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TROPICAL STORM DEALS DEATH

ASSESSMENT FOR COUNTY \$19,859,410

Values Increase Nearly Half Million Dollars During Year

LIVESTOCK LESS, EXCEPTING SHEEP

Acres of Tillable Land Shows Increase, While Timberland Total Is Much Less.

The 1926 assessment roll, recently completed by D. H. Proctor, county assessor, shows the total value of taxable property to be \$19,859,410 in Union county this year, an increase of nearly half a million dollars—more, to be exact, \$494,440. Last year's total was \$19,464,970.

The summary of the assessment roll reveals many interesting items. There is less livestock this year than last. Horses and mules in 1925 numbered 6,122 but this year only 5,926 were counted. Cattle decreased to 12,489 from 13,770 in one year's time. Swine numbered 3,152 head in 1925 and only 2,721 this year.

More Sheep This Year.

Sheep, however, as an exception to the rule. The number in the county increased from 12,743 to 28,054, and from \$76,855 to \$176,270 in assessed valuation.

The acres of tillable land in the county increased from 189,927 in 1925 to 192,285 this year and the acres of timberland decreased to 171,758 from 181,976, indicating that more and more land is being put into the agricultural ranks or being made available for such a move.

Many Improvements

Improvements on town and city lots showed a big increase. In 1925 the assessor's figures showed such improvements valued at \$2,788,195 compared with \$2,971,800 this year—an increase of \$182,605. Logging roads and rolling stock values increased from \$29,000 to \$55,000.

Of interest to the farmers, assessed valuation of farming machinery, wagons, etc., increased from \$295,215 to \$249,740 in the twelve months.

Notes, Accounts Decrease Money increased from \$23,569 in 1925 to \$35,950 in 1926 but values of shares of stock dropped from \$294,179 to \$196,929. Notes and accounts also showed a decrease, falling to \$197,225 from the 1925 figure of \$122,709.

The summary of the assessment roll does not include the public service corporations which are assessed by the state tax commission. A total of \$30,350 was deducted from the 1925 rolls for old soldier exemptions and \$25,150 for the same purpose this year.

ORGANIZE CLUB TO CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR

A Pierce-for-Governor club was organized here last night with Sam Brooks of Imbler as president and Robert E. Bradford, secretary, when a group of Union county democrats gathered at the Foley hotel at eight o'clock for that purpose.

The purpose of the club is to give pep to the democratic campaign and to boost Governor Walcott. M. Preece in his campaign to be re-elected for another term as head of the state of Oregon. Ways and means for carrying on the work were discussed.

AN UNUSUAL BARGAIN

Do you recognize an unusual bargain? Bargains in productive publicity are more difficult to appreciate because advertisers often fail to analyze what they are buying, but many smaller business firms in La Grande are recognizing the unusual value of Observer Want Ads on an inexpensive monthly basis.

To be able to keep their names constantly before the people of the La Grande territory every business day of the month, 28 insertions for as little as \$2.50 a month—that's worth investigating. No greater reader-interest can be had.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

La Grande Men View Copper in Baker Tunnels

Mother Lode Properties Inspected by Chamber of Commerce Members Wednesday.

There is copper in the Mother Lode mines 23 miles southward over the sagebrush hills from Baker some 20 La Grander saw it for themselves yesterday. Whether it justifies the talk of "Baker another Butte," \$450,000 hotels and populations of 100,000, they could not tell from one inspection. But they saw the dumps of blue-green ore, crept through dank angled tunnels with miners' lanterns and chipped bits of glittering mineral from the insides of the hills.

Generally inclined by the luncheon with which the Baker chamber of commerce entertained them in the Geiser-Grand hotel at noon, representatives of the Union county chamber listened with the combined interest of guests and neighbors to eagle-flight statistics involving such technical terms as chalcopyrite, chalcocite, leaching, drifts, topplings, malachite, cuprite and many a dozen assayer's expressions.

They heard dizzying estimates of cold cash returns from mines on which \$25,000 has already been spent and a million more will need to be brought to production.

