

CITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS NOW 2,271

Central Has Most Pupils With La Grande High Next on the List

RECONSTRUCTION WORK CONTINUES

Installation of Electric Bell, Fire Alarm and Clock System Completed in Building

The total enrollment in the public schools of La Grande at present is 2,271 students. Central grade school has the largest number with 666, and La Grande High school is second with 592.

Junior Class Smallest

In the high school the enrollment of junior students is smallest with a total of 109.

Final work in the reconstruction of the high school building damaged by fire several months ago, is continuing.

The music room, an addition to the building, located on the top floor is an attractive and useful feature of the building.

In the high school building installation of an electric bell, fire alarm and clock system has been completed.

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S. H. NEVILLE PASSES ON IN TURLOCK, CAL.

Will Rockman of near Imbler received word this morning of the death of his uncle, S. H. Neville, of Turlock, Cal.

Mr. Neville came to the Grande Ronde valley in 1879 or 1871 and purchased a farm on the Sandridge.

Defendant Winner In Court Action

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Choir Preparing For Easter Cantata

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Seven Teams In Tourney; Three To Go to Union

Wallowa Playing Cove This Afternoon — La Grande Tigers to Face Elgin This Evening

Seven basketball teams, all hopeful of winning the right to represent Union and Wallowa counties in the championship tournament at Union next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, were on edge this afternoon, eagerly waiting for action.

Wallowa and Cove were the first on the program in the sub-district tournament, which began this afternoon in the L. D. S. Recreation hall here.

Two games are listed for this evening: La Grande vs. Elgin at 7:30, and Enterprise vs. Imbler at 8:20.

Joseph, the seventh team, drew a bye last Monday and will not play until tomorrow morning when three games are scheduled.

Four of the seven teams are to be eliminated and only three will win the right to play at Union. Most critics expect Wallowa and La Grande to be victorious.

Choral Society Gives Pantomime, Favorite Hymns

The Lutheran Choral society entertained La Grande people with an unusually enjoyable program last night when the members presented a pantomime of favorite hymns at the church at 8 o'clock.

The program was well worked out in costume and lighting effects. Music consisted of selections by the choir and of individual solos and duets.

The personnel of the choir includes the following: sopranos, Miss Lina Lottes, Miss Anna Lottes, Mrs. B. L. Turner, Mrs. H. H. Ostland, Mrs. Walter Pohnman, Mrs. J. J. Towery, Mrs. J. G. Silbacz, Mrs. Fred Mathes Jr. and Mrs. Walter Pohnman; basses, the Rev. Leif H. Aves and Ben L. Turner.

Install Alarm System In high school building installation of an electric bell, fire alarm and clock system has been completed.

The master clock is 65 inches long and 22 inches wide, the frame made of solid oak, with a solid brass pendulum.

Connected with the same system is the fire alarm. The bells ring in Mr. Towery's office and connected to it are seven auxiliary stations in the halls.

When the glass in any sub-station it energizes the master clock and sets the bell ringing in every room and corridor of the building.

Agnes Doherty totaled 26 and Isabelle Hager nine points for La Grande. Members of the team were: Verona Stoop, and Opal Nobles, centers; Lola M. Snowgrass and Ruth Tomstock, guards.

In a game played Tuesday night La Grande won by a score of 32 to 12.

Lena Campbell was referee in both games. Dr. William Peary was time-keeper.

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RECOMMENDS VARE CHAIR BE DENIED

Senate's Special Investigating Committee Makes Report

ROCKEFELLER, LEE ARE UNDER FIRE

Representative Tinkham, of Massachusetts, Accused Oil Men of Working Against U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The senate's special investigating committee today submitted a final report recommending that William S. Vare, republican, be denied a seat as senator from Pennsylvania.

The committee took into consideration, however, the previous declaration of the senate that Vare be given an opportunity to present his case personally and declared that in view of the present physical and mental condition of the senator elect it was for the senate to determine what action is proper in the premises.

Vare is confined to a sick bed in Florida and Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, the chairman of the special committee, has indicated he will be guided entirely by the decision of the senate. It is not expected that action against Vare will be pressed at this session.

SENATORIAL CHARGES WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Charges that the international Standard Oil interests, John Rockefeller, and Ivy Lee, New York

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THEATERS SIGN LEADING TALKIES

Motion Picture Fans to Get Vitaphone, Warner Bros., First National

An insurance policy covering every individual in Union county has just been taken out by the La Grande Theaters, Inc. So states the members of this organization which operates the Arcade, Star and Colonial theaters in La Grande.

