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CITY DADS
AUTHORIZE
VOTE MAY 21Street Lighting Amend-
ment to Be Passed on
at PrimariesTWO TANKS WILL
CARE FOR WATERCommissioners Accept the
Plan Submitted for
Utilization of Output of
Municipal Well.

A special session on the proposed amendment to the city charter, by which improvements districts would be established on a footing with other street improvements, enabling the commission under the Hancock act, to assess the cost of the improvement to the benefited property for payment in 10 years with interest at six percent, was voted by the commissioners at their regular meeting last night. The time for the poll on the amendment was fixed for May 21, the date of the primary election.

Estimates submitted by the city manager, W. C. Crowe, on reservoirs and equipment to take care of the water supply from the new wells, a communication from the Warren Construction company, of Portland, relating to the cost of standing warrants issued in connection with the improvement of Fourth street from O avenue to C in 1924, and a petition for and a remonstrance against a special election on the increasing of the number of city commissioners from three to five were other proposals.

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TELEPHONE IS
50 YEARS OLD

On March 10, 1876—just fifty years ago, yesterday—the first word was spoken over the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell, founder of the Bell Telephone company. Telephone companies all over the United States celebrated the anniversary.

The local company held open-house for visitors and several called during the day. To show how the telephone has improved during the half century the company had on display one of the first telephones ever used in this part of the country, also the first switchboard ever used in Union county, which was then located at Island City.

The early telephones had an electric bell, which was necessary to use before connections were made and the telephone could be used. Many improvements have been made since then until today, the switchboard and the new wiring and sets being the newest and most convenient. The switchboard has also changed considerably. The first one could be placed in a shoe box without much trouble.

Cooperative Dairy Is
Favored by R.H. KippNothing
To
Sell

The business man who advertises only occasionally and says "this is nothing to advertise" is unconsciously saying he has nothing to sell—no reason for being in business.

Of course he does have something to sell and will be glad to take your money any day, but if he is not a regular advertiser—a man who appreciates regular contact with you and your regular interest in the goods or services he has to offer—you have a feeling that his business is not interesting enough for you to bother with. The man who shows sufficient interest in your patronage to keep contact with you through advertising is more certain to sell you satisfaction.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Association
Of Golfers
Is OrganizedLa Grande Club Starts
Life with 43 Charter
Members—Officers Are
Elected.

The La Grande Golf association, starting with 43 charter members, was organized here last night at a meeting of enthusiasts, who elected officers and made plans for the coming season's activities.

Warren K. Gilbert was elected president; Dr. Ray Murphy, vice president; Jesse Andrews, secretary; and T. J. Scroggins, a board of directors who will also be the governing committee, was named as follows: S. D. Crowe, L. E. Dunn, and Elmer Stoddard. Officers will also serve on the directorate.

The present plans of the association is to begin its season next Monday, Mar. 15. Mr. Ingram, owner of the country club links, has a man working now who will devote his entire time to taking care of the course.

Will Enter Tournaments

The association, which supplants the former organization of golfers, will function in the same way as the exception that it will not own the course. Tournaments will be held as in the past. The club is open to men, women and boys, the latter two have association privileges. It will be separate from any other class of activities that may take place at the country club grounds.

Officials of the club state that they expect the membership to increase to at least three-score within a short space of time, exclusive of women and children.

CAPTAIN McEWAN
WILL VISIT CITY
TUESDAY, MAR. 16

When Captain McEwan, football coach of the University of Oregon, and President Harold Young of the Oregon Alumni association arrive here next Tuesday, they will be given a warm welcome.

A committee, headed by Fred Kiddle, will prepare for their reception and the plans include an evening banquet with McEwan and Young as guests of honor. It is probable that the two will appear at the chamber of commerce luncheon that day and also visit the high schools, probably in the afternoon. The other members of the local alumni committee are: Mrs. Donald Patten, Dr. Ray Murphy, Roy Curley and Ray Williams.

The purpose of the visit is to introduce the coach to the La Grande alumni.

150 Masons Will Meet
At Elgin Friday Night

About 150 Masons with La Grande composing half the company, will meet at the Elgin lodge hall, meeting in the lodge hall at Elgin Friday evening. Dinner at 7 o'clock will precede the explanation of the entered-apprentice degree work by the Union team.

