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ROAD BONDS
ISSUE CHECK
BEING MADEFirst Count of Petitions
by County Court Ends
in UncertaintyREGISTRATION OF
SIGNERS QUESTIONFinal Efforts Are Being
Made to Put \$440,000
County Highway Pro-
gram on Ballot.

Shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon the county court announced that the road bond petitions showed enough names to put the measure on the primary election ballots.

With only one more day left in which to place the special road bond issue, amounting to \$440,000 on the May primary election ballot, it was still uncertain today as to whether or not the issue will actually be placed on the ballot.

A second meeting of the county court for the purpose of authorizing the bond issue was held this afternoon and the petitions, which have been circulated for the second time, were being checked over.

A first check of the petitions resulted in finding about 20 names short. It is necessary to have at least 800 petitioners to place the bond issue on the ballot. However, several of the persons signing the petitions who had not yet registered were being registered this afternoon in the county clerk's office and it is believed that when a second check is made there will be a sufficient number of names. The petitioner must be a registered voter according to the law.

12 Roads Included
The passing of the bond issue at the May election would mean the improvement of 12 roads in Union county, and the bond money would be divided accordingly. It was first decided to circulate the petitions less than two weeks ago when a meeting of the good roads committee of the Union county chamber of commerce, with representatives from the various sections of the county in attendance, was held at the city hall here. At that time the good roads program, which is sponsored by the chamber of commerce, was outlined and favorably discussed.

An adjourned meeting of the county court for the purpose of placing the bond issue on the ballot was held last Saturday, but because there was not enough petitioners the court adjourned to meet again today to take the matter up for a second time.

SIDEWALKS
PLANNED FOR
GRADE SCHOOL

The building of sidewalks at the Willow school was discussed last night when the regular meeting of the La Grande board of education was held at the office of Colon R. Eberhard. The school grounds are being leveled to lawn now and within a short time work will start building sidewalks around the building. The kind of sidewalks has not yet been determined, but will be in a few days. A committee from the board visited the school building this morning in that interest.

Regular monthly bills and teachers' salaries were allowed during the meeting last night, and the high school band trip to Corvallis to the state band contest was reported upon.

Announcement was made of a general teachers' meeting which will be held in the high school auditorium at 2:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon, when the teachers who attended the meeting of the Inland Empire association at Spokane, Wash., will give reports. Members of the school board will be in attendance.

Fliers Reply To
Coolidge Message

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—A message of appreciation for the telegram of congratulation sent them by President Coolidge was received at the white house today from the crew of the Bremen.

"Deeply moved by your very kind congratulation," the message said. "The German-Irish crew of German airplane Bremen hope to reach the great republic of the United States when they will personally thank you for your sympathy and for your sym-

Business Men To
Oked Or Reject
Summer FestivalMeeting Thursday Night
to Decide on Home-Coming—
Chamber Discusses
Matter.

The question of whether La Grande will have a home-coming festival this summer, although endorsed by the chamber of commerce last Tuesday, is still a little in doubt. It was revealed today at the forum luncheon at the La Grande hotel when A. W. Nelson, chairman of the committee in charge of plans for the event, said that it is really up to the merchants of La Grande to decide. The merchants will meet in the city hall Thursday evening at 7:15 o'clock to reach their decision. Clint Van Fleet will preside.

The home-coming festival problem was discussed again today by chamber of commerce members, several participating in the remarks. W. C. Perkins expressed himself as favoring such an event provided that the community as a whole would co-operate. "It will take every member of the chamber of commerce and more" to make this event a success, he said.

Announces Convention
A. J. Stange concurred with Mr. Perkins and also announced that the La Grande Masonic delegation to the recent state convention in Portland had secured this event for La Grande.

Stange placed in this city. On behalf of the chamber of commerce, President H. E. Brady extended thanks to Mr. Stange and other members of the delegation, and promised co-operation next April wherever possible.

In a more or less introductory talk, A. W. Nelson explained the progress made by the committee in planning for the home-coming festival. He said that tentative events, including fireworks, parade, boxing, field events, etc., have been discussed by the entertainment committee headed by Warren Gilbert. He also reported that invitations had been extended to Senator Walsh, of Montana, and Senator Dornan, of Idaho, to attend.

Pledge Co-Operation
It was stated during the meeting that whole-hearted co-operation had been extended by the Rotary club, the American Legion, the Realty board, the Central labor council and other organizations—with each eager to assist in the home-coming in some concrete way.

Mr. Brady said that if the merchants gave final approval to the home-coming festival at the Thursday night meeting, that committee would be hard at work on preliminaries within a week.

It was announced that the second reading of the food and mill ordinance would take place at the city commission meeting tomorrow night and that the commission wish all merchants, daymen and other interested persons to attend.

