E. Counsell and C. F. Grandy.

Imbler: Judges, L. A. Stringham and H. H. Huron; clerks, J. L. Westenskow, Anna Brooks and Haskell Andrews.

Island City: Judges, Fred E.

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PINCHOT PLACES BLAME ON COAL MINE OPERATORS

HARRISBURG, Pa. (By the Associated Press)—Governor Pinchot, in a statement today in which he attributed the breakdown of the anthracite negotiations in New York to the operators, announced his intention of pressing the passage by Pennsylvania legislators of a bill making the anthracite mining a public utility subject to control by the state public service commission.

AUNT AND NIECE BORN TO WORLD ON SAME DAY

Two baby girls, each weighing eight pounds and each bearing the surname of Provolt, were born at the Grande Ronde hospital Monday.

Therein the infant citizens enjoy an equality of birth exceeding the degree that the colonial fathers had in mind when they penned the immortal lines about men being created equal.

But right there the equality ceases, for one Baby Provolt is destined always to address the other Baby Provolt with a certain deference due to her position as "aunt on her father's side." For the coincidental births present Walter Provolt with a daughter and a granddaughter, and his son, P. S. Provolt, with a daughter and a sister.

However, the little girls are not puzzling their baby heads about the situation. Both babies and their mothers are doing very well.

The Plane Of The Day After Tomorrow

According to the predictions of M. Louis Breguet, president of the French Chamber of Industrial Aeronautics, the above pictured machine is the airplane of the day after tomorrow. It would weigh about 55 tons, have a speed of 140 miles an hour, a radius of action of about 2,500 miles and be able to carry both passengers and freight.

WILL DEDICATE GRANGE HALL

The Telocaset grange members are now preparing for one of the biggest grange meetings ever held in their district when their new grange hall will be dedicated Jan. 23. The program will begin in the morning with a public dedication and continue on through the day, closing with a dance in the evening.

Telocaset, though one of the smallest farm communities in Union county, now has one of the best grange halls and one that is unique in architecture, having been built entirely of logs on the Swedish plan.

Baker and Wallowa counties will be represented and practically every grange in this county is preparing to send delegates.

Speakers will be present from the state grange, the county grange and several commercial and civic organizations. J. H. King, master in Baker county, and Mrs. L. E. Bailey, county lecturer, are scheduled to speak. The afternoon program, which will be open to the public, will be under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Anson, lecturer of the Telocaset grange, and County Deputy J. A. Nice.

Merchandise Thief Sentenced.

PENDLETON, Ore. — Clyde Gardner, who pleaded guilty here to the theft of merchandise from a Umatilla store, was sentenced by Judge Wilson to one year in the penitentiary. A Hendel, alias A. Metz, charged with blowing a safe at Ukiah in November, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Thursday. John G. Gleason, charged with larceny of an automobile, pleaded guilty.

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WILL HELD O. K.

CHICAGO (AP) — The will of the late "millionaire orphan," William Nelson McClintock, was admitted to probate today by the circuit court, reversing the ruling of the probate court. The will bequeaths the bulk of the estate to McClintock's foster father, William D. Shepherd.

SKIDBE PASSES.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Max L. Skidbe, 65, prominent in Columbia river transportation activities and a shareholder in banks at Astoria, Eugene, and Portland, died from heart attack last night while driving home from a meeting of stockholders of the Portland National bank.

RATES DENOUNCED.

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—A vigorous denunciation of existing livestock freight rates and grazing fees on national forests and a plea for better tariff protection for the livestock industry were contained in the annual address delivered today at the opening session of the American National Livestock association by President Fred H. Bixby.

McCamant To Be Heard At Washington

Announcement Made by Senator McNary After Conference with President Coolidge.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Judge Wallace McCamant, of Oregon, whose nomination to the federal circuit court in the ninth district was recommitted last night by the senate, will be asked to appear before the judiciary committee.

This announcement was made today by Senator McNary, of Oregon, after a conference with President Coolidge.

McNary said some "new matters" had been brought up. He did not explain what they were but it was understood that the connection of McCamant with the Spruce corporation, as stockholder and counsel, was one of them.

NAVY PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF DIRIGIBLE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Realignment of the nation's naval air defenses, including the construction of a new and larger dirigible to replace the destroyed Shenandoah, is contemplated in the administration's navy program now taking shape in congress.

This reorganization would be accompanied by economy in other branches of the naval service, including the reduction of the navy enlisted personnel from 86,000 to 82,000 and the withdrawal of a number of warships from active duty.

First Quarrel Ends In Death for Couple

KEYSER, W. Va. (By the Associated Press)—After an argument over attending services with his finances during which he asserted "the only way I will get to church will be as a corpse," Brooks McCauley, 22, last night shot and killed Jessie Michaels, 16, and then killed himself.

Officers who investigated said the couple had never quarreled before.

Ponzi's Land Company Will Be Investigated

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—Charles Ponzi's latest enterprise, the Charpon Land syndicate, is being investigated by state authorities, following a complaint that it violated the blue sky laws.

The syndicate, established at Jacksonville, Fla., opened branch offices here and is offering lots for $10 each. The syndicate advertised a possible profit of 200 per cent in 60 days to investors.

PILOTS AVERT RIVER TRAGEDY

ASTORIA, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Quick action by pilots probably averted a disaster last night when the steamer Welch City, outbound, and the motorship Carris, collided below here in the Columbia river.

A heavy fog lay over the river and the two ships were almost together before the pilots realized the impending danger. The ships were quickly veered from their courses, so that they struck with a glancing blow.

Life boats were lowered immediately but a survey showed neither vessel badly damaged.

