

PAYROLLS IN CITY BETTER TWO MILLION

Chamber of Commerce Survey Shows Healthy Employment Condition

MANY FIRMS HAVE NOT YET REPORTED

Several Institutions Having Large Number of Employees Yet to Give Annual Figures.

With the beginning of 1927 the chamber of commerce started a survey of La Grande payrolls and to date 46 answers to the questionnaires sent out have been received, showing \$1,999,833.64 in annual payrolls.

About 225 questionnaires were sent out and several of the public institutions, including the city and county offices, some of the largest department stores in the city, the railroad company and other places have not yet answered.

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City Directory Suggested

A city directory for La Grande and the sponsoring of a market road from La Grande to Lehigha Springs, by way of Starkey, were probably suggested in more of the answers than any other ideas.

Among the other things mentioned were: the securing of adequate storm sewers from the business district of La Grande; the control of radio interference; a new hotel; land settlement, by cutting up the larger farms in the valley; a cheese factory and canning plant; milk condensers; building of highways from Elgin to Weston and from La Grande to Ukiah, by way of Starkey and Lehigha Springs; help the county school superintendent; better police protection for La Grande; cultivate friendly relationship with Walla Walla county; establishment of a welfare commission; use of home products and patronize local merchants; remaining and remarking of streets; closer cooperation with the chamber; bring more chamber of commerce business before forum luncheons; compile figures to prove La Grande is not a higher priced town; improve Gungloff park; more cooperation in using Union county products; and organize a booster club within the chamber of commerce.

The chamber of commerce directors, committee heads and the program of work committee met (Continued on Page Five)

ELGIN MAN IN COUNTY JAIL; BRANNON FINED

Larry Webb, arrested at Elgin on a statutory charge, entered a plea of not guilty this morning when he appeared in the justice court before Judge Hugh E. Brady. He was placed under \$100 bonds, which he was unable to furnish, and his trial was set for Monday, Jan. 24.

Ernest Brannon, arrested with Henry Walmer for stealing coal from the railway company, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny before Judge Brady and was fined \$25 and costs. He was unable to pay the fine and was committed to the county jail to serve it out at the rate of \$2 a day.

BUSINESS IS INTERESTING

Every business, regardless of what it is, is full of interesting things—otherwise the owner wouldn't be in business and wouldn't have such things as customers.

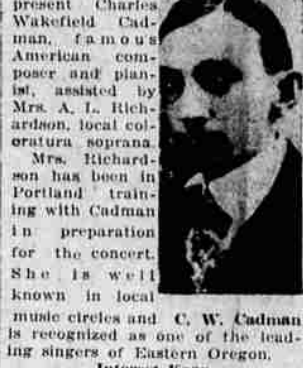
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"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Packed House Is Anticipated For Cadman Concert

Famous Composer to Appear at L. D. S. Tabernacle with Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

A large number of tickets have been sold and the packed house expected for the Cadman concert tomorrow evening, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, at the L. D. S. tabernacle, when the Neighborhood club will present Charles Wakefield Cadman, famous American composer and pianist, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, local coloratura soprano.



Mrs. Richardson is known in Portland training with Cadman in preparation for the concert. She is well known in local music circles and C. W. Cadman is recognized as one of the leading singers of Eastern Oregon.

Much interest has been manifested in Cadman music here, particularly since Mrs. Richardson's presentation of his song cycle "The Spring of the Year," here last Spring.

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GREEN TELLS OF PROPOSED BILLS

Local Attorney Speaks at Chamber of Commerce Forum Luncheon

A discussion of measures that have been introduced or will be introduced at this session of the state legislature featured the regular weekly forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce today at noon in the Summer grill.

R. J. Green, local attorney, was the main speaker. Passing by the normal school and armory buildings, he mentioned and favored in La Grande, he turned to others not as prominent in the public mind.

The free textbook measure, which would provide for the furnishing of school books by the state was the first taken up. A bill for the increase of circuit judge salaries from \$4,000 to \$5,500 was next on the list and Green spoke in favor of this plan, declaring that such an increase in pay is fair. Bills to increase the salaries of county clerks and county assessors were also spoken of favorably.

Revenue Problem The revenue problem was touched upon, Green explaining that with expenses mounting some measure is necessary to reduce the state's financial burden. He mentioned various bills pending, including three income tax measures, a five-cent gas tax, and others.

A plan to abolish the parole board and place the responsibility with the state board of control, did not meet with his favor. He declared that such a condition might result, in some instances, in political turmoil.

The transient livestock law, which is particularly to Union and Walla Walla counties, was discussed. Recently a part of the law was found unconstitutional in circuit court and the proposal is to pass a new law, the same as the first, but with a change to agree with the courts. Green predicted a bitter fight when the bill comes up.

The measure for compulsory indemnity insurance for drivers of motor vehicles was mentioned, as was the measure providing for a speed limit of 25 miles instead of 30 miles an hour. Judge Hugh E. Brady, chairman, also spoke of a plan to make justice courts in county seats district courts, following the Malheur county plan. The Rev. C. V. Dunn, of the Christian church, made an announcement before adjournment. Two committee reports were also heard. Cadman Concert Announced Mrs. Hugh E. Brady announced the Cadman concert, which will be held tomorrow night in the L. D. S. tabernacle, and Mrs. W. H. Bohnekamp Jr., sang two of Cadman's selections "The Moon Behind the Cottonwood" and "From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters." Mrs. E. L. Holmes accompanied her at the piano.

POULTRYMEN BETTER EGG MARKET HERE

Union County Co-operative Association Tends to Stabilize Price

BUSINESS OVER 11 MONTHS \$19,344.87

Members, Representing Approximately 6,000 Hens, to Hold Annual Meeting Friday.

The annual meeting of the Union County Co-operative Poultry association will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the post office building.

This meeting marks the completion of two years of successful cooperative marketing of U. C. C. O. eggs and cooperative purchasing of poultry feeds by the association. During which time eggs were marketed by about 18 association members, owning around 6000 hens. The gross business for the first 11 months of this year was \$19,344.87, which is smaller than during the previous year, probably because the price of eggs was somewhat lower and a decrease of the total number of hens in the various flocks.

Members of the association believe that they have benefited the egg market locally, not only for themselves but for other poultrymen outside of the association as well. During the two years that the association has been in business the fluctuation in the egg market has decreased and the market price in the spring has never dropped as low, by a margin of three cents a dozen, as it did three years previous to the organization of the association.

All poultrymen, whether members of the association or not, are asked to attend the meeting Friday, to help to increase the association membership. A. L. Voels, president, has already sent out letters announcing the meeting.

Girls to Play at Union on Friday

A change has been made in the week end basketball schedule according to announcement today. The Union girls were scheduled to play here Friday night but instead the La Grande girls will go to Union. There will be but one game here Friday night, Joseph boys vs. the Tigers, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Enterprise comes here Saturday.

Trapshooters Get Many Clay Pigeons

Chase Bohnekamp and Roy Purcell made the biggest scores at the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club trap shoot at the Lone Tree grounds Sunday. Bohnekamp broke 29 out of 30 clays and Forster smashed 24 out of 25. Others making high scores were: Claude Mankey, and H. K. O'Brien 23 out of 25, and Tracey Hollister, 22 out of 25.

Sport trapshooters will be held every Sunday from now on when weather permits. The turnout last Sunday was encouraging to club officials.

Local Sheep Men's Problems Taken Up at Wool Growers' Conference

Many things of importance to sheep men in this county were discussed during the two-day annual meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers association at Pendleton Friday and Saturday, among them being the matter of holding a ram sale, which was discussed by Hugh Sprout, secretary of the association. In his report, according to County Agent H. G. Avery who attended the meeting, Sprout described the Filer, Idaho, ram sale and the Sale Lake sale and paid a nice compliment to the sale held at Union last year by local flock owners, which was the first one in Oregon.