The next Tuesday meeting of the chamber will be held at Island City.

Typing Prizes
Are Awarded To
Two Local Girls

Two girls of the La Grande high school commercial department are now members of the Order of Greys Artists. Reports have been received from 65 short hand papers sent in from the commercial department of the local school to the Gregg Artists organization, and Misses Margaret Danks and Lola Robertson received gold pins for their work and were given honorable mention which makes them members of the organization, and certificates were given to 34 short hand students.

This is the first time that the La Grande high school has participated in the annual contest, and the showing made is considered very good. All students who are completing their work in the commercial department this year were given certificates. Mrs. Bertha Hayes has charge of the department.

Saturday four typewriting students, Misses Margaret Danks, Theresa Taber, Ethel Sayre and Phyllis Ansell and their teacher, Miss Edith Sorenson, went to Pendleton, where they participated in the annual Eastern Oregon typewriting contest. Representatives from schools all over Eastern Oregon took part in the contest. The local high school students placed fifth. The Baker typewriting students won first place.

Sheriff Taking Slavinsky To Pen
Sheriff Jesse Breshears, who returned from Salem Sunday where he took two prisoners to the state penitentiary, left again today for the state prison, this time taking with him John Slavinsky, convicted in circuit court and sentenced by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Slavinsky is the last prisoner to take to Salem from this county following the April term of court, which was adjourned from earlier in the year.

FLOOD BILL
DISLIKED BY
MR. COOLIDGEBelieves Measure Most Ex-
tortionate to Pass Any
Branch of CongressSENATE ACTION
SURPRISES HIMColumbia Basin Reclama-
tion Project Bill Is Laid
Aside by Senate for
Other Legislation

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—President Coolidge regards the pending flood control bill as the most extortionate measure that has passed any branch of congress since he has been president.

He believes that neither the senate nor the senate committee were acquainted with its ramifications and he is surprised that the measure passed the senate with so little discussion.

The president attributes the raising of the administration bill from approximately \$200,000,000 to \$1,400,000,000 largely to agitation by lumber interests.

While not wishing the government to take over lands of lumber companies without just compensation, the president believes the opportunity should not be seized to involve the government in large damage suits by obtaining land to carry out the flood relief policies.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—The Jones-Dill bill looking to the development by the federal government of the Columbia basin reclamation project in Washington was taken up today by the senate, but after an hour's discussion was laid aside for other legislation.

Debate was still under way on the measure at 2 p. m. when an order of the senate automatically was displaced and went back to the chamber.

Pending at the time was an amendment by Senator Fletcher, democrat, Florida, to provide a \$100,000 appropriation for a complete investigation of the projects feasibility, reclamation of the 1,500,000 irrigable acres in the area affected to be held up in the meantime.

Fletcher objected, as did several other senators, including Fess of Ohio, and Phipps of Colorado, republicans to embarking on so extensive a reclamation enterprise until it definitely had been established whether there was need for the additional acreage and what effect its development would have on American farmers generally.

TWO WOMEN FILE FOR TREASURER
Mrs. McCrary and Mrs. Gates, Democrats, Seeking County Office

Two candidates for the office of county treasurer filed their declaration this morning with C. K. McCormick, county clerk. They were Mrs. Ada McCrary and Mrs. Colla W. Gates, both democratic candidates. They filed their declarations today and by tomorrow evening their petitions will be in the county clerk's office, it is reported.

Up until this morning there was no opposition for the county offices and all incumbents had filed for re-election.

Tomorrow is the last day in which to file before the primary election, which is May 15. Today is the last day to register to be able to vote at that time, and both the county clerk and his assistant were kept busy during the day registering those who called at the court house.

Knights Meet In Regular Session
The regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias lodge was held last evening at the hall here with a good attendance. After the regular lodge session the time was spent rehearsing the ritualistic work of the lodge, preparatory to the district convention which will be held at Elgin. Several re-instatements were reported.

There were several out of town visitors present for the meeting.

Portland Seeking Lower Power Rate
PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 17 (AP)—A move by city officials to get lower electric rates was started today when Mayor George L. Baker and city commissioners instructed City Attorney Frank E. Grant to prepare a petition to the public service commission, asking downward revision of rates in Portland. The council was expected to act on the matter formally tomorrow.

To "Shoot" Route
His first scheduled stop is Mexico, where Angel will clear the customs and refuel the plane and then take off for Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, where he will pick up William Berl aerial photographer, who will secure a motion

Presbytery Will
Elect Officers
During EveningGrande Ronde Organiza-
tions Opens Semi-An-
nual Convention in La
Grande Today.

The semi-annual meeting of the Grande Ronde presbytery of the Presbyterian church opened in La Grande this morning at the First Presbyterian church here with a fair-sized crowd in attendance. The first session, which began shortly after 10 o'clock, was open to the public.

