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RAILROAD TO
GO ON BLOCK
TUESDAY AT 2After Two Weeks of Post-
ponement, Sheriff Pre-
pares for SaleNO WORD RECEIVED
FROM MIDDLETOWNEffort to Raise Money
to Pay Up Delinquent
Taxes Attempted But
Result Unknown.

The Central Railroad of Oregon is now scheduled to be sold to the highest bidder for payment of delinquent tax claims amounting to more than ten thousand dollars held against it by Union county.

Twice it has escaped this fate within the last two weeks and now officials and citizens are all wondering if the "third time will be a charm."

On Feb. 1 at 2 o'clock at the Union depot, Sheriff Jesse Hecchereau postponed the sale until Feb. 8 and then subsequently postponed it one week more, on the strength of promises made by A. W. Middleton, representing eastern interests connected with the railroad, that the money would be raised within a fortnight's time.

No Payment to Date

At that time the sheriff announced that he would give Middleton just two weeks' time and if Middleton failed to raise the money before 2 o'clock Feb. 15, the railroad and its equipment would then go on the block without further compromise.

This afternoon the sheriff reported that "he was sure" that Middleton left for the east more than 10 days ago for the purpose of attempting to procure enough money to free the C. R. of O. from county obligations, but to date nothing has been heard from him.

The sale is to be held in the Union depot at Union and the railroad, appraised at about \$114,000 several months ago by the state public service commission, will be offered at auction, with the sheriff in the role of auctioneer.

\$10,229 Sought

The total tax claims against the railroad, exclusive of 1926 returns for which have not yet been compiled, reach \$10,229. The railroad is 12.56 miles in length, including sidetracks and spurs. The rolling stock consists of five box and flat cars, one condemned locomotive, one motor car, one tool car and minor equipment.

The road is the only rail communication between Coos and Union and has with the O. W. mainline, which it joins at Union Junction.

TO CELEBRATE
STATE'S NATAL
DAY AT DINNER

Final arrangements have been completed for the celebration of Oregon's admission to the United States, which will be held at the M. E. church tonight beginning at 6:30 o'clock, and which will take the form of a tribute to local pioneers.

The affair, which may become an annual event, is sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Union County Pioneers.

In addition to Union county people, a number of pioneers from Walla Walla will attend.

The dinner is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. A small plate charge will be made and preparations have been made to serve 200 or more.

WONDERING
WHAT'S
WRONG

Sometimes you see a business man sitting in his store or shop, waiting for a horde of customers who seldom materialize, wondering what's wrong with business and the world in general.

He seldom considers that maybe the world and business are all right but that the wrong is with himself. What's wrong usually is that he thinks you owe him your trade and he owes you nothing. What's wrong is that he fails to attract you and invite you through advertising, fails to give you the best merchandise and the best service possible so that you'll be glad to come again. "What's wrong" can usually be righted by intelligent business methods—planned advertising, efficient selling, and a good measure of hard work in the interests of customers.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Local Nazarene
Church Formally
Dedicated SundayThe Rev. A. E. Sanner, of
Nampa, Ida., Is Main
Speaker at Afternoon
Program.

The new Nazarene church located at the corner of Y avenue and Birch street, just recently finished and occupied for the first time a week ago yesterday, was formally dedicated Sunday afternoon, the Rev. A. E. Sanner, district superintendent of the Nazarene church, of Nampa, Ida., giving the dedicatory address.

The church, which will seat about 250, was crowded. The address given by Mr. Sanner was based on Psalm 92, the fifth verse, "Holiness becometh Thy House, O Lord, forever." Mr. Sanner is an interesting speaker and his address was well received. He spoke of the excellent work being done by the local church and complimented the congregation on the new church.

The dedication program, which started at two o'clock, began with a piano prelude by Violet Kelly, after which the congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The Rev. Miss Fay, Chiam, of Baker, gave the invocation.

Quartet Absent
Because of the absence of one of its members the chamber of commerce quartet was not able to appear. The Rev. R. E. Gilmore, of Enterprise, gave the scripture reading, a quartet from the Nazarene college at Nampa, Ida., sang "The Rev. Miss Fay, Chiam, of Baker, gave the invocation."