He suggested that the association should hold an annual sale at Pendleton, but the sheep men here have suggested that the association take over the Union sale and have it at Union. No definite decision was reached. Another thing of interest to sheep men locally discussed at the meeting was the forest grazing controversy to raise the fees charged on sheep grazing land, which has been on foot since 1921. Fred Eiscover, one of the largest sheep owners in the state and past president of the association, pointed out that flock owners in California and Ore-

Lack of Appeal Held Menace to Free Government

E. R. Ringo Discusses Recent Supreme Court Decision at Meeting of Jolly Pipers.

E. R. Ringo, local attorney, discussing a recent decision by the state supreme court holding that appeals from municipal courts is contrary to law, told the Jolly Pipers of La Grande, gathered around a banquet table in the Odd Fellows temple last night, that the result of this opinion is a "menace to free government" and is of much concern to every citizen of the state.

The decision was handed down in a case from this city but applies to any city court in the state. Ringo pointed out that the opinion would in reality place the entire matter in the hands of the trial judge with no jury nor other factors to assist a defendant in his quest of justice.

As a remedy he said that an amendment to the city charter, providing for trial in the municipal court by jury, and another amendment that would provide for the naming of a judge by popular vote, would help matters to some extent. He said that a movement was contemplated in the legislature but said that he believed that any action taken by state law-makers would be unlikely to prove constitutional as applying to municipalities.

A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, told of his plans for a municipal park, centrally located, and J. H. Pears, spoke of the growth of La Grande since he came to this city, some 37 years ago. Host Clint Hayes asked for cooperation in reference to the new traffic ordinance.

Invite Smokers to Cove K. J. Stackland, of Cove, extended an invitation to the pipers to come to Cove for a smogger. J. H. Pears, of La Grande, spoke briefly before adjournment. The chamber of commerce quater sang three numbers, which were greeted with much applause. The Rev. Oliver Riley, of the Episcopal church, furnished two piano selections which were very well received. The Rebekahs served.

LA GRANDE HAS HEAVY SNOWFALL

Six-Inch Blanket Covers Ground in Nine and a Half Hour Period

The heaviest snowfall La Grande has experienced in two years took place last night and was still continuing this morning. Beginning about 10 p. m. by 7:30 o'clock this morning six inches had been measured officially. The blanket gives added protection to fall-sown crops in the valley.

In December 12 inches of snow fell in three days and six inches in about 24 hours. However, no six-inch fall is recorded in 1925, 1926 or 1927 for a none and a half hour period prior to the present one. There was no wind during the night and the temperature was moderate. The minimum was 24 above zero, and at 7:30 a. m. the mercury had reached 31 above. This brings La Grande's total snowfall this year to around two feet. At Meacham an 18-inch fall has been unofficially reported.

KLAMATH HAS ONE INCH KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 18. (AP)—Snow which began falling here early this morning was continuing today, with about one inch on the ground. Temperature is hovering around freezing.

Commerce College Enrollment Grows

Since the beginning of the new year several new students have enrolled at the later-Mountain Commerce college for classes either during the day or at night. At present the enrollment in both the day-time and the night schools is 25 students.

Among the new students registered for day school are Les Mullenberg, Violet H. Kelly, Lily Waller, Marilyn Alexander, Geophina Wallace and Mrs. Alice Wisman. The new night school students are Miss Ruth Herzinger and M. D. Thompson.

EXPENSES OF COUNTY FOR YEAR HEAVY

Total of \$232,185.43 Spent County Clerk McCormick Reports

MAJORITY IS USED ON VARIOUS ROADS

Total Bill for Construction of All Classes of Highways During 1926 Was \$162,662.94.

A total of \$232,185.43 was spent by Union county during 1926, according to figures just compiled in the county clerk's office here, more than half of which was spent in road work, including roads, highways and market roads.

The sum of \$162,662.94 was spent on lists in the county, \$57,535.64 being listed as money spent on roads and highways and \$105,127.30 the money expended on Union county market roads.

