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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight, Friday generally fair, cooler in the east portion tonight.

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CITY BUDGET FOR 1930 IS \$154,462.48

Increase in Tax Approximately Two-Tenths of One Mill.

SIDEWALKS TO BE CLEARED OF SNOW

Several New Provisions Inserted Into Budget—\$122,512.48 Must Be Raised by Taxes.

At a meeting last night of the city budget committee, consisting of the city commission and Dr. A. L. Richardson, William Stewart and W. H. Hansen, the 1930 budget was adopted calling for expenditures during the year of \$154,462.48, a slightly less figure than the 1929 budget, which totaled \$156,432.53. In addition to this, a provision for a special tax for municipal and interest on outstanding general bonds, amounting to \$28,400, was approved.

After subtracting estimated revenues in the amount of \$60,300, the total amount of money to be raised by taxes during 1930 for city expenses is \$122,512.48, and assuming that the 1929 valuation is \$5,500,000, the tax levy for 1930 for the city will be .0217, an increase of two-tenths of a mill.

Several reasons for the advance exist, including necessary heavier payments on bonds, necessary increase in appropriations for some of the city departments, and the necessity of purchasing a new city dump truck and a device to register the depth of the water in the Old Town reservoir.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members of the committee discussed assessments, expressing the opinion that the assessed valuations in La Grande were not advancing as they should, when compared with new buildings. City Manager W. C. Crews, in this connection, stated that La Grande ranked low among Northwest cities in per capita tax but was very high in millage tax.

Hill Elected Chairman

Before the adoption of the budget, A. T. Hill was elected chairman and Dr. Richardson secretary of the committee, which met following the regular commission meeting.

Salaries of officials will require \$12,000 next year, engineering \$1,200, the fire department \$18,500, the health department \$2,000, Riverside park \$1,500, the municipal fund \$2,500 and the fund for retirement of street assessments \$5,500. All of these items were unchanged from this year, and were determined in view of the actual expenses necessary to conduct the department in question.

However, in connection with the health department appropriation, Dr. Richardson suggested that a fund of \$500 be created for emergency purposes, particularly to provide funds for treatment of contagious diseases among families who had no way to pay for services.

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RAILROAD MEN HOLD TWO-DAY MEETING HERE

About 20 bridge and maintenance of the way foremen met yesterday afternoon in the O. & W. club house to discuss maintenance problems.

In the safety contest concerning the maