

TO IMPROVE SPRUCE AND Y AVENUES

City Commission Laying Plans to Relieve North Side Condition

MACADAM AND OIL IS PRESENT PLAN

Petitions Will Be Circulated Among Property Owners in District in Near Future.

Discussion of the street problem along Y and Spruce avenues and plans for improving the two were taken up last evening by the city commissioners.

A representative of citizens in that locality stated that all were eager for improvement of present conditions and stated his willingness to distribute petitions among property owners as soon as the city could arrive at an estimate of the cost of the project.

Plans call for macadamizing the two streets during the coming year and oiling in 1927. City Attorney George T. Cochran will draw up the petition along lines authorized by the city.

Final 10 per cent estimates on sidewalk and sewer improvement districts were allowed in the following amounts: C. Hildebrandt (\$53,894.97); C. J. Richards (\$16,195.30); P. J. Lally (\$17,842.68); Hartenbayer and Smith (\$110 and 1-11) \$42,529 and \$106.14.

An application for a license to operate the Savoy hotel was received from L. L. Osborn and issuance of the license was authorized by motion.

A bid by L. L. Busay to add to the city books was opened last night and accepted by the commission.

Mr. Busay served the city in the same capacity last year.

A bid of \$1,500 by Don Meyers for lot 18 and the south half of lot 15, Grandy's second addition, was accepted.

Discussion indicated that a motion will be presented next Wednesday to the commission setting for the addition of forty volunteers to the local fire department.

GIVE SENIOR PLAY IN MARCH

"The Inevitable" (Marronduk) is a lighthearted comedy by the same author as "Up-of-a-Stubbin' Peasy," which made such a hit as an amateur production here a few seasons ago.

Triumphs for the ten parts, equally divided among the girls and the boys, commenced immediately, and will be continued through next week. Miss Mabel A. Bennett, head of the English department.

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Salvation Army Benefit Program Will Entertain

The Salvation Army benefit program at the latter day Santa's bazaar Friday evening entails the sympathy of the entire community, but quite aside from the entertainment promises delight in a dozen artistic varieties.

Of particular appeal are two duet dances; one a Russian number by Sally and Judy Szigist; the other, an oriental interpretation to be executed by Miss Jane Slings and Miss Gilda Ashby.

Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp will be one of the vocal soloists. She will sing "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," from "Samson and Delilah" by Saint-Saens.

Then there is to be a two-part number by the popular chamber of commerce quartet.

Mrs. Evelyn Rosenbaum has taken the responsibility of ticket sales. Her assistants include Mesdames Herbert Patterson, Evelyn Hershaw, Ray Carney, Ward Fowler, Walter Bonn, Lester Stoddard, Earl G. Stoddard, C. J. Black, C. H. Scranton, Lee Warrick, Wayne Wade and Herbert Warrick.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Local Radio Owners Form Organization

Twenty-Five Fans Join as Charter Members—S. A. Weigel Is Elected President.

A La Grande Radio club was organized last evening with 25 paid memberships when 25 people—radio owners and those interested in radio—met at the store of the La Grande Electric company.

The purpose of the club is to promote good radio reception and cooperate in eliminating interference. "We want to devise a way and means to get rid of any trouble" members of the club said this morning.

Anyone who owns a radio or is interested in one is eligible to become a member. Membership cards may be obtained from any of the officers or members of the club.

The next meeting of the club will be at the same place Monday evening, January 25. At that time officers hope to increase the membership from 25 to 125.

Venison Steak Worth \$25; Judge Sets Price

Venison steak out of season proved an expensive delicacy for Pete Wall and Earl Lamb. The pair pleaded guilty before Justice Hugh E. Brady yesterday afternoon and paid a fine of \$25 and costs apiece.

Firemen Breathe Easier; Remodelling Work Ends

For the first time since September, when workmen began remodelling the municipal building, the fire department is back to normal today.

The new Stutz pumper truck is in its place by the side of the older truck and the task of shining up both machines is under way.

Some paintings remain to be finished but practically all of the work in the fire department is completed.

MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The meeting of the men's club of the Presbyterian church, which was to have been at the J. A. Tedford home, will be at the church instead, with Mr. Tedford as host.

Instead, with Mr. Tedford as host, H. H. Cleaver will be the speaker of the evening, and his subject will be "Fundamentalism in Religion." The meeting starts at eight o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone who is interested.

LAST "JOLLY CORK" DIES

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—John P. (Bud) Norris, 80, believed to be the last of the "Seven Jolly Corks," an organization from which the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is said to have been founded, died early Wednesday at the Good Samaritan hospital here. He has been suffering from asthma and heart disease.

BLIND BEGGAR HAS \$7000

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—A blind man, upon being searched at the police station Tuesday night after being arrested on a charge of begging, was found to possess \$7000 in cash and cashier's checks.

Aggie Coach Will Be Guest of Local Men

Alumni and former students of Oregon Agricultural college will have a luncheon at the Tiffin Friday at 12 o'clock noon to honor Coach P. J. Schuster and Mrs. Schuster, who have just returned from New York, where the former attended a conference of coaches.

