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TRANSFERS DEEP WELL CONTRACT

Hartenbower Bros. Assume Work Awarded J. W. Saddler Co.

CITY DADS START SEWER DISTRICT

Dog Ordinance Discussed by Commissioners—Police to Pick Up Unlicensed Canines.

Discussion of the dog ordinance, transferring of the J. W. Saddler company's deep well housing and reservoir contract to Hartenbower Brothers, and creation of the Condonate sewer district occupied the time of the city commissioners last night in regular executive session.

Last Wednesday night, when bids were let for the deep well pump, housing and reservoir, Hartenbower Brothers were successful bidders on the pump while Saddler was awarded the other contract.

The transfer to Hartenbower was made by mutual consent of the two companies, with Hartenbower meeting Saddler's bid.

Will Pick Up Dogs. Commissioner Charles D'Boyle launched the discussion of the dog ordinance, "It looks to me like we ought to round loose dogs up. If we aren't going to enforce the ordinance we might as well repeal it," he said.

City Recorder J. E. Stearns said that more than 200 dogs are licensed now which number the commissioners believe is not representative of the dog population of La Grande.

W. C. Crews, city manager, announced that the police will start picking up unlicensed dogs Saturday morning.

Sewer District Created. Sewer improvement district No. 2-6, in Condonate, was created by resolution and plans and specifications for the same were approved.

A resolution setting May 5 as the time for the hearing of objections, remonstrances or grievances was passed. At that time, if the district is given a final O. K., the recorder will be authorized to ask for bids.

The pending traffic regulation ordinance and the claim for \$10,250 damages filed a week ago by Minerva Knight were mentioned. No further reports on either was heard.

HOSPITAL HAS \$8,500 X-RAY

With the installation of an \$8,500 X-ray machine and apparatus, a Victor model with the latest improvements—the Grande Ronde hospital offers surgical equipment second to none on the coast.

Dr. A. L. Richardson, head of the hospital association, announced this week.

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Mrs. Graham Wins Verdict of \$4,000 In Death Damage Case

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 8. (Special to The Observer)—The federal court jury in the case of Wanda Graham, formerly of Elgin, against Bowman Hicks Lumber company, returned a verdict here this morning of \$4,000 for the plaintiff. The company does not contemplate appealing.

Mrs. Graham asked \$25,000 damages for the death of her husband, who was killed in a logging train runaway in October, 1924. Two days were spent trying the case.

Mrs. Graham, who now makes her home at Stanfield, Ore., was represented by Jno. Hodgin and the defense attorneys were Cochran and Eberhard, all of La Grande.

A Unatilla county case is being tried today.

Rails Carry Airmail To Boise, Idaho

No Relief Plane for Disabled Varney Machine; New Engine to Be Sent to La Grande.

The Pasco-Elko airplane that made a forced landing on the emergency field at the edge of La Grande Wednesday at 1:15 p. m., when the motor balked because of burned out bearings is waiting under guard today for a new engine, which probably will be sent by truck from Boise.

Pilot George H. Buck, who was driving, relayed the mail to Boise on passenger train No. 18 last night. He left a short time later for Pasco. A. L. Walter, commercial flyer, who accompanied him here, was still in La Grande at noon.

The plane, one of Varney's small biplanes, was placed under the custody of Sheriff Jesse Breckner, who turned it over to the local police department. Jim McKay has guarded the machine during the day. Jack Kline will be on guard duty tonight, officers announce.

The machine was not damaged nor were the flyers in any way injured in the lighting here yesterday.

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COUNTY COURT BUSY TODAY ON ROUTINE WORK

Several rimmed petitions, pertaining to proposed road construction and districts for the extermination of rodents and predatory animals, had not been presented before the county court for consideration at noon today.

Judge U. G. Couch and the two commissioners were busy this forenoon with routine business, the auditing of bills and the examination of warrants. It was expected that committees with petitions might wait upon them this afternoon, since this is the season when road improvements are much in the minds of the farmers.