All five Blue lodges of Union county will be represented: La Grande, Union, Cove, Summerville and Elgin. The next district meeting will be April 9 at Cove. La Grande will entertain the Masons May 21. Five of the get-together meetings are held each year in Union county.

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"Wallows and Union counties seem to us to present the greatest opportunity for a cooperative dairy, or two of them, that there is in the state of Oregon," declared R. H. Kipp, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce marketing department, when he stopped in La Grande this morning on his way to Enterprise, where he will address a dairy meeting this evening. Mr. Kipp will be one of the principal speakers on the county economic conference program at the high school tomorrow.

"It is better for the state as well as for your own communities that the dairy products from your farms be manufactured here instead of being sent away. The products gathered by your nine creamery stations might better be made into butter here instead of being shipped to Salt Lake City or Portland or Boise."

The feasibility of instituting a

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EXPECT 500
VISITORS AT
CONFERENCEAnnual Union County Ag-
ricultural and Home-
makers' Meet NearsO. A. C. LENDS AID
TO LOCAL FORCEChamber of Commerce
Assisted Greatly by the
State College in Valu-
able Work.

More than 500 men and women are expected in La Grande Friday and Saturday for the agricultural and homemakers' conference that begins at 9:30 tomorrow morning at the high school auditorium. Attendance at past economic conferences here reached half a thousand, and this year, with a program of greater scope and magnitude, the leaders are confident of increased patronage, not only by Union county residents, but by Baker, Walla-

Walla and Umatilla farmers as well. The conference, which brings Governor Pierce among its dozen or so of outside speakers, and embraces eleven branches of farm community interests, including the boys' and girls' club work, is sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Union county chamber of commerce. Dr. W. T. Pily, president of the chamber, is chairman of the committee, and has been since its organization more than two years ago. H. C. Avery, Union county agricultural agent, is one of the committee members, the others being Chas. Bolanderkamp, H. E. Coulidge, Merton Kiddle, Frank McKennon, Lee Reynolds and Robert Wilbycombe.

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The reception of credentials and

other details of convention enter-

tainment were discussed with the

state president.

Mrs. C. H. Seranton, local presi-

dent, announced that the Presby-

terian church has been offered for

auxiliary meetings.

Automobiles Collide;

No Occupant Injured

Both cars were badly damaged

but none of the occupants was in-

jured when R. L. Pierce's machine,

driven by Theodore W. Tucker,

and C. R. Elberhard's, with his

daughter, Dorothy, at the wheel,

collided at the south end of the

Second street bridge at about 5

o'clock Wednesday evening.

Tucker was approaching the

Bowman-Hicks mill and Miss

Elberhard, with three girl compan-

ies, was returning from the same

direction when the accident hap-

pened. Miss Elberhard and her

friends claim that the other driver

was on the wrong side of the street

and they turned to the left to

dodge him, just as he scratched

his car to his right.

Several hundred dollars worth of

damage was done, according to C.

R. Elberhard, who says his car car-

ried full insurance.

Spring Plowing Begins

In Earnest at Alice

ALICE, Ore., Mar. 11. (Special)

Alice plowing has started in

earnest hereabout, catfarrer and

other types of tractors as well as

four and six horse teams being

much in evidence in the fields. The

fall grain was greatly benefited by

the recent night rain and the suc-

cessive sunshine and is now aver-

ages two to three inches in height.

As a result many large tracts

stretch from the floor of the valley

well up the slopes on either side in

beautiful carpets of green.

BRAZIL AND
SPAIN FIRM
AS GERMANYSecret Session of League
Council Comes to
NaughtBRIAND WORKING
TOWARD SOLUTIONReport Recommending
Germany's Admission
Adopted by Assembly's
Political Board.

GENEVA, Mar. 11. (AP)—The members of the council of the league of nations closed a lengthy informal session this evening without reaching an agreement on the troublesome questions of the reconstitution of the council. During the session it was learned both Spain and Brazil maintained their insistence that they be elected to permanent seats at the same time that Germany received such a seat.

Premier Briand of France was back from Paris and in active consultation with the other leaders today in an effort to prevent the council reconstruction crisis from wrecking the league of nations. The outstanding development this forenoon was the unanimous adoption by the assembly's full political committee of the sub-committee's report recommending Germany's admission to the league.

In adopting the sub-committee's report, the assembly's political

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GOVERNOR PIERCE
EN ROUTE TODAY
TO ONTARIO, ORE.