Two Gifts With more than 700 persons in attendance, the annual Days of '49 show got off to a running start in the Roesch building last night. Scores of dancers frequented the square floor, recently polished and put into first class shape; "ramblers" played the twenty-one games and shot craps to their hearts' content; and the doll-candy wheel attracted others. Near that wheel is another one for the kiddies, and it, too, was busy a good share of the time.

At 10:29 o'clock the dancing stopped for a few minutes and an electric waffle iron was presented to Mrs. McCarthy, and a large box of candy to John Berry.

Meriment, as it always the case, reigned supreme and, despite the change of location and new arrangement of games, the fun kept the opening-night speed. Tonight a crowd of nearly 1,000 persons is anticipated and by Saturday evening, the Elks figure that the hall will be crowded to capacity.

The show is supervised, not only by the members of the La Grande Elks lodge, but also by the local police and several officers are on the floor throughout the night, assuring order at all times.

A parade, led by the La Grande municipal band, and punctuated by volleys of shots from revolvers in the hands of the frontiersmen, opened the show last night. The

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NEPAGE M'KENNY ACCEPTS WORK

Ornamental Street Lighting Project Contracts Are Signed

The NePage McKenny company has signed contracts for schedules B and C of the La Grande ornamental street lighting improvement district work, which provides for installation of the various units and purchase of globes, and will be ready to take up the work within 10 days after arrival of equipment. It was announced at last night's meeting of the city commission.

Harlower Brothers, successful bidders on schedule A, ordered the equipment and union metal posts several weeks ago and they should arrive in the near future, city officials announce. After the material is on the ground, the projects' completion should take place within a few weeks, it is estimated.

One improvement district, providing for sidewalks in Old Town, was up for hearing. One objection was received, a property owner in the district declaring that the assessments would be difficult to pay and such an additional burden would endanger the completion of a home-purchasing contract he holds.

Commissioner Charles Flaxie, after moving that the district be approved, said to the objector: "If it works a hardship on you come around and we will try to help you out."

A complaint in reference to the tearing out of a crosswalk at J and Second caused by moving of two houses, was received and referred to City Manager W. C. Crews.

Medical Springs Boy, 15, Kills Bear

MEDICAL SPRINGS, Oct. 21. (Special)—Perhaps the happiest boy at Medical Springs is Dale Landers, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Landers, who returned from a hunting trip Saturday with a young bear, weighing 100 pounds. He saw the mother bear and another cub, but they got away before he had a chance to shoot.

It is the first bear he has ever killed.

700 ATTEND FIRST NIGHT DAYS OF '49

Elks' Annual Show Gets Off to Running Start in Roesch Hall

PARADERS OPEN EVENING OF FUN

Marchers, Garbed as Frontiersmen and Led by La Grande Band, "Shoot Up Town."

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Petitions For County Library Left at Union

Mrs. Charles E. Gump and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, president and secretary of the Parkdale club, working in the interest of the proposed Union county library, went to Union yesterday where they presented petitions to heads of the schools there, members of the Union War-men's club and other citizens. Several petitions were left there to be signed and returned to the club later.

The two women talked with several Union people and all interviewed favored the restoration of the county library. The woman's club promised to take the matter up at the next meeting and appoint delegates to meet with the budget committee here Nov. 5.

Union has a city library at present, but the books are principally fiction and few reference books are available, it is said. Several persons from there have membership cards in the library here, which cost them \$2 annually.

Restoration of the county library would permit everyone living in Union county to have access to the library here.

Jimmy Sullivan, Railroader, Begins Long Vacation on Pay This Morning

Jimmy Sullivan commenced his long vacation this morning—vacation with pay and passes to travel wherever he pleased.

Last evening when he checked out at the car inspector's office, over at the O. W. R. & N. yards, he called it not only a day but a life job. And he finished with the satisfaction that what he had done was good.

In all his 38 years with the railroad—four years at Pendleton and 24 years in La Grande—there has never been a complaint registered against him.

A First Class Record "Mr. Sullivan has a first class record," C. E. Roberts, assistant division superintendent said of him this week. We consider him one of the best workmen we have ever had."