The benediction was given by the Rev. G. A. Pollard, president of the La Grande Ministerial association. Several ministers of the city were present.

The new church was well filled for other services of the day at 4 p. m. Mr. Sanner spoke in the morning and in the evening C. P. Ellis, converted from the theatrical profession, spoke. Mr. Ellis sings and plays the banjo, which adds to his programs. He plans to be here for two weeks conducting evangelistic services. Tonight the meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

Other Services
Services at the other churches of the city were well attended. The La Grande church two committees were appointed during the meeting of the Father League to arrange for a shadow service, Feb. 25. Miss Emma Wuel and Miss Lillian Lund are members of the refreshment committee and Miss Verla McJannet, Fred Matthes and Miss Pauline Cross are to have charge of the entertainment. A

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Warns Parents
Against Picking
Children's Work

A warning that parents should not determine what line of work their children should enter but rather let them seek the vocation they desire to enter and which is best suited to their talent and temperament was sounded at the Rotarian luncheon today by Dr. Edmond C. Conklin, head of the University of Oregon psychology department. Dr. Conklin is to speak in Baker tonight and was driven here by two Baker men for the meeting.

Dr. Conklin also told of the work of psychologists outside of regular classes, explaining how students were tested to determine what work they should enter. He also told of the use of psychology in picking desirable men for strategic places in modern industry.

Amherst Playle told of a recent visit to Tacoma and Portland and told of preparations being made at the former for the April district conference of Rotarians. The Rev. W. C. Ross, of Baker, was among the out-of-town guests.

Lambing Season
Begins at Union

UNION, Ore., Feb. 14 (Special)—The lambing season has started in this vicinity. E. E. Miller, one of the largest sheep growers of the county, reports several arrivals of young lambs among his flock. He expects the lambing season at his camp to last about 60 days.

W. H. Vogel has a force of men at work at his place getting things ready for the beginning of the lambing season, which will be about Feb. 20.

Case Nears Jury
This Afternoon

With attorneys still engaged in arguments, the case of the Grande Ronde Lumber company vs. Mary E. Blanchard was scheduled to go to the jury late this afternoon.

When the case was disposed of, court time will take up the case of J. A. Snyder vs. William B. Ezell. Jesse Crumb will represent the plaintiff and L. Denham the defendant.

The grand jury reconvened today after a two-day recess.

COMMITTEES
NAMED FOR
STOCK SHOWPlans Are Going Ahead
for Union's Annual
June EventSENATOR HUNTER
ONE OF JUDGESOther La Grande Live-
stock Men Are Given
Places of Responsibility
This Year.

UNION, Ore., Feb. 14 (Special)—Plans are going ahead for the 1927 Union Livestock show to be given June 8, 9 and 10. Various department committees have been appointed and following is a list of the committee members:

Finance: J. P. Hutchinson, L. Z. Terrill and T. D. Smith; publicity: E. B. Conner, W. H. Vogel and George A. Schirb; trophy and ribbons: M. S. Levy, E. M. Edwards and L. A. Wright; admission: T. T. Cook, L. Z. Terrill and F. B. Conner; grounds: W. H. Vogel, C. L. Cadwell, and Robert Withycombe; sports: W. G. Benson, Dan Clark, C. L. Cadwell, and P. McKennon; races: H. C. Bidwell, Willie Phillips and Ralph Smith; music: George Baird, L. A. Wright and W. O. Haggerty; dance: H. H. Lewis, Louis Bidler, Floyd Church, H. Newell Martens, Adolph Levin, Dr. L. S. Davis, Tom Cook, Dick Bonney and Floyd Edwards.

Transportation: James Webb, M. Stearns, and Charles Miller; judges: G. W. Benson, Robert Withycombe, and Albert Hunter; information: George Baird, R. Wakefield, and Floyd Church; distribution of ribbons: Cyrus Williams, and the Rev. R. C. Levi; stalls: Roy Conklin and W. H. Vogel; decorations: Walter Cook; boys and girls' clubs: H. G. Avery; students judging: Roy C. Emmell; program and parade: Tony D. Smith, W. H. Vogel, R. Withycombe and Roy Conklin.