Governor Walter M. Pierce passed through La Grande this morning en route to Ontario. He will return tomorrow and will speak at the evening session of Union county's third annual economic conference in the evening. He will leave the same night for Salem.

At Ontario the governor will speak before a vocational training department, being conducted there. He will also attend a road meeting, when plans for a public highway through Jordan Valley to Winchester, Utah, will be discussed. In addition to being a short cut to California, this road will make the fertile Jordan valley more available, the governor said this morning.

"I am anxious to see this road completed," Governor Pierce said, "especially from Jordan valley to the Snake river."

Gov. A. Klein, state highway engineer, and H. G. Smith, district highway engineer, located here and several highway officials from the state of Idaho, will be in attendance at the meeting.

Scientists Start Trip;
Seek Man Origin Clue

SEATTLE, Mar. 11. (AP)—The American-Oriental mail line President Jackson, leaving here today with a topographer and a geologist for an expedition led by two chapmen Andrews into Mongolia in search of a clue to the origin of man, was expected to pick up at Victoria, B. C., Dr. D. B. Matthews, paleontologist for the enterprise.

The expedition is expected to be in the interior of Asia five or six months and the members' main line of work will be to find a native site, including a cave's milk, which is not considered a delight to an American palate. Nothing is to be wasted, even hairs shed by the animals are to be used to pick specimens unscrutinized by the scientists.

From a previous expedition Andrews brought back eggs of a dinosaur. He sailed from Victoria, B. C., on the present expedition March 5.

Stored Robbed of Gun
And Carton of Smokes

While G. N. Spears, proprietor of the Old Town store, was asleep in the back room of his store during the night, burglars entered the building and stole an automatic revolver and one carton of cigarettes. Assistance was gained by breaking the glass door and turning the right lock. The thieves were evidently looking for money as the cash register was opened and papers scattered about. Being unable to find money they took the gun, which was on the desk near by, and cigarettes. A single last a while.

The burglary took place sometime early Wednesday morning. Although Mr. Spears was asleep in the building he did not hear the glass door break.

A Million A Year The Income of This Still



The largest still ever found in the middle west was seized at Ida Grove, 2 a. m., by federal prohibition agents who believe it was one of the main sources of supply for Omaha's liquor trade. The still could turn out 500 gallons of alcohol a day, the agents said, which meant a daily cash intake of \$1500. During the two months it had been running, it is said to have made \$270,000, and in a year's time would have made \$1,620,000.

GENERAL WHITE
IN CITY TODAY

Brigadier General George A. White, commander of the Oregon National Guard, and Major A. W. Cleary of the regular army, stationed in Portland, arrived in La Grande this morning and will go to Union this evening with Major R. B. Huron for the mustering-in of the new headquarters company of the Oregon National Guard there.

This company is the first of seven new units of this kind to be established in the state. General White said, all authorized by the War Department last month. Other units will be at St. Helens, Eugene, Cottage Grove and Springfield. Pending may have a unit.

Orders will be out in a few days for the summer encampment of the Oregon National Guard General White announced. The local company will leave here early in the morning of June 14 on a special train originating at Baker. The guard will go to Camp Jackson at McFerson again this year. "We expect to have about 2800 men there," General White said.

"The company here is doing mighty well," he declared. "They are making good progress and are in excellent shape."

TWO COMPANIES
MERGE; ASSETS
NOW \$130,000,000.00

NEW YORK, Mar. 11. (AP)—A merger of American Locomotive and Diesel Spring companies has been announced today. The new company will have assets of approximately \$130,000,000, was approved by the directors of both companies today. The consolidation, if approved by the stockholders, will be effected by an exchange of two shares of American Locomotive common stock for three of Diesel Spring stock, and a share for share exchange of preferred.

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Mother of Senator
Patterson Succumbs

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Mar. 11. (AP)—Mrs. M. Patterson, 82, mother of State Senator L. L. Patterson, died here early this morning.

Mr. Patterson was born in Missouri May 28, 1841 and with her parents moved to the plains by ox team in 1852. The family settled first in Kansas valley, Benton county. After marrying in 1858 she moved with her husband to Park county in 1862 and had lived here since that time.

Funeral services and interment will be held at Independence, Saturday afternoon.

Nine Feet of Snow on
Rim of Crater Lake

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 11. (AP)—Nine feet of snow, half of last year's depth, covers the rim of Crater Lake, according to a message received today at Park headquarters here.