So it is with the careful mind of one who has carried his leisure that Jimmy Sullivan prepares to tear the first coupon from his travel-license. Sunday or Monday he will board an eastbound train for Tennessee. And before he re-

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VOTE FRAUDS ALLEGED IN MANY STATES

Ohio Under Watchful Eye of Senate Campaign Investigators

INDIANA INQUIRY MAKING PROGRESS

Fred Boalt Asks for Probe into Steiwer's Expenses—Bullitt Quiz Will Be Made.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21. (AP)—More disclosures regarding political activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana were made today before the senate campaign funds committee.

Walter F. Bossert, of Indianapolis, former grand dragon in Indiana, said he got information that unless he changed his policy of refusing to support klan approved candidates for political office he would be removed.

TO WATCH OHIO COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 21. (AP)—The U. S. senate's election expense investigating committee was formally called upon today to "keep a close watch" on expenditures in the Ohio campaign with a view to conducting a "careful and sweeping" investigation immediately after the election.

The request was made by democratic state chairman Thomas A. Eddy in a letter to Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, chairman of the committee who now is conducting an investigation in Illinois.

BOALT WANTS INQUIRY

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21. (AP)—Announcement was made today by Fred L. Boalt, editor of the Portland News, that he has telegraphed U. S. Senator James A. Reed, chairman of the senate campaign fund investigation committee, asking him to investigate the campaign expenditures of Fredrick Steiwer, republican senatorial nominee.

In the telegram Boalt also asked that the committee probe into the yellow ticket fraud in the May primaries.

Six men are under indictment here charged with issuing a fraudulent yellow ticket before the primary, purporting to give the endorsement of the Ku Klux Klan to certain candidates.

BULLITT PROBE ON FEET

SEATTLE, Oct. 21. (AP)—"Aboard on the face of it," exclaimed Sam R. Sumner, of Wenatchee, chairman of the Washington state republican committee when informed.

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Will Make Plans For School Music

Plans for public school music in La Grande will be discussed this afternoon when high school teachers meet in the basement study hall of the high school building after classes.

Miss Ada Fleming, head of the public school music department of Ginn and company, publisher of music text books, and W. W. Nabbaum, music supervisor will present suggestions to be considered. Private teachers of music have been invited to be present.

Girl Killed When Auto Hits Wagon

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 21. (AP)—Mildred Smith, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, of Franklin, was killed and four others were injured when the automobile in which they were riding to a basketball game collided with a wagon on a creek last night. "The accident occurred three miles north of Elmira."

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THE LOS ANGELES 'DOCKS' AT DETROIT



The huge navy dirigible Los Angeles is shown here tied up to the mooring mast at Detroit after an exciting trip against adverse winds from Lakehurst. This picture shows the dirigible just after it had been moored; inset shows Commander Rosendahl.

ALLOW U. S. BANK SUM OF \$4,734.70

Verdict Against E. E. Miller Modified When Case Is Retried

By the verdict unsealed in Judge J. W. Knowles' court this morning, the United States National bank is entitled to collect \$4,734.70 on notes and interests from E. E. Miller, defendant. Instead of the \$12,214.44 allowed by the jury that tried the case before its reversal in the state supreme court.

Although the verdict was awarded the plaintiff, the defendant claims the victory, on the basis that the jury eliminated from the obligations upon which it based its findings the \$12,000 note Miller declared bankrupt. Miller claimed that he signed a new note in blank to be filled out by T. J. Scroggin, the bank's cashier, in the amount remaining to be paid after proceeds from mortgaged property should be deducted from the principal of the old note, and that he was to be given five years credit on the maturity.

Following are the three special findings returned on request of the defendant: "Did the defendant make out and deliver to plaintiff after bankruptcy a new note in blank to take the place of the note sued upon in plaintiff's first cause of action (that is, the \$12,000 note)?" Answer: "No."

"Did the defendant authorize plaintiff's cashier to fill in the balance remaining due on such pre-bankruptcy note after having applied the proceeds of the sale of mortgaged property?" Answer: "No."

"Did the defendant subsequent to the time he was adjudged a bankrupt make out and deliver to plaintiff a new note in blank to take the place of the note sued upon in plaintiff's first cause of action (that is, the \$12,000 note)?" Answer: "No."