The opening sermon was given by the Rev. Samuel E. Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Burns, who is moderator of the presbytery and is presiding over the meeting. Mr. Harris talked on the subject "Equipment for the Ministry," in which he discussed the various qualifications necessary for a successful ministry.

The communion service was conducted by the Rev. Paris E. Wells, of Enterprise, assisted by the Rev. W. F. Shields, of Wallawa, and the Rev. Mr. Ostler, of Mt. Vernon.

Election Tonight
This afternoon and this evening the business of the presbytery will be taken up, which will include the election of officers, reports, etc.

The Rev. J. George Walk, pastor of the local church, conducted the opening devotional this afternoon. There are 12 churches in the Grande Ronde presbytery, including Baker, Halfway, Union, Enterprise, Wallawa, Lostine, Elgin, Burns, Mt. Vernon, Crane, Dayville and La Grande.

RECOVER CAR BUT CONTENTS STILL MISSING
A car, stolen from Adams and Fourth street last night, was later recovered by the police on Jefferson avenue. The machine belonged to a Mr. Burns, of Port Deschene, Utah, and when found had been robbed of two suit cases, a traveling bag and some tires.

At an early hour this morning, the police arrested two boys, Raymond Russell and Clyde Larson, both about 15, charging that they were attempting to start W. Lee Bonny's car. The boys were freed on their own recognizance with orders to report to the police station this evening.

British Admiral Relieved Of Post
LONDON, Apr. 17 (AP)—Rear Admiral Bernard St. G. Colford, central figure in the famous royal oak affair which involved the court martialing of Captain Kenneth G. B. Dewar and Commander H. M. Daniel, has been relieved of his command and placed upon the retired list.

Announcement of this was made today after the Easter recess by W. C. Bridgman, first lord of the admiralty, in a long awaited address on the royal oak controversy.

MAN IDENTIFIED
PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 17 (AP)—Through identification furnished by George Hamilton, of Portland, police last yesterday learned that the name of the amnesia victim has been in their care for more than two weeks is Claude Amy, and that his home is at Dorris, Cal. Hamilton said he had worked with Amy packing fruit at Wenatchee, Wash., and that Amy had worked up and down the coast in fruit packing.

Court Decision Is Favoring Counties
SALEM, April 17 (AP)—The supreme court today decided against the state and in favor of the counties in the case brought to secure a share in the tax refund in O. and C. land grant under the Stanford bill.

Jimmy Angel Starts Flight That Will Take Him Around Cape Horn
MEXICALI, Apr. 17 (AP)—Jimmy Angel, plotting the pan-American plane from Fresno, Cal., completed the first leg of his projected 25,000-mile trip around Cape Horn and dropped into the government airport here at 10:20 o'clock this morning.

PHOENIX, Calif., April 17 (AP)—Endorsed by an attack of his pneumonia which caused him to spend a sleepless night, Jimmy Angel, a wealthy Fresno flier, climbed into his pan-American airplane at sunrise today and hopped off on the first leg of his scheduled 25,000-mile air tour around Cape Horn, South America, and return.

Despite his heavy 2,500-pound load, the plane made a beautiful take-off, getting into the air after a short run of less than 300 feet. Circling the Fresno municipal airport and waving a farewell to the handful of Presnians who gathered to bid the flier bon voyage, Angel headed south at a speed estimated at more than 100 miles an hour.

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BASEBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati-Philadelphia, postponed; Boston at Brooklyn, postponed; Cincinnati at Philadelphia at New York, postponed, cold.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston-New York, postponed, cold; Washington-Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

Prosperity Reserve Measure Reported
WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—The "prosperity reserve" bill of Senator Jones, republican, of Washington, setting up a vast public works program to be used by the president whenever employment drops, was ordered favorably reported today by the senate commerce committee.

The bill would authorize the appropriation in addition to the regular amounts for such purposes \$75,000,000 for good roads construction; \$50,000,000 for river and harbors work; \$10,000,000 for flood control; and \$15,000,000 for construction of public buildings.

MELLONS ON VACATION



Andrew Mellon, who has been having a rather strenuous time of it in Washington lately, is vacationing in Bermuda with his son, Paul. Here they are shown as they sailed from New York, the Yale student and the secretary of the treasury both smiling happily.

Smith Does Not
Plan To Attend
Houston Caucus

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Apr. 17 (AP)—Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, has broken his political silence in the south where he came in search of recreation on the golf links.

An interview brought the statement from him that he would not attend the Houston caucus where his cohorts will battle for the 72 1/2 delegate votes necessary to name the party standard bearer.

Pressed by newspapermen as to whether he might reconsider this decision, the governor said: "No, I mean that I will not attend. There's no use of my going."