This statement does not mean that a certain amount of money will be paid any individual but it does mean that every person who enjoys going to a show will be assured of the very best in the talking field for the next five years or at least, they declare.

R. C. Hill, manager of the Warner Bros. exchange in Portland, H. B. Keller, representative for First National Pictures, and William Byres, representative for Vitaphone, Inc., were in La Grande yesterday and closed a deal whereby the La Grande Theaters, Inc. will have the exclusive franchise for all of Warner Bros. and First National talking pictures, also the Warner Bros. Vitaphone acts and entertainments for the next five years.

Warner Bros. have lead the field since the inception of talking pictures and with the combination of the Warner Bros. and First National.

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Several Bills Signed By Governor Including One Sponsored by Kiddle

SALZM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—The Jackson county court house bill and house bill 338, providing for an additional district judge and increasing the salaries of district judges from \$2900 to \$3500 a year, were among measures signed today by Governor Patterson.

The governor also signed the Moser bill increasing the license fees of pilots on the Columbia and Willamette rivers from \$30 to \$50, and the Kiddle bill placing restrictions on candidates placing their names before the people of the state for the presidency and vice presidency.

Other bills signed by the governor today were: H. B. 30, by committee on repeal of laws—Relating to preferences on public contracts.

H. B. 29, by committee on repeal of laws—Relating to taxation.

H. B. 53, by committee on repeal of laws—Relating to marine insurance.

H. B. 57, by committee of repeal of laws—Relating to limited partnerships.

H. B. 106, by committee on repeal of laws—Relating to road bonds.

Killers' Car Is Found Today In Chicago Garage

Several Arrests Follow Discovery But Police Will Not Reveal All of Developments

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (AP)—The killers' car used in last week's gang massacre has been found, police said today, in a garage not three miles from the scene of the multiple murder.

Efforts to destroy it led to the discovery, for an acetylene torch used to cut through the steel frame ignited the garage. Firemen, finding the machine, called police, and police, after a careful survey including the photographing of fingerprints inside the garage and on parts of the car, believed themselves near solution of the worst gang outrage in Chicago history.

Early today Deputy Police Commissioner John Stege said: "There is good reason to believe the Moran murders will be cleared up within a few hours."

Several arrests quickly after police established to their own satisfaction the identity of the automobile. Half a dozen arrests had been made by midnight, and shortly before dawn a squad went out on a secret mission which Lieutenant William Casack, squad leader, completely dismantled, with identifying marks removed, with two wheels off and with parts of the body burned or cut away by a hacksaw and acetylene torch which were found in the garage.

The machine was a 1928 model touring car of the type used by mobile squads of the police department. It was found almost completely dismantled, with identifying marks removed, with two wheels off and with parts of the body burned or cut away by a hacksaw and acetylene torch which were found in the garage.

Police Commissioner Russell's sweeping command for a search of all garages or other buildings fronting on alleys probably prompted the hurried effort to destroy the motor car. The commissioner's order was directed primarily at mopping up the city's liquor supply, much of which is believed to be stored in garages or other alley buildings. It apparently created alarm in an entirely unexpected quarter—among the killers themselves.

A small siren, such as is used on police cars, was found nearby. The tires, all new, had been stripped from the siren. The radiator had been taken off and was standing against the wall.

A gray fedora hat and a tangerine (Continued on Page 5)

Boy Scouts Will Conduct Service

A group of La Grande Boy Scouts will have charge of the evening church service at the Methodist church Sunday evening. At that time Dr. W. T. Pfy, president of the Eastern Oregon council, Woodrow Lamorell and Virgil Kochenberger, Eagle scouts, and A. W. Nelson, will speak.

Other boys who will be on the program are: Buddy Reynolds, Max Stoddard, Howard Lyman, Roland Heasler and Chiro Thomas.

Men's Club Meets With Dr. Murphy

About 20 members of the Presbyterian Men's club gathered at the home of Dr. W. T. Pfy at 8 o'clock last night for a regular session of the organization. Dr. Murphy gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Astronomy."

Before adjournment Mrs. Murphy served delicious refreshments.

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National Auditor At Eagles' Meet

The Eagles and Eagles auxiliary met last night and following the lodge session joined for a dance and entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Trimble, Baker officers, were guests.

Eddie Sheehan, national auditor for the Eagles' lodge, entertained with two much appreciated tenor solos, "My Wild Irish Rose," and "Sleep, Baby, Sleep." He was accompanied by Miss Louise Barnett.

At the Eagles' lodge session, Mr. Sheehan talked on "Fraternity." Frank Patt was chairman of the dance committee.