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Capture Bandits; Loot Recovered

ELMER, Cal., Oct. 21. (AP)—Three men were arrested late yesterday for the robbery of the Bel Norte County bank at Crescent City Friday noon. All of the loot \$14,448, was recovered.

The men, giving their names as Jack Roman, William Ryan and Grant Coleman were found hiding in a secret cellar beneath a barn on a ranch ten miles east of Crescent City.

Government Sues For \$5,500,000.00

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21. (AP)—The federal government filed suit in Boston today to recover about \$5,500,000 on account of the sale by the alien property custodian of the Bosch magnet patents.

WHITMAN ELEVEN READY WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 21. (AP)—Coach R. V. Borleske and 25 players will leave here tonight for Portland to represent Whitman college against Pacific university in a northwest conference football game. Six ends, three backs, four guards, two centers and ten backfield men make up the squad. Every man is in good shape.

Former Oregon Pastor Alleges 5 Slandered Him

MUSKEGON, Mich., Oct. 21. (AP)—Charging that his reputation and standing as a minister and a man have been shattered by the gossip of five women, the Rev. George N. Harness, 48 years old, a divorcee and pastor of the Forest Avenue Church of Christ, has filed five damage suits in circuit court.

He charges that the defendants have spread slanderous stories among his congregation about his conduct with young women of the city. He asks \$5,000 from each defendant—Mrs. Nellie Pettit, Mrs. Mary McMillen, Mrs. Viola Schooley, Mrs. Irma Kent and Mrs. Lucina Peugh. Three of them are members of the church, the other two belonging to a Muskegon Heights church.

Mr. Harness came here two years ago from Tillamook, Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21. (AP)—The Rev. George N. Harness, listed in the directory of the Christian church, as pastor of the church in Muskegon, held a charge in Tillamook, Ore., in 1923-24, leaving that city in August, 1924, upon dismissal by the church, according to officers of the church organization here.

Reasons for his dismissal were based on charges of personal misconduct and extravagant personal living and running bills beyond ability to pay.

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90 GALLONS OF WHISKY TAKEN BY OFFICERS

BAKER, Ore., Oct. 21. — One man, Oscar Logan, is in the county jail facing a charge of operating a still which is punishable with a penalty of from one to five years in the penitentiary, and 27 barrels of mash and 90 gallons of whisky have either been confiscated and held for evidence or destroyed as the result of a raid Tuesday night by county officers on Birch creek several miles out of Huntington.

Logan, 19 years old, denies ownership of the still and still and 50 gallons of whisky found near where officers arrested him.

Son Is Accused of Murdering Father

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21. (AP)—Police early today were holding Carl Westcott, 40, for investigation into the slaying late last night of his father, Charles Grant Westcott, 63, retired Minneapolis capitalist, as he went to answer the door bell at his home.

The son surrendered himself at the central police station an hour after the death of his father. He said he had learned from a newspaper that his father had been slain.

Manifesto Is Not Applicable to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21. (AP)—The American government is preparing to publicly declare that it does not consider the recent Russian manifesto against world trade restrictions as applying to the U. S.

At the same time the government is expected to give support to the suggestion for a leveling of customs barriers among European nations.

The pronouncement is to be made by Secretary Mellon who discussed the subject today with President Coolidge. The secretary advised his chief that he considered the manifesto sound so far as it applies to Europe but there could be no thought to lowering the American tariff.

The financiers' manifesto, recently made public in New York, advocated a leveling of international trade barriers but made specific reference to no individual nation.

EUGENE V. DEBS CALLED BEYOND

Heart Disease Triumphs Over Man 5 Times Nominated for President

CHICAGO, Oct. 21. (AP)—Eugene V. Debs is dead.

The indomitable will that carried the veteran socialist leader through a turbulent career, including a term in prison, for opposing the draft, broke last night under the flood of years and the strain of heart disease from which he had suffered for 25 years.

Nearing his seventy-first birthday, the five times nominee of the socialist party for the presidency, died peacefully in a suburban sanitarium, surrounded by the immediate members of his family and leading representatives of the party.