Department committees: light

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MUSICAL COMEDY
SHOWING TONIGHTAmerican Legion's Annu-
al Stage Offering to
Attract Many

Everything is practically ready for the closing curtain of the American Legion musical comedy, "Oh You Mary Jane," this evening at 8:15 o'clock at the Academy theater. A large percentage of the seats for the first performance have already been taken, all of the downstairs and the large seats being reserved.

Several tickets have been sold for tomorrow night also, when the show will be repeated. A final rehearsal on the production, under the direction of James W. Evans, is being held this afternoon.

Fourteen persons are included in the cost of the production, and assisting them is a chorus of 20.

The La Grande High Tigers almost met their match at Union Saturday night winning a hard-fought, rough game 15 to 16. Spectators classed it as being an even contest, and the Pendleton-La Grande game here in point of interest.

The Union team, which lost to La Grande 32 to 3 in an early season game here, has developed tremendously and may now be ranked as one of the strongest in the district.

With the Roberts at last finding themselves, and with the blue and white squad still weakened because of injuries, local fans are well satisfied with the two-point margin of victory.

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Newlin and Zundel, considering their condition, turned in a good game. Lynman was high point man but wasn't shooting baskets with his usual accuracy. Both Hanks and Stalcup played a strong defensive game.

At half time the La Grande team led by one point, the score then being 11 to 10. In the last half Union added six points to its total while the blue and white squad made seven.

Grade Team Loses
The Central grammar school

team was defeated 14 to 10 by the Union grade school five in a preliminary game.

Golden Geertsen refereed the main game and Johnny Geertsen officiated at the grade school contest.

Pendleton Wins
Baker and Pendleton played a close game on the latter's home floor Saturday night, each outplaying the other in one half. During the first two periods the Buckaroos rolled up 15 points to Baker's one but in the final half, the Bulldogs found themselves and scored 14 points while the Bucks were gathering 5. The final score was: Pendleton 20, Baker, 15. Jimmy Rosenbaum, of La Grande, refereed.

Friday night La Grande goes to Pendleton for a return game and Saturday night two important contests will be played here.

The Union girls will meet the La Grande sextet in what may definitely decide the girls championship of Eastern Oregon, in the event that the Tigresses win. If Union wins an extra game will need to be played to decide the title.

The girls game will begin at 8 o'clock and immediately afterwards the Wallawa and La Grande boys' quintet will clash.

Doors will be opened at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night and reserved seats will go on sale at Glass Driggs Thursday morning. No general admission seats will be sold for the game and all, excepting the students' section and a block for Wallawa fans, must be reserved.

First Teachers'
Institute Held
In Union SchoolSixty County Pedagogos
Gather; Whitman College
Professor Speaks;
Resolutions Adopted.

About 60 teachers were in attendance Saturday when the first of a series of three Union county teachers' local institutes was held at the high school building at Union.

The day was an interesting and profitable one. It is reported, the program beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning with invocation by the Rev. Robert C. Lee and music by the Union high school glee club.

Professor H. R. Lasslett, of the department of education of Whitman college, talked on "Revision of the Curriculum" in the morning and J. D. Fowler, principal of the high school here, thoroughly reviewed the question of "Vocational Guidance," followed by general discussion led by Ralph Morgan, Roy Conklin and L. D. Hollenberg.

In the afternoon the program opened with assembly singing led by W. W. Nushbaum, after which Professor Lasslett presented "The New Type of Examination," followed by a roundtable discussion.

Resolutions Passed
Several resolutions were passed by the teachers present before dis-

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Art Program of
Much Interest
Here Tomorrow

The women of the La Grande Neighborhood club are looking forward to an art program of unusual interest tomorrow afternoon when the Rev. Melville T. Wire, artist and pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Pendleton, will be here and will speak to the club and display some of his paintings.

The program is being presented by the members of the Rambler's Art class and is expected to be very interesting, particularly to those who are especially interested in art.