Hungry Ferrets Gnaw Baby, Probably Fatally

BERLIN, (By the Associated Press)—Two hungry ferrets last night gnawed their way through their cage and probably fatally injured two-year-old Katie Bitterling as she lay in her crib.

The ferrets had chewed off two of the baby's fingers, and bitten her arms and face before her screams awakened her parents.

When the parents reached the child she was unconscious from loss of blood. Physicians said she would probably die.

105 MINERS ENTOMBED BY BLAST

Most of Crew Believed Dead—Rescuers Prepare to Enter Mine

THOSE ALIVE TALK THROUGH AIR TUBE

Terrific Explosion Damages Main Shaft, Sealing Miners in Workings Near Wilburton, Okla.

WILBURTON (By the Associated Press)—Eight of the entombed men emerged from the mine alive About 70 of the imprisoned men are said to be negroes. The eight are the only ones of the 105 in the mine when the explosion occured who are known to be alive. They were held in a small enclosure under 100 feet of debris, but worked their way to the air shaft. They told of seeing many bodies, both of whites and negroes, on their way to the shaft.

WILBURTON, Okla. (By Associated Press).—Most of 105 men working in the Degnan-McConnel mine, three miles west of here, are believed to have been instantly killed today in a terrific explosion that wrecked the main shaft and entombed them.

A rescue crew will attempt to reach the trapped men through the air shaft, which is still open. Some of the victims are still alive and conversed with rescuers through the air shaft.

GRAIN RATES HELD AS FAIR

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Grain rates from points in Washington and Oregon south of the Snake river to Pacific ports were held reasonable today by the interstate commerce commission, and complaints brought against them by Washington state growers supported by Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane shipping interests were dismissed.

The commission's decision expressed the belief that only by a continuance of the present differentials, favorable to Portland, can that city be accorded benefits to which it is entitled by reason of its natural advantages."

COURT UPHOLDS K. K. K. LAW

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP) — The court of appeals Tuesday upheld the constitutionality of the Walker law providing that the Ku Klux Klan file with the secretary of state a list of its membership and a transcript of its oath. The law was enacted in 1923.

Foresees Giant Planes Speeding Across Oceans

PARIS (NEA Special) — Huge, three-bodied birds, soaring in one gigantic 20-hour leap across the Atlantic—

Carrying passengers, their baggage and freight, with as great ease, comfort and security as the finest ocean liner.

Costing only one-third as much as trans-Atlantic travel costs at present—

This is the prospect outlined by one of the foremost aviation authorities in the world, Louis Breguet, president of the French chamber of industrial aeronautics and himself a dealer in airplane invention.

The huge metal albatross that he depicts for the future is an invention of his own imaginative mind, but he asserts that it is merely an idea of what the large airplane manufacturers and inventors are actually contemplating. It may be years before this revolution in world touring will arrive, but Breguet asserts it is actually within the vision of the far-sighted men of today.

Present Planes "Crude."

In comparison with the airplane of the "day after tomorrow," the plane of today is a crude, plodding instrument, unsafe, untrustworthy, merely experimental.

Even the airplane of "tomorrow," according to Breguet's prophecy, will be slow and insecure in comparison with that to come. But it will be a marvelous improvement over present-day flying.

While airplanes now take jumps that average only about 100 miles, the bird of tomorrow will, only a few years hence, take hops of almost 1000 miles, at an average speed of 110 miles an hour.

That's the commercial, heavier type of plane, designed for comfortable passenger travel.

"The characteristic of the airplane of the day after tomorrow will be their lengthened hop from 1000 miles to an average of 2500 miles," says Breguet.

Here is his description of this huge bird:

"The machine will appear like a vast bird containing many motors, tanks, equipment, passengers and freight. That is to say that this bird will be sufficiently spacious to permit the liberal circulation of passengers and their baggage within it.

"This huge bird will have three bodies—the central body containing navigation equipment and room for pilot and commander, and the lateral bodies containing lobbies, dining halls, salons and first-class cabins.

"The freight compartments could be set at the rear of the machine and the propellers would be found back of the single plane. The lower-class cabins would be within the forward part of this plane.

Weight 55 Tons.

"The total weight would be about 55 tons, the dead weight of the apparatus being about 20 tons, the additional weight of essential equipment and and gasoline leav-

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Local Pastor Accepts Call From Bellingham

The Rev. W. F. Holl, who has occupied the pulpit at the Trinity Lutheran church for more than a year, will leave his congregation shortly to accept a call to the St. Mark's Lutheran church of Bellingham, Wash., it became known today. His resignation will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting Friday evening, January 15.

The Rev. Mr. Holl presented his resignation to the church council Jan. 3. He accompanied this with the statement that he had made arrangements that this pulpit would not remain vacant for long, but could not then give the name of the candidate. The council did not accept his resignation and asked time for further consideration.

A continued meeting was called last Sunday at which time the resignation was accepted with regret. The pastor was requested to remain here until a new minister arrives.

"This has been the most prosperous year the church has had since 1915," a prominent Lutheran states. Three new societies have been organized, the Luther league, Women's Missionary so-

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Once In A While

The business man who advertises only once in a while—at infrequent intervals—is unconsciously laboring under a tremendous handicap.

He tells you of the merit of his goods or service once a month or once a year, while others with something to sell are telling you every day and every week. You have only a limited amount of money to spend—if you spend it for new clothes, you can't spend it for a diamond pin or radio set. A merchant's greatest competition is not with men selling the same goods he sells, but with men selling other lines. Intelligent advertising will protect any line from unreasonable loss of sales volume.

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