Dairymen Vote Down Once Adopted By-Laws

Ten dairymen of the county met last evening at the chamber of commerce offices and voted down the form of by-laws, which were adopted, subject to further consideration, at a former meeting. Definitive action was postponed until a later meeting.

Search for Criminal Brings No Results

Efforts by the police to find some lead that might point the way to the identity of the person who entered the Ideal Slangers Grocery store and took \$227.42 in cash have met with no success as yet.

The robber left no clues and the general indications are that the theft was the work of either an expert or an amateur with more than average brains, according to the police.

Elopers



The elopement of Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews Richardson, 51, Chicago settlement worker, and Rev. Stanley W. Graf, 28, Congregationalist minister, has just been disclosed. They were married secretly several days ago and are on their honeymoon in Indiana. Mrs. Graf's first husband died in 1903. The young minister was ordained last June.

SNOW PILES UP IN MOUNTAINS

La Grande is covered with a blanket of snow eight inches in depth today—the most snow this winter. Five inches of this fell since last night. It is believed that the snow fall is general all over Union, Baker and Wallowa counties.

The deepest snow at the top of the Blue Mountains this year was reported this morning by the state highway patrolman at Meacham. The measurement was two feet at eight o'clock and snow was still coming down. The fall was accompanied by a moderate temperature.

On the Miamas hill between here and Wallowa, that the snow fall is general all over Union, Baker and Wallowa counties. The snow fall is thought to be about the same as it is here, although no official report has been received.

Dempey Will Defend Championship August 15

CLEVELAND, O. (By the Associated Press)—The Cleveland News says today it learns from authoritative source that Jack Dempey will defend his ten-year-old championship title against Gene Tunney in a 12-round no decision bout in Tex Rickard's arena at Boyles Thirty arena, in Jersey City, August 15.

PENDELTON GETS RAIN

PENDELTON, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A slow, steady rain fell here all night, continuing today. Farmers welcomed the wet weather.

House Burns, Owner Injured

MILL CITY, Ore.—Fire destroyed the four-room home of Mr. Bradley. He was sitting by the stove chatting with a neighbor when suddenly part of the roof and wall, which apparently had been burning for some time, fell flaming into the room. He attempted to save some of the furniture but found fire all around him, and managed to save only one chair. In trying to save the furniture he was badly burned about the hands and legs. He carried insurance to the extent of \$700 which he had taken out only a few days previously.

Chamber Delegates to Meet

BAKER, Ore.—Representatives of chambers of commerce from several eastern Oregon counties will gather here tomorrow to discuss mutual problems. Land settlement and highways will be the principal topics. Arthur Foster, manager of the land settlement bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker.

Rebellion Nipped When Belgrade Plot Revealed

BERGHAUSE, Jugoslavia (By the Associated Press)—More than 250 suspects have been arrested by the county court as agricultural agents of Folk county. Mr. Spillman, who was recommended by the Oregon Agricultural college, was formerly county agent of Union county. Folk county has not employed an agent for about four years, but one was authorized by the taxpayers when they approved the county budget for this year.

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HARD COAL SMUGGLED TO USERS

Anthracite Bootlegging, Result of Strike, Is Growing Rapidly

DELIVERIES MADE DURING THE NIGHT

Short Ton of Inferior Grade Fuel Sells from \$10 to \$20—Hundreds Enter New Game.

PHILADELPHIA. (By the Associated Press)—Anthracite coal bootlegging, which has sprung up as a result of the hard coal strike is growing in proportions rapidly. Starting in a small way the practice has spread until hundreds are now engaged in it.

The greater part of the supply is taken from outcrops and old workings in isolated places. Fleets of trucks are busy nightly in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre and Hazleton. The bootleggers deliver at night and collect from \$10 to \$20 for a short ton of inferior grade coal.

HUM RUNNER TAKEN

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The marine police today seized a sea-going tug, The Rescue, with a cargo of liquor said to be worth more than half a million dollars after a chase off Sandy Hook in which half a dozen shots from a one-pounder were fired.

The rescue is valued at \$250,000. Four men were arrested. The officers found 25,000 cases of liquor aboard.

CITY BIDS FOR WOMEN'S MEET

Mrs. George T. Cochran will leave La Grande this evening for Portland, where she will attend a board meeting of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs tomorrow. Mrs. Cochran is auditor for the state board.

When and where this year's convention of the state federation will be held is the most important question to be settled at the board meeting. La Grande and Bend have asked for the convention. Which of the two cities shall have it will be decided upon tomorrow.

If this convention comes to La Grande it will be the second one scheduled for the spring and summer of 1926.

GIVES CALENDAR FOR ENTERPRISE EQUITY SESSION

Judge J. W. Knowles this morning announced the calendar for an equity session of circuit court in Wallowa county to be convened at Enterprise, March 3.

The first case for trial will be that of a Mrs. Hunt versus the Wallowa Valley Improvement district. Mrs. Hunt, who will be represented by Burleigh & Burleigh, objects to irrigation projects that she claims are rendering her place unfit for a home. Daniel Boyd will be counsel for defense.