Wells Files Candidacy; Ledbetter Enters Race. John Wells, of Alton, county commissioner whose term of office expires this year, this noon filed a declaration of his candidacy for re-election to succeed himself. He belongs to the democratic party.

W. L. Ledbetter is being proposed as a candidate for republican nomination for the office of commissioner in petitions being circulated through the county. Ledbetter is a farmer living near Alton.

Legion Drum Corps to See State Convention

The La Grande American Legion drum corps will attend the state convention at Coos Bay this summer. This was definitely decided upon last evening when the legionnaires met at the K. P. hall in regular session.

At present it is expected that about twenty members of the corps will make the trip. The convention will be held during the month of August.

During the meeting matters pertaining to the 1927 state convention, as to the possibilities of bringing it to Eastern Oregon, were discussed, but no definite action was taken.

GAMES POSTPONED

SACRAMENTO, Apr. 8. (AP)—The Missions-Sacramento baseball game was postponed again today because of wet grounds and threatening weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 8. (AP)—Hollywood-San Francisco Seals postponed rain.

PRESIDENT REDEFINES POLICIES

Explains Government's Attitude Toward the League and Court

LIMITATION OF ARMS DISCUSSED

Coolidge Emphasizes the Responsibilities of the Press in Promoting Peace.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8. (AP)—The attitude of the government toward the world court, the league of nations, and limitation of armaments, was redefined by President Coolidge today in laying the cornerstone of the National Press building, the new home of the National Press club.

Emphasizing the responsibility of the press in promoting better understanding by supporting faith and good will and peace, the president declared that "without a friendly attitude of mind on the part of our people, which can be very largely advanced by the action of the press, all effort on the part of the government to maintain harmonious international relations will be of little avail."

Upholds Court. "It is futile," he continued, "to cherish justice unless we provide courts. Our country has lately recognized this important principle by signifying its determination to promote international justice by adhering to the world court. This has been done under reservations which adequately safeguard American rights and also tend to strengthen the independence of the court. Our government has taken this step because it believed that it was the most practical method by which it could exercise its great influence in establishing the principle of a reign of international law under which disputes and differences would be adjusted justly by resort to reason. We ought to be ready to assume that in undertaking

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PEP ABOUNDS IN CLUB SHOW

The final dress rehearsal for the light opera "The Time, the Place and the Girl," to be presented at the Arcade theater tonight and tomorrow night, was held last night and proved successful. What pep there was lacking in the production was soon added by John Britz, director of the Portland Light Opera company, who arrived in La Grande to put the show in shape preparatory to the initial performance this evening, which begins at 8:15 o'clock.

The show is entertaining from the opening chorus in the final curtain, one who witnessed the rehearsal last night declares. The scene of the play is a fashionable sanatorium, which is quarantined for smallpox, while all of the servants are out and the guests are compelled to do the work, resulting in many funny incidents.

Tom Cunningham, played by G. L. Dutton, is in love with Margaret Simpson, Florence Lynch Miller, but she ignores him. Mrs. Lester Stoddard, as Molly, plays opposite Elwood Williamson, Hugh E. Brady in the role of Jasper Simpson, Margaret's father, is hard to equal. Tom Bruce, who displayed much talent as a comic character in the American Legion play "The Whirl of the Town," appears in a

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Schools to Observe Arbor Day Tomorrow

Arbor day will be celebrated with appropriate exercises throughout the La Grande school system tomorrow, according to Principal E. D. Towler. The high school head is acting superintendent during the absence of J. T. Longfellow, who is attending the Northwest Educational association's convention at Spokane the latter part of this week.

In the high school, the observance of the holiday will be in the classes, where special attention is to be given the policies of the forestry service.

Programs adapted to all the different grades will be given in the elementary schools. Stories, songs and poems about trees and tree planting have been used in the daily lessons this month.

Lukson And Nanich Pay \$350 Fines

Austrians, Found Guilty in Circuit Court Yesterday, Sentenced by Judge Brady.