Four Killed, Four Hurt in Explosion

GLENNVILLE, Ga., Feb. 22 (AP)—Four men were killed and four injured in an explosion of the sawmill of W. A. Canine here today.

The cause of the explosion, in the mill's boiler was not determined.

The dead: Robert Dewell, Johnny Hendricks and Kenneth Brown, all white, and Lee Pope, negro stevedore.

THE FIRST INAUGURATION



There were no photographers when George Washington was inaugurated as president, but painters preserved the historic scene. The old painting above shows Chancellor Livingston of New York state administering the oath to General Washington while Senate Secretary Otis holds the Bible on a crimson cushion. The ceremony took place on a balcony of the New York federal building, a general view of which is shown in the old woodcut below.

Three Wallowa County People Taken by Death

Death took three Wallowa county people this week, two on Monday and one Wednesday, according to reports received here today.

Charles E. Garwood, bachelor farmer of Middle Valley, and resident of Wallowa county for the last 33 years, was found dead at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday morning when he had been stricken apparently as he was after wood for the fire. Death was due to heart disease. The body may be taken to Illinois for burial.

Mrs. George Wolfe, former Wallowa resident, died at Elgin about midnight Monday night. Funeral services were held today in the Christian church at Wallowa.

George Weston Hyatt, of Enterprise, and one of Wallowa county's best known young musicians and artists, died Monday night at 8 o'clock at the University of Oregon, where he was a student. Death was caused by inflammatory rheumatism following an attack of influenza. Funeral services were held this afternoon at Enterprise at the Presbyterian church. The deceased was well known throughout Wallowa county.

Transportation Difficulties Growing; Train Finally Reaches Silverton

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 22 (AP)—A battle to keep up transportation facilities, deliver relief and handle mail, in the face of huge drifts of snow, was general over the Rocky mountain region today.

In Wyoming an airplane was called into play last night to carry a half ton of food and blankets to some 50 or 60 men, women and children comprising the fleet of 23 trucks which are marooned by snow in the Red desert.

The plane was sent from Salt Lake City. The pilot dived the Red desert, now a waste of snow, until he located the stalled trucks, and dropped the supplies to the stranded party. Three trucks which left Rock Springs two days ago to offer relief to the fleet apparently are stalled somewhere in the vicinity. The extreme cold continues in this region.

Train Reaches Silverton Silverton, Colo., turned out en masse to greet the first train which had been able to reach that place since February 2, when it arrived there late yesterday. The entire region has been cut off by huge snowdrifts which buried all roads and railroads.

A heavy snow was general over Colorado yesterday. In several sections automobile traffic was hampered. Some 10,000 sheep belonging to the Cow Creek Sheep company which are ranged along (Continued on Page 5)

EDITORS DAY ACTIVE WITH BIG PROGRAM

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Oregon editors put in a full day today listening to instructive talks, discussing various phases of the newspaper business and adding recreation by attending basketball games, luncheons and banquets.

Inauguration of First President Recalled Today

Gen. Washington Wouldn't Know the Ceremony If He Came Back to See Hoover Sworn

By Bruce Cutton (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 — If George Washington, first president of the United States, should return to the country he fathered to witness the inauguration of Herbert Hoover here March 4, he probably would fail to recognize the ceremony as the final descendant of his own inauguration.

The contrast between the United States of Washington's time and the United States of today is nowhere better shown than by a comparison of Washington's first inaugural with Hoover's.

Not that there wasn't plenty of pomp and display when the country swore in its first president. There was—lots of it. But the whole thing was pitched to a different key. The proceedings in Washington's day were slower, more deliberate, and—despite the formal ceremony of the present day—somehow more dignified.

Millions Hear It Now Hoover came quietly to Washington by private car, the journey taking less than 24 hours and passing without much comment. On the day of the inaugural he will head a great parade to a huge temporary wooden stand built in front of the capitol, where, in the sight of many thousands of his fellow countrymen he will take the oath, as the Bible and deliver his address.

Overhead the mighty dirigible Los Angeles and a host of airplanes will circle and dip. Telegraph wires will carry accounts of the proceeding to every town in the country. The radio will enable millions of Americans to hear every word that is said. Newspaper photographers will take countless pictures and the pictures will be sent by telephoto wires all over the country so that people on the Pacific coast may see them on the same day.

How would Washington recognize any of that? To begin with, the city of Washington didn't even exist in his day. He took the oath in New York; the site of the future capital was a barren plain beside the Potomac river.