U.S. Is Ready
To Act, China
Is Informed

Peking Government Is Warned That Foreign Shipping Must Be Protected; Warships Near.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. (AP)—Decisive action by the United States and the other world powers is in prospect in China unless the principals in the civil war there amend their practices.

Not only the Peking government but the rival generals themselves have been notified by the foreign diplomatic corps in China that their government will cooperate in whatever action is necessary to protect foreign shipping between Peking and the sea. The safety of this route was guaranteed by the Boxer protocol, but is endangered now by mines and by an artillery duel.

There is every indication that the strongly worded "demand" presented to the Chinese leaders by the full backing of the Washington government.

American warships are in Chinese waters and it is assumed they will be used, if necessary, and they have been frequently in the past, to enforce the full protection promised in the Boxer agreement.

HANKOW, China, Mar. 11. (AP)—The party of Marshal Wu Peifu who is leading a Hunan army against the Kuomintang troops, today claimed the practical elimination of the Kuomintang from Hankow. It was reported that the remaining Kuomintang troops in Sheehow in Western Hunan and there surrounded.

It was reported also that General Yueh Wei-chung, governor of Hunan and commander of the army of Kuomintang, has been killed during the retreat of his forces by members of the "Red Spirit society." General Yueh was the principal lieutenant of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, the Kuomintang chieftain.

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Committee Votes Today
Against Judge McCamant

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. (AP)—An adverse report on President Coolidge's nomination of Wallace McCamant of Oregon, as a judge of the Ninth circuit court, was made certain today.

An official poll, with 11 of the 16 members voting, stood 8 to 3 with at least two others certain to vote for re-election.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. (AP)—The senate judiciary committee voted 7 to 2 today against the nomination of Wallace McCamant of Oregon to be a federal circuit court judge. Seven members of the committee were absent and it was agreed that they should be polled before a report on the nomination was returned to the senate. Chairman Cummings hopes to complete the poll within a day or two.

XTRA

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 11. (AP)—Three stills, more than 9000 gallons of mash, a large quantity of moonshine whiskey, four men and five chickens were found by federal prohibition agents who visited three "chicken ranches" at Alderwood Manor, between Everett and Seattle last night. Two of the three "chicken houses" were burned by the agents.

PENDLETON, Mar. 11. (AP)—A shortage of wheat in the midwest states and a surplus in the hands of the northwest farmers, caused wires to be sent today by the local farm bureau and the agricultural committee of the commercial association to the interstate commerce commission, the Oregon delegation and the heads of transcontinental railroads, asking an emergency rate eastward on grain.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. (AP)—Attorney General Sargent is inclined to oppose amnesty for Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader, and others whose sentences for violation of war acts have been commuted, unless applied for in regular channels.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 11. (AP)—General Snedley D. Butler, commander of the marine base at San Diego, declared in a statement here today that his action in preferring charges of drunkenness against Colonel Alexander Williams, former commander of the 1st Marine Division, was not based on anything that took place while he was a guest at Colonel Williams' home.

Steiner Formally Enters
Race For U.S. Senatorship

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Years of Age—Knorr
Only One to Admit His
Mistake.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11. (AP)—John Moore, Emil Knorr and Norman Moore, who robbed the Scotts Mills bank of this county, on December 24 last, getting away with a little over \$21 after making a hold-up at the point of guns, all pleaded guilty to the offense before circuit Judge Kelly today and were sentenced to 10 years each in the penitentiary. The men were delivered at the prison today.

John Moore, 18, eldest of the trio, took his sentence stoically and turned away with a sneer on his face after Judge Kelly had told him that work in conduct in the prison would mean a possible mitigation of his sentence in years to come. The other two, each 17 years, Norman Moore being a younger brother of John Moore,

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REOPEN DEBT
DISCUSSIONS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. (AP)—France has reopened discussion with this country for settlement of her \$4,000,000,000 war debt. Ambassador Bessier, the newly appointed French envoy, here, has been in conference today with Secretary Mellon. With the secretary declining to discuss the negotiations today in detail, it was disclosed that he had advised President Coolidge that settlement of the French debt hinged to some extent upon the action of congress on the Italian agreement now under fire in the senate.

It is believed, therefore, that the French negotiations will not be hastened until the senate acts on the pending debt pact.

The French debt is the largest remaining to be settled by the debt commission. Several ineffectual efforts to make a funding agreement have taken place since the close of the war.

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