Fines of \$250 and costs were paid into the justice court today by Joe Lukson and Louis Nanich, convicted yesterday afternoon of moonshining possession. This is Lukson's second fine within a period of six months for liquor violations. Justice Hugh E. Brady, in sentencing the Austrian, told him that he would not inflict a jail sentence on him this time out of consideration for the condition of the defendant's wife, but that if he offended again, the court would send him up for a year.

The jury, composed of five men and a woman, retired at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and in about 40 minutes was back with a verdict of guilty that applied to both defendants. Nanich had admitted his part in the crime, but had supported the plea of Lukson that the latter had nothing to do with the act.

C. B. Unzieker, D. A. Carbins, Mrs. Charles Norby, J. H. McCaffery, Ed Eckley and Don Turner made up the jury.

Mrs. Norby, at recess yesterday noon, said she found her first jury experience interesting indeed. It was her initiation to the epirrhous, although her grandfather had been a judge, she said.

CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL MEET

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church was held last evening following a congregational dinner, to which all members of the congregation were invited. Reports of the church societies and organizations showed a gain along all lines, with the treasurer's report indicating all bills paid for the year's work and a large amount given to the missionary work of the church at home and abroad.

Elders J. E. Heavly, W. B. Pickens, and J. K. Wright were elected to succeed themselves for the new term of three years. Deacons Mrs. Lulu Buchanan, Dr. Margaret Ingle and Mrs. Alice Miller were elected to succeed themselves for the new term of three years; and Mrs. T. A. McKinstry was elected to fill a vacancy in the two year class. Trustees L. A. Bohlenkamp, A. T. Hill and L. B. McE were re-elected to succeed themselves for the new three year term, and Leo C. Bowser was elected to fill a vacancy in the one year term.

The members of the congregation expressed to the pastor and his wife their hearty appreciation of the services rendered by them during the past year, and an assurance was given of the continued co-operation of all the work of the church for the future.

Stage Driver Injured; Caught Between Autos

Carl Curtin, stage driver, was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital this morning suffering from injuries to his right side when he was caught between two automobiles this morning. The right chest in the vicinity of the liver is injured, but how seriously cannot be determined for about twenty-four hours, when a more complete X-ray showed one rib fractured, an elevation of the diaphragm, and many bruises, which may result in a more serious condition.

Union Club Dance to Be Tomorrow Evening

UNION, Ore., Apr. 8.—The Union Sportsmen's club will be host to dancers of Union county tomorrow night at the Union gymnasium at a benefit affair.

The dance will be in the form of a character ball and two cash prizes will be given for the best male and female character. John Dean, of Cove; H. G. Angell, of North Powder; and H. E. Coolidge, of La Grande, will be judges.

Moser Will Be Acting Governor During July

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 8. (AP)—State Senator Gus C. Moser, of Portland, will be acting governor of Oregon for several days in July. Governor Pierce announced today that he will attend the national governors' conference to be held in Cheyenne July 26, 27 and 28. Under the law the president of the state senate becomes acting governor when the governor is absent from the state.

CALIFORNIA STORMS ARE FATAL TO 3

Highway Commission Truck Driver Killed by Tree Near Redding

WOMAN, CHILD DIE IN FLOODED CREEK

Fifth Day of Torrential Rains Finds All April Records for 48 Years Broken.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 8. (AP)—A fishing boat was wrecked and a coastwise steamer, the Humboldt, was so badly crippled by the storm which is sweeping the California coast that it had to be taken in tow.

The fishing boat was the International No. 2, with a crew of three, which went aground off Point Reyes, 30 miles north of here. The fate of the crew is in doubt. A tug was sent from San Francisco to assist them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 8. (AP)—Lashed by a gale from the sea, the second wind and rain storm, which has visited California within a week continued a drenching downpour today in northern and central portions of the state.

High winds yesterday uprooted trees, smashed buildings here and there and blew down telephone, telegraph and power lines. Frank Rink, highway commission truck driver, was killed, and Charles I. Cuffe, fireman of the highway maintenance crew, was injured near Redding when a huge tree fell across the auto in which they were riding. Several other persons were reported injured in a bus-mis-gale which wrenched and uprooted buildings in that section of the Sacramento valley.