There was no elaboration of this statement and friends of the New York executive now questioning here at the Baltimore resort country club would make no comment or venture to predict the reasons back of the decision.

The declaration came on the eve of the meeting in New York today of the democratic state executive committee, which was expected to take some action formally placing Smith in the presidential contest.

16 Dental Offices Robbed Of Gold
PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 17 (AP)—Ten dental offices in downtown buildings were robbed of gold on Sunday, police revealed today. The robber obtained about \$500 in gold and cash. The only clue obtained was a report that an elderly man had been seen Sunday loitering about hallways of the buildings where the robberies occurred. Six of the offices were in the Morrison building, three in the Sefting building and one in the Medical Arts building.

OAXACA STATE TOWNS RUINED BY TREMBLORS
MEXICO CITY, Apr. 17 (AP)—Press dispatches today said several towns in the state of Oaxaca were believed to have been destroyed in the earthquake which rocked Southern Mexico last night. No casualties were reported. The shocks were most violent in a large zone in Oaxaca and many buildings collapsed in Oaxaca city.

The shocks were also felt in Mexico City and the center of the disturbance was officially estimated to be 165 miles to the southeast of the capital.

Sheriff Arrested, Charges Frame-Up
PORTLAND, April 17 (AP)—Declaring his arrest here late yesterday was a "frame-up," Sheriff E. P. Frederickson, of Wahkiakum county, Washington, prepared today his defense to a charge of general conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act. His arrest followed his appearance here as a witness in the case of Edgar Ellis, charged with possession of liquor.

After Frederickson's arrest a new complaint was sworn out against Ellis, accusing him, Frederickson and E. D. Day, of conspiracy to violate the liquor laws. Day was said to be under arrest in Tacoma under the alias of M. J. Murphy. Frederickson charged that jealousy and an office row was at the bottom of the affair.

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Government In
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His Views During a
Speech Before D. A. R.
Convention in Capital.

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—A warning to those who are "willing to surrender local self-government" to federal agencies or private interests was couched by President Coolidge last night with an admonition against putting the government in the field of business.

Addressing the congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the president elaborated extensively on those two themes but gave no indication whether his views were prompted by recent incidents or legislative proposals before the federal congress.

Observing that there are always "those who are willing to surrender local self-government and turn over their affairs to some national authority in exchange for a payment of money out of the federal treasury," the president continued: "Whenever they find that some abuse needs correction in their neighborhood, instead of applying a remedy themselves they seek to have a tribunal sent on from Washington to discharge their duties for them, regardless of the fact that in accepting such supervision they are bartering away their freedom."

Governor McCord said, must be kept out of business. "If the people are to remain politically free they must be economically free," he asserted. "Their only hope in that direction is for them to keep their own business in their own hands."

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Justices Refuse To Ask Clemency For Doomed Men
SALEM, Ore., Apr. 17 (AP)—When Governor Patterson yesterday called on members of the supreme court and gave them opportunity to make recommendations individually in regard to executive clemency for James Wilton and Ellsworth Kelley, each of the justice declined to make a recommendation according to an official statement issued by the court.

There is much speculation whether the governor will commute the death sentences to life imprisonment.

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Major James Fitzmaurice left Greenly Island yesterday in a relief plane piloted by Charles A. (Duke) Schiller.

The fliers' plane called for Captain Hermann Koehl and Baron Gunther von Huenefeld to fly the Bremen here to pick up Major Fitzmaurice and continue on to New York—the goal they set for themselves when they headed out over the Atlantic from Ireland last Thursday. Schiller was to act as guide for them in his plane.

Sister Ship at Hand
At Montreal, where it had been flown from New York for just that purpose, was the sister ship of the Bremen, the Junkers F-13, with all the necessary parts for repairing the ocean plane. It was expected the F-13 would be flown here today so that no time would be lost.

Major Fitzmaurice and Schiller were forced down at the little trading post of Nantashquan, 200 miles from Greenly Island and 500 miles from this city by a violent snow storm. They hoped to continue their flight today to Quebec, if necessary they could land at Murray Bay where a special train would be provided to bring them the rest of the way.

Earlier messages from the frozen north where the Bremen waits said the fliers expected to hop off Wednesday.

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MASONS OPEN
CONVENTION IN
SAN FRANCISCO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Apr. 17 (AP)—The hosts of Masonry began their reign in San Diego yesterday when the five-day convocation of York or American rite bodies of the state convened at the Masonic temple. Thousands of Masons and their families were here for the opening of the convocation and during the week many others are expected to arrive the total.

Delegates to the grand council royal and select masters began and ended their convention with two business meetings and a degree examination.

San Francisco was chosen as the city in which the 1929 convocation will be held.

The grand chapter Royal Arch Masons will open its two-day session today, to be followed Thursday by the Knights Templar meeting, also scheduled to last two days.