Sheriff Office Second The second largest amount paid out during the year went to the sheriff's office, and was a total of \$8698.57, and the third largest of \$7259.71, went to the county clerk's office. A total of \$7050.57 went to the circuit court during the year and \$6445.04 was spent in the care of the poor of the county.

All other expenditures were less than the largest being for the expenses which totaled the sum of \$2,779.98 to the county jail and \$2,477.57 was paid out to the county court or commissioners.

\$2,130 to Indigent Widows A total of \$2,892.95 went to the county school superintendents of \$2,250 to the county agent, and \$2,130 was paid out to indigent widows.

The smallest item on the list of the year's expenditures is \$3.88 for the clearing and straightening of the Grande Ronde river.

Hunter-Potter Measure Would Oust Pamphlets

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18. (Special)—Representative E. O. Potter of Eugene introduced a bill just before adjournment Thursday, Jan. 13, to abolish the pamphlet for candidates. It repeals three sections and amends another in the law governing corrupt practices in nominations and elections. It is H. B. 33.

Similar legislation was introduced by A. B. Hunter, of La Grande, in the senate at the same time. H. B. 37.

Senator Hunter, who, six years ago, introduced a bill to abolish all voters pamphlets, considers the cost of the candidates' pamphlets out of proportion to its usefulness, declaring that not 25 per cent of the voters pay any heed to them.

Senator Norblad says the entire pamphlet issue should be abolished, as a first step, to the state. Representative Potter says his bill was made to apply particularly to the candidates' pamphlets because of the two, the measure pamphlet has more merit under the direct primary than the former. He quotes figures to show that the candidates' pamphlet cost \$15,194.24 in the 1923-24 general election. For those years the state expended \$31,229.97 for both pamphlets.

Cost of candidates' pamphlet for 1925-26 was \$9457.55. Total for both \$21,910.25. Candidates paid in fees exactly \$2199, according to records of Secretary of State Kozler.

On the showing made, many members of both houses favor abolition of the entire pamphlet system. Isabel Wilbers, as Sadie Thompson—a person of questionable morals, carried out the demands of her role in a very creditable manner and was applauded vigorously on the part of the large audience.

Teacher Held On Statutory Charge

PENILETON, Jan. 15 (AP)—P. M. Nash, 48, a teacher at Reith, west of Pendleton, is being held here on a statutory charge involving a minor. Nash has taught school in Umatilla county for the past 15 or 20 years.

KELLOGG BEFORE SENATE



This shows Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg (right) in the committee room of the senate foreign relations committee, when he read a lengthy document charging that a "red plot" against America was back of the Mexican-Nicaraguan trouble. He is shown with Senator Borah, whom his arguments failed to convince.

Pioneer Banker Of Enterprise Dies After Fall

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 15. (Special)—W. R. Holmes, pioneer banker of Walla Walla county, died at his home at Enterprise Saturday evening at 9:15 o'clock following a few days' illness caused by a severe fall. Funeral services are to be held at Enterprise Wednesday afternoon at which the Episcopal service will be used. The Masonic lodge will have charge. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, a son and a daughter and one sister.

The decedent was born in Ohio in July, 1853 and came to Oregon when a young man, being a resident of Cove for about 26 years. He was of a family of six children. Fred J., Charlie G., George Edward and Mrs. McKenna, of Arkansas, all of whom were well known throughout Union and Walla Walla counties. He was a member of the Masonic lodge for half a century.

During the year 1888, Holmes founded the Walla Walla National bank at Enterprise, where he has been associated since, being first cashier and then president, in which capacity he was acting at the time of his death.

Shortly after coming here he married Miss Mattie Aron and to that union three children were born, Fred A., of Las Angeles; Mrs. C. N. Miller, of Enterprise, and Gerald, who died 15 years ago.

'Rain' Presented To Large Crowd Here Last Night

A Review "Rain", presented here last night by Henry Duffy at the Arcade theater, is another of the modern dramas dealing in sordid realities. With the port of Pago Pago, South Seas, as a setting, and the time during the rainy season, it depicted a gathering of whites unwarmed at a run down hotel for a fortnight because of an outbreak of cholera that prevented their ship sailing on time. The moral might have been: unnatural self restraint leads to inevitable self destruction; or it might have been something else.