Mr. Wire was the principal speaker at the annual Father's and Son's banquet here several weeks ago and his ability as a speaker is well known to those who heard him at that time.

He has been pastor of the M. E. church at Pendleton for the past three years. At one time he was pastor of the Wilbur Memorial church in Portland. Several Portland people own his paintings. Among them are: C. F. Adams, Mrs. Albert Farrell, H. C. Wortman, Frederick W. Skiff, Dr. Gertrude Gates, Dr. Tracy Parker, Mrs. E. H. Meyer, Dr. Houseman, C. S. Jensen and D. G. Juhlitz.

Large Crowd to
Attend Road Meet

Indications are that there will be a large attendance at the mass meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall to discuss road improvements in Union county. Numerous replies have been received at the chamber of commerce offices from other towns in the county saying that they will send a representative.

The meeting will be of interest to everyone.

Tigers, Still Weakened Because of
Injuries, Nose Out Union Quintet

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STORMS, FIRE
AND WRECKS
KILL SCORESAustralian Cyclone Fatal
to 40—Sugar Crop
Badly DamagedK. C. AND BANGOR
FIGHTING FLAMESHondo Island Storms De-
clared Worst in Half a
Century; Eight Die in
London Wreck.

BRISBANE, Australia, Feb. 14 (AP)—Between 35 and 40 persons are believed to have been killed in the cyclone which struck the Cairns district, on the east coast of Queensland, last Wednesday morning. All communication was interrupted by the storm, and the only news received, by wireless, is meager. The material damage is known to be extremely heavy, particularly at Ingham, where numerous houses were washed away by swollen streams. Most of the deaths occurred in this district.

The rivers Herbert and Burdekin, near Ingham, rose from 60 to 70 feet above normal. It is believed that the sugar crop was damaged to the extent of 150,000 tons.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 14 (AP)—An explosion followed by fire here early today destroyed seven business places at Fifth street and Grand avenue and damaged eleven others.

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—At least eight passengers were killed and many injured when a train from Withersham struck an express train bound for Scarborough this morning. Six coaches of the Withersham train, in which were a number of school children and business men were teleported.

TOKYO, Feb. 14 (AP)—The toll of death in the recent storms in the northern part of Hondo island passed the 100 mark today. The home office confirmed that 62 had been killed, 29 were missing and 113 houses destroyed in Niigata prefecture, in Toyama prefecture there were forty dead, 18 hurt and 78 houses crushed. Former soldiers are volunteering to take food supplies to the stricken area.

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Coach and Tigers
Will Be Guests

Another report of the legislative committee will be heard tomorrow noon at the regular forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce at the Sommer hotel. Coach Ray MacKenzie and his undefeated basketball squad will be guests at the luncheon.

J. D. Slater, Union county pioneer, will talk, the subject being Oregon's anniversary.

The annual banquet of the commerce chamber, which will be March 1, will be announced.

"Tonight the board of directors is meeting in regular session. This will probably be the last meeting of the present board. Ballots are out for the election of the new board."

Paul Sayre Wins
University Prize

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 14 (Special)—Paul Sayre, of La Grande, a second-year law student, was awarded first prize of \$50 in the Hilton speech contest Thursday night.

For about six years Frank Hilton, a Portland attorney, has offered a prize of \$50 to the student who gives the best legal argument on some topic of vital interest to lawyers.

Last year the law school added a prize of \$25, which went to Edward Kelley of Portland.

Sayre is a member of Phi Delta Psi, national professional law fraternity. He is the son of E. A. Sayre, Union county school superintendent.

Sawmill Machinery
Arrives at Union

UNION, Ore., Feb. 14 (Special)—The machinery for the new Oregon Trail sawmill to be located here, arrived in Union last week and a large force of men are already at work on the building of the machinery.

Excavation for the mill pond is also underway.

GRANDMA AT 29



Can you pick out the youngest grandmother in this picture? Perhaps the lady at the bottom, you say? No. That's the great-grandmother. The grandmother is Mrs. Beulah Graham (right), 28, whose daughter, Mrs. Jesse James (left above), is a mother at 14. The great-grandparents live in Fresno, Cal., and the mother and grandmother in Oakland.