Washington didn't look forward to his inauguration at all. On the day he left Mount Vernon to take up his new duties he wrote in his diary: "About 10 o'clock I bade adieu to Mt. Vernon, to private life and to domestic felicity, and with a mind oppressed and the picture and painful sensations than I have words to express, set out for New York in company with Mr. Thompson and Colonel Humphreys, with the best disposition to render service to my country in obedience to its calls, but with less hope of answering its expectations."

The trip across country was made by carriage. The slow means of communication of those days are shown by the fact that while his term should have begun on March 4, he was not notified of his election until April 14. His trip began two days later, and he was not inaugurated until April 30.

Although he had only two companions on his 140-mile ride to New York, his progress was a succession of welcomes and ovations. Every city and town through which he passed.

The much-discussed kindergarten bill, introduced in the house by Representative Hazlett and others, was being debated in the senate when noon adjournment was taken. Opponents of the bill conceded its passage. The debate will continue after noon, following a 10-minute address on George Washington by Senator Ed Miller.

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Senator Hall's bill, introduced by present, providing for a state narcotic commission to enforce the laws against the use of narcotic drugs, was killed by indefinite postponement.

Rising on a point of personal privilege today, Senator Bell said that both the original print and the engrossed copies of the Bell-Schulmerich bill to consolidate the recent boards of the state university. (Continued on Page 5)

Missing Girl Is Returned to Her Parents Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Doris Virginia Smith-Murphy, who disappeared from a playground here a week ago was returned safely to her parents today.

For the last week she had been living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharp. Sharp and his wife said they believed Doris was their daughter Betty and told a story of being reunited by a stranger. They said they had not seen their child for many months.

Mrs. Helen Murphy, when told of the discovery, almost suffered a collapse. When she met the child she identified her.

Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson, said that two men and a woman, whose names he said he did not know would be charged with kidnaping. He said that the three, two of whom were presumably Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, were under arrest.

Leopold Placed in Lane Cell Today

JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 22 (AP)—Nathan Leopold, one of the "thrill killers" of Bobby Franks, was in solitary confinement in the state penitentiary today. He was moved to "solitary" after prison authorities found he had constructed a stove in his cell and was cooking midnight meals. For fuel he used alcohol flched from the prison ration shops.

LEGISLATURE STEP NEARER BIG PROBLEM

With Clock Ticking Off Minutes of 40th Day, House Gets Busy

INTANGIBLES BILL GIVEN APPROVAL

Income Tax With Property Tax Offset Admittedly Dead; Farm Block Drafting Substitute

SALZM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—With the clock ticking its way through the minutes of the fortieth day, the normal duration of a legislative session, the house this morning without a dissenting vote passed the bill taxing intangibles.

The second revenue measure of the property tax relief commission and the problem of wiping out the state deficit of more than \$2,000,000 was one step nearer completion.

It is estimated by Representative Carlin, chairman of the commission and its floor leader of the house, that the tax on intangibles will net the state at least \$600,000 annually. From the excise tax on banks and other corporations an additional income of \$750,000 is expected each year. The returns from the two would wipe out the existing deficit during the coming biennium.

Both measures now go to the senate. Offset Bill Killed. A third revenue proposal of the commission, that of personal income tax with a property tax offset set up to 75 per cent of the income tax due, is admittedly dead. In its place the "farm bloc" of the house, with representatives of the grange and organized labor, is drafting a personal income tax bill embodying a graduated rate of from one to five percent and specifying that the revenue collected under it shall be utilized in reducing the state property tax.

As a meeting in the governor's office Thursday sponsors for the substitute income tax idea appointed a committee consisting of Representatives Hazlett, Johnson of Wallowa, and Norton to draft a bill. With the assistance of Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, the draft has been completed and will be ready for consideration during the afternoon. It will substitute for the Bell-Schulmerich income tax measure, which was withdrawn by Representative Norton just before noon.

Withdrawal of the Hall-Norton bill was inspired to some extent by the informal agreement of members of the committee on assessment and taxation to report it out with the recommendation that it do not pass.

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CONGRESS AND CAPITOL CITY OBSERVE DAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The president, congress and the capital city had arranged today to observe the 197th anniversary of George Washington's birthday. Ordinarily the cabinet meets on Friday but this was dispensed with today as was the usual Friday press conference with the chief executive. Mr. Coolidge had on his engagement list tonight an address at George Washington university, where he and Mrs. Coolidge were to receive the degree of doctor of laws.

A speech by Representative John M. Beck, authority on the constitution, was the feature of the exercise arranged in the house. For many years it has been the custom for Washington's farewell address to be read but this year Representative Beck was asked to deliver an oration.

In the senate the reading of Washington's farewell address had been assigned to Senator James Reed, democrat, Missouri, who returns from congress at the end of this term.