The trial is set for 2:30 p. m. Monday morning, March 3. Tuesday morning, the case of Miller versus Fink will be heard. Burleigh & Burleigh are again plaintiff's lawyers. A Fairchild will appear for the defendant.

Martin Durkin Faces Ex-Sweetie in Chicago

Chicago. (By the Associated Press)—Martin Durkin, "shick bandit," and Betty Weimer, his former sweetheart for whom he walked into a police trap that cost two lives, faced each other in the state attorney's office today, while Durkin's 15-year-old bride looked on.

Excuses and explanations sprang from each. Yesterday Durkin said Miss Weimer helped "frame" him. Previously Betty was quoted as saying she was "through" with him.

States Attorney Crowe indicated that the prosecution would seek the death penalty for Durkin.

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Chambers of Commerce In District Join

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The permanent organization of Eastern Oregon civic and commercial clubs for the purpose of furthering and augmenting the work of the state chamber of commerce in this section was endorsed and the appointment of a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws authorized at the semi-annual regional meeting of commerce chambers of Eastern Oregon that was held in Baker yesterday.

Thirty representatives, including A. W. Nelson, A. R. Hunter, J. C. Macpherson and Earl C. Reynolds, from La Grande, and others from Joseph, Cove, Union, Baker and Pendleton, were present to discuss the problems that confront commercial organizations.

The Eastern Oregon normal school movement was introduced by A. R. Hunter, who urged the different communities to work for the school now, and leave the question of location to be worked out when the institution has been assured.

Normal School Endorsed. Following his talk, the conference passed a resolution asking a consideration of the normal need here by the voters of the state.

Arthur Foster, of Portland, spoke on the land settlement question at the luncheon forum, and contained his address at the reassembled meeting afterward.

John Kuhn, superintendent of the Whitman forest, led the discussion of Eastern Oregon recreational features; A. W. Nelson, of La Grande, discussed community cooperation, and Walter Meacham, Baker secretary, talked on tourist traffic. Earl C. Reynolds acted as chairman.

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Ravages of Illness Shown



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VOTE DATE DEADLOCK CONTINUES

Proponents of the World Court Will Keep Measure Before Senate

TAX BILL ROLL CALL IS HELD UP

Opponents of Both Refuse to Agree on Setting Positive Time for Balloting.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Falling to obtain an agreement for definite dates for a vote on either the tax reduction bill or the world court, proponents of the court advanced resolution served notice today that they would hold it continuously before the senate until a roll call is made.

Negotiations for an agreement to set February 10 for a vote on the revenue bill and 10 days later for final action on the court collapsed, at least temporarily, when opponents of the tax bill notified leaders they would not accept a definite date.

The court's opponents countered that they would agree to a date for a vote on the court.

Chairman Smoot, of the finance committee, declared the senate must act if the proposed tax reduction is to affect March 15 tax payments.

After passage it must go to a conference and then be approved again in both houses.

While negotiations were approaching a deadlock Senator Reed of Missouri, resumed his speech against the court.

Reed continued to speak throughout most of today's session. At one point he charged that "trade had been made with a man in the white house" and branded as "disloyal" the errors of the court supporters "to take the United States across the seas into the affairs of Europe."

RAIL WORKERS ASK MORE PAY

CINCINNATI (By the Associated Press)—Railroads will be asked to grant wage increases ranging from 6 to 10 cents an hour for 250,000 railway clerks, freight handlers and station employees, it was announced Wednesday night at a meeting of general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees. Approximately 100 railroads would be affected.

Voting of the wage requests followed the refusal Wednesday of the grand executive council of the brotherhood to comply with the ultimatum of the American Federation of Labor ordering the express drivers in its membership to be surrendered to the International Teamsters' union.

Living Costs Increase. The proposal for higher wages is based, the general chairman said on increased cost of living in different sections of the country.

The general chairman decided to ask the General Express company to increase the wages of their employes, represented in the brotherhood, 11 1/2 cents and 12 cents an hour.

The highest proposed increase will be 10 cents an hour in the eastern region. The demands are sealed down for employes in the south and middle-west and the minimum cost 6 cents will be asked of roads in the western region.

Decision of the executive council to retain express drivers in the

Greasewood Poisoning Is Cause of Death of Sheep

GRANDVIEW, Ida. (Special)—Sheepmen here have estimated that approximately 100 sheep have died in the last week of greasewood poisoning. Deaths did not begin to occur until the sheep were brought in from the ranges for feeding in this section. The animals ranged on the north side of Snake river apparently have been the only ones affected, as no trouble has thus far developed in those whose ranges were along the south bank.

The trouble was first noticed among sheep at Indian Cove, where Charles Specker was running a

band, 26 miles east of Grandview. Mr. Specker lost 12 of 15 sheep reports said. Specker Brothers, in the Grandview section, lost approximately 20 sheep, while the Dick Sheep company figured 12 dead from poisoning. Other outfits suffering losses were the Brunau Sheep company and the Big Springs Land & Livestock company.

A report of the deaths has been made to the state department of agriculture, with a request that a veterinarian be sent to the district to make a study of the cause.

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