FARMER OUT OF
DATE, FORD SAYS

Flivver Manufacturer to
Attempt to Prove Agri-
culture Is All Wrong

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP)—Experiments by Henry Ford in the production of oatmeal cookies in an effort to eliminate cows, pigs, and chickens and their products from the farm are described today in a dispatch from the New York American.

"The whole conception of the farmer is wrong," said Ford. "His supply of date, I believe that eventually the needs now supplied by the cow, the chicken, the hog will be made from other substances. Dietetics are being studied by my scientists along this line."

"Here, let me show you," Ford said to Horace V. Wilkins, who obtained the interview while Ford was speeding westward in his special car, the Fair Lane.

Exhibits Crackers
Ford pressed a button and a colored chief appeared.

"John," said Ford, "get me some of those crackers you received from the laboratory this morning."

John returned bearing a silver platter on which were a dozen grayish colored crackers about two inches across and two-thirds of an inch thick.

Ford took one and handed the correspondent one. The crackers were crisp and carried a taste of peanut and oatmeal. Ford then pulled a scrap of paper from his pocket which named the ingredients of the crackers. It read:

"Peanut, flour, pecans, germ wheat, oatmeal, olive oil, water and baking powder."

"Assume Legislation"
Ford viewed the McNary-Haugen farm subdivision bill, passed by the senate as "the most insane piece of legislation ever to be tried out on a nation." It is "senseless."

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Advertising in
Newspaper Best
Business Friend

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—The merchant who advertises with discretion and who links himself to the local newspaper, which is his best friend in business, is going to progress during the next few years.

Marshall N. Dunn, of Portland, president of the Pacific Coast Advertising clubs, made this statement in the opening address of the Oregon State Retail Merchants' association, which is in session here.

Merchants of Corvallis met the visitors at a banquet last night and today the convention proper opened with the annual address of President L. L. Thomas, of Marshfield.

"This is a new era of business, the age of the auto and the airplane, and only merchants are reaching out far afield for business hundreds of miles away," said Dunn.

Dunn stressed the need of advertising space that ad writing has become a professional business and urged the merchant to study the fundamentals of space writing.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 14 (AP)—A battle between the conservative and liberal forces was in the making today at Managua, where there are 18 Americans and 50 other foreigners. Matagalpa is 70 miles from Managua.

Liberal troops with machine guns were assembled by General Moncada for attack upon the town. The conservative defenders were in command of General Gomez.

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Siskiyou Bandit
Tells Story of
Life as FugitiveHugh de Autremont, a
Prisoner in Manila, at
One Time Joined Posse
Hunting Him.

MANILA, Feb. 14 (AP)—The story of his life as one of the most hunted fugitives in the world was related to army and postal authorities here today by Hugh de Autremont, under arrest as one of the trio of brothers who killed four men during the attempted robbery of a train in the Siskiyou tunnel near Ashland, Ore., more than three years ago.

He told of how on one occasion he joined a posse that was hunting him and his brothers, Ray and Roy de Autremont.

"We'll hang them if we catch them," the prisoner quoted a member of the posse as having said to him, to which De Autremont said he replied:

"We sure will."

De Autremont Agreed
On another occasion, De Autremont related, he went into the post office at San Francisco and there saw a poster announcing a reward for his arrest.

"That fellow looks like you," a mail clerk remarked to the fugitive pointing to the photograph on the poster.

"Sure does," De Autremont said he replied.

The prisoner asserted that he had been inspired to a life of crime by the story of Jesse James. He added that he was an atheist.

De Autremont was arrested at Los Banos several days ago while serving as a private in the 31st Infantry under the name of James C. Price. Records show that he enlisted in Chicago in April, 1924.

"I guess you got me," he said, as he was taken into custody. Present plans call for the return of the prisoner to the United States tomorrow on the transport Thomas.

Polished in manners and with a good army record, De Autremont is 23 years old. He declared he went under four aliases besides his real name.