In Coma Since Saturday. Debs sank into coma last Saturday, coming out of that strange half way place between life and death for only a few minutes Sunday, during which he motioned to his wife for a pencil and in a feeble scrawl scratched out W. E. Henley's famous poem "Invictus," ending with the lines "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul." Friends explained that the verse written by the English author in a hospital, was his life long source of inspiration.

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Adams Explains His Attitude on Stanfield Race

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 21. (AP)—"I have nothing to apologize for. I did every thing in my power to secure the nomination of Robert N. Stanfield as the republican party candidate for the office of United States senator from Oregon during the primary campaign. But when Stanfield failed at the polls and decided to run for election as an independent, there was just one thing left for me to do—I had to support my party."

This was the declaration of E. J. Adams, former chairman of the state highway commission and secretary to Senator Stanfield for the past five years, before a banquet of the University Republican club here last night.

"The president has proven to be the best friend of Oregon and the west that ever occupied the white house."

"He is entitled to have a republican senate to support his administration."

During the height of the storm thousands of barrels of oil and gasoline were destroyed when tanks caught fire.

The people of Havana awaited the storm calmly preparing for more than 12 hours for it to reach the city. All windows and doors were braced or nailed up to protect them from the force of the wind. To this was due the fact

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Y. M. C. A. Ousted By Soviet Russia

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (AP)—Action interpreted as complete expulsion of the Young Men's Christian association from Russia, has been taken by the soviet government. It was announced today at the office of the national council of the association.

H. D. Anderson, an American Y. M. C. A. secretary, directing physical education in Russia, had been forced out of the country by the soviet and his property confiscated according to the announcement. This amounts to complete expulsion of the Y. M. C. A. from Russia said the announcement.

WIND DAMAGE IN HAVANA IS \$30,000,000

Fierce Hurricane Strikes Cuba with Disastrous Results

ESTIMATE DEAD FROM 25 TO 30

Americans Not Included in Casualty Lists—Poorer Sections Suffer Most.

HAVANA, Oct. 21. (AP)—Eighty-eight persons are dead and 2,100 injured, 400 seriously, in the Havana district in consequence of yesterday's hurricane, according to the first complete, though unofficial check-up. Buildings to the number of 235 collapsed.

The toll of the hurricane which struck Havana yesterday was estimated today at 25 to 30 dead, 1800 injured and \$30,000,000 damage.

The list of casualties issued by the municipality contained no names of Americans. The addresses of the victims indicated they lived in the poorer sections of Havana.

Communication with all parts of the republic was interrupted. No definite reports had been received of the extent of the damage in the provinces of Matanzas, Pinar Del Rio and Havana, over which the hurricane passed.

Americans Seek Safety Many Americans residing in Matanzas and other suburbs forewarned of the approach of the storm had come into Havana Tuesday night to escape it. Many houses were wrecked in Matanzas, where also is situated the Cuban race course.

It is believed that nearly all the buildings in Havana suffered damage, but few of them collapsed. The monument erected by Cuba for the 256 Americans who were killed in the explosion which sank the U. S. battleship Maine in Havana harbor in 1898 was rased. Only the base and two ten-inch guns, relics of the battleship, remain.

Ships Go Down. The heaviest damage occurred in the port of Havana, where two steamers, five schooners, 40 fishing vessels, numerous launches and two barges were sunk. Four steamers and one schooner were seriously damaged. The Havana Coal company's elevator was wrecked. Its skeleton was a mass of twisted steel today. Three large docks and many smaller ones were wrecked and all the others were damaged.

Most of the persons killed were struck by falling walls or flying debris. After the storm had passed out over the Gulf of Mexico the streets were littered with electric light and telephone wires, signs, parts of roofs, sheets from shutters, and balcony railings wrenched loose by the wind. The intensity of the storm was indicated by the wrecking of the Belven college wind gauge when the storm had reached a velocity of 36 miles an hour before it struck the city with full force.

Police Patrol Streets. Troops and policemen patrolled the streets with orders to shoot persons caught looting.

The inundation in the lower parts of the city due to the high tide caused great damage and there was much need for temporary aid and shelter for the people. The water at times was several meters deep along the Malecon for three or four blocks south of the sea wall.

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