Tornado-like winds also were experienced at Fresno, in the lower San Joaquin valley, where trees and telephone poles fell.

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 8. (AP)—Torrential rains which have fallen over Southern California for the last four days bringing the season's fall far above normal, caused death to two persons here yesterday and swollen streams continued unabated early today. A downpour that started in the fifth day of the rainfall continued throughout the early hours of the morning, flooding streets in the business district and in other sections of the city.

At a late hour last night all April records for 48 years had been broken by yesterday's precipitation which brought the season's total to more than 1 inch above normal, which was 14.7 inches.

Floods caused by the heavy rains claimed the lives of Mrs. Maria Tobles, 39, when she leaped into a stream to rescue her 8-year-old

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PASTOR, FAMILY SHOT TO DEATH; CHURCH BURNED

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Apr. 8. (AP)—Firemen answering an alarm at the rectory of the Russian Orthodox church here early today found the bodies of the pastor and his wife and their 14-year-old son, Alexander, with bullet wounds in their heads. Although the authorities were unable to ascertain who committed the crimes, their first belief was that the priest, who had recently returned from a sanatorium where he was recovering from a nervous breakdown, shot his wife and his son and then killed himself.

Firemen at first believed the three persons were overcome by smoke and it was not until they had taken them from the "house" that they learned they were dead.

Would Reorganize U. S. Activities in Alaska

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8. (AP)—Complete reorganization of federal government activities in Alaska was recommended by Secretary Work, Jardine and Hoover today in joint letters to the chairman of the house and senate territorial committees.

They submitted a bill which would place all Alaskan activities of the departments of agriculture, interior and commerce under a single administrative head in each case. A federal constabulary for Alaska was suggested and the secretary of interior would be directed to inquire into its feasibility. The constabulary would take over the enforcement of all federal laws in Alaska.

Ponzi Pike Compared to Her



Prominent New York business men gave Mrs. Grace Ott Bance more than \$450,000 with which she promised to buy telephone stock at employees' rates—she used to be a telephone girl. She and her clerk husband, who earned \$40 a week, spent it all living the life of Mr. and Mrs. Riley. Here she and her husband are shown in court after all but a few thousand had been spent.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8. (AP)—The Steac-Brookhart senatorial election contest entered its fourth day of debate in the senate today with Senator Brogden, republican, Connecticut, attacking the majority opinion of the elections committee that the senate need not follow the laws of the state of Iowa in resolving its decision.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Apr. 8. (AP)—Douglas Robinson, 21 year old son of Theodore Douglas Robinson, assistant secretary of the navy, was in a hospital today having been missing from Harvard university for nearly a week.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8. (AP)—The April number of the American Mercury has been barred from the mails.

NEW ORLEANS, Apr. 8. (AP)—An explosion in the Jahnecke dry dock here this afternoon is reported to have killed and injured a number of workmen. An oil tanker is believed to have been the scene of the explosion wrecking a portion of the dock. Patrol boats and ambulances were called.

CALCUTTA, British India, Apr. 8. (AP)—Further rioting between the Hindus and Moslems occurred here today. Four persons were killed and ten injured.

NICE, France, Apr. 8. (AP)—Suzanne Lenglen has tentatively accepted an offer to go to the United States next October to appear in a motion picture film based on her novel.

VIENNA, Austria, Apr. 8. (AP)—A dispatch from Padua, Italy, says that fascist students of the university in Padua this morning attacked and badly mauled their foreign fellow students, demanding their immediate expulsion from the university and from Italy.

FUMICINO, Italy, Apr. 8. (AP)—Premier Mussolini was given an ovation on his arrival here today to begin his voyage to Tripoli.

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Umpqua Chiefs Oppose Proposed "Blue Law"

ROSEBURG, Apr. 8. (AP)—At a meeting of the Umpqua Chiefs, Roseburg's hospitality club, last night a resolution was adopted opposing the closing of the motion picture theaters of the city on Sunday. An election is to be held at the same time as the May primaries to vote on the matter of closing the theatres in Roseburg on Sundays and considerable sentiment both for and against the measure is being expected.