This writer is making no attempt to analyze the play, suffice to say that it was well presented and that it carried much entertainment. Isabel Wilbers, as Sadie Thompson—a person of questionable morals, carried out the demands of her role in a very creditable manner and was applauded vigorously on the part of the large audience.

Ex-La Grande Man Gets High Office

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—John P. Rust, former speaker of the house in the Oregon legislature has recently been appointed a member of the Wyoming public service commission according to word received here. Rust, whose home was in La Grande, was active in Oregon politics for many years.

MEASURES TO GET REVENUE INTRODUCED

Series of Bills Dumped into House Grist Mill at Salem Today

FISH QUIZ AGAIN COMES TO FRONT

Joseph Renews Attack on Norblad—Asks Corbett to Remove Him as Head of Committee.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—A series of bills dealing with state finances and taxation was dumped into a house grist mill today. Most of them were signed by R. S. Hamilton, of Bend, chairman of the taxation and revenue committee.

The tax measures seek to bring in revenue from sources that other states have found highly productive. One would impose a tax of five mills per annum on intangibles. Another would levy a rate of 16 mills on corporate excem.

The measures embody the thought and work of such business men as State Treasurer Kay, Secretary of State Cozer, Speaker Carlin, State Tax Commissioner Fisher and others.

Jan. 1 rather than Mar. 1 of each year would be set as the date for assessing property. Under the terms of one of the bills, any other measure would give the state tax supervisory commission control over the assessment and tax laws of the state, county assessors and county board of equalization, with the authority to fix the valuation of any property in the state.

The amount of credit of the state and its subdivisions that might be loaned in any one year would be limited to an amount not to exceed an increase of over three per cent of the previous year.

Still another bill would cut in half the six per cent tax limit. It would increase provision in the state constitution as applied to the income tax. It would limit the income to three per cent over that of the previous year in the case of millage taxes.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18. (AP)—Creation of a committee to investigate rates of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is provided in a resolution introduced today in the legislature by representatives Burdick and Lonergan.

The house resolutions committee approved it, and its sponsors claimed enough votes to pass the measure.

Use of pictures of persons in posters and advertisements of tobacco would be banned in this state if the legislature passes a bill introduced by representative Paulson, of Marion county. Paulson thinks attractive signs lead boys to smoke.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18. (AP)—Senator Joseph today renewed his attack on Senator Norblad as chairman of the senate fish investigation committee.

Falling last night to prevail upon Senator Norblad to resign voluntarily as chairman on account of charges filed against him with the commission by representative Mott, Senator Joseph today wrote President Corbett of the senate asking him to remove the Clatsop county man.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., (Continued on Page 5)

80 FROZEN TO DEATH; COLD IS 40 BELOW ZERO

SAMARA, Russia, Jan. 13. (AP)—Eighty persons have been frozen to death in outlying districts of the basin would be based in this state if the legislature passes a bill introduced by representative Paulson, of Marion county. Paulson thinks attractive signs lead boys to smoke.

For several days the mercury has stood at 40 below zero, the coldest weather ever known in the region, and cattle are dying by thousands.

Democrats Ready To Force Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The democratic move to force action on their \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill will be initiated some time next week. Representative Garrett of Tennessee, minority house leader, said today.

It had been Garrett's intention to move to discharge the ways and means committee from jurisdiction over the bill today so that it could be brought to the house floor. House rules, however, require the lapse of 30 days from the time a committee votes to take a measure before a move to discharge can be made.

Senate Refuses To Ratify Turk Treaty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The senate today refused to ratify the Lusanne treaty with Turkey.

The supporters of the pact, led by Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee failed to muster the necessary two-thirds vote needed for ratification.

The treaty would have reestablished diplomatic and commercial relations with Turkey. The vote was 50 for and 24 against ratification. This was six less than the two-thirds majority required.