Louis Malvy Resigns From French Cabinet

PARIS, Apr. 8. (AP)—Le Temps says Louis Malvy has resigned as minister of interior because of ill health.

Malvy's resignation is confirmed by the semi-official Havas Agency. Official announcement of his withdrawal from the cabinet is expected this evening.

OIL WORTH \$12,000,000 IS BURNING

Union Oil Company Suffering Huge Losses in California Field

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWO MORE TANKS

Farmers Leaving Homes to Escape Path of Running Fire from Boiling Reservoirs.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Apr. 8. (AP)—Two reservoirs on the burning Union Oil Company tank farm here each with a capacity of 1,250,000 barrels after burning since last night after 11 o'clock this morning and send a river of flaming oil down San Luis creek towards the main highway.

The blazing stream extended for one mile and a half to a point within 200 yards of the boulevard. To this point a gang of workers was rushed and immediately began throwing up earth dykes to prevent the flaming fluid from crossing the highway. The situation elsewhere remains unchanged.

Smoke Quarter Mile Across. The column of smoke from the doomed reservoirs is estimated to be at least one quarter of a mile across. It is a dense blue-black and presents a terrific spectacle to motorists passing along the boulevard.

Another column of smoke smaller, rises from the burning surface tanks of which it is estimated at least six, of 55,000 barrels capacity each are ablaze.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Apr. 8. (AP)—A. H. Seeber, a civil war veteran, and his son, William E. Seeber, were killed by an explosion which is believed to have occurred today when the burning Union Oil company's reservoir No. 2 boiled over.

Doris Seeber, a daughter of William F. Seeber was slightly injured. The elder Seeber's body was found in the wreckage of his home which had all the appearance of having been struck by a tornado. The younger man's remains were discovered 150 yards away and the daughter was picked up injured one hundred yards distant. None

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HORSES DRAG MAN TO DEATH

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Marshall Fleishman, a farmer about 55 years of age, residing 20 miles north of here in the Promise country, dragged to death by his team while logging in the woods Tuesday. His foot was caught in a hook in the end of the logging chain and his team accidentally became frightened at something and ran away, dragging him to his home, about a half mile distant, where he was found dead when the team stopped in front of the barn.

He leaves a wife and four small children, the oldest being 10 years. He has resided here for about 25 years and was highly respected by everyone.

There were no witnesses to the accident.

Missing Airmail Pilot Is Safe Near Jordan Valley, Oregon

News of the finding last night of Franklin Rose, air mail pilot, missing on his first trip from Elko, Nev., to Boise, ended 24 hours of anxiety here and in other cities of the northwest. Rose was found safe and uninjured 65 miles south of Jordan Valley, Oregon, just over the Idaho line at 8:15 o'clock last night. He left Elko at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for the first north bound trip of the new northwestern air mail service.

All trace of him was lost after he was reported flying over Deep Creek, Nev., at 4:10 o'clock that afternoon.

Rose said he was forced more than 75 miles off his course by a terrific storm Tuesday afternoon as he neared Duck Valley on the Nevada-Idaho border. He said he landed in a wheat field on the slopes of Jupiter mountain, and that his plane, while undamaged,

was mired in deep mud. Obtaining a horse from a nearby farmer, he rode 20 miles to the nearest telephone and sent word of his safety and of efforts being made to enable his plane to take off and complete his run to Boise today. After telephoning he left for Jordan Valley, Oregon.

Storm Cause of Landing. Storms, he declared, caused his trouble although his engine was misfiring on two cylinders, he asserted he could have made his way to safety had not the storm reduced visibility and thrown him off his course.

Rose said he rose to 12,000 feet in an effort to surmount the cross of the Owyhee mountains on the Idaho-Nevada border, but the storm grew worse as he turned northwest along the Owyhee river. When darkness came he decided to land and did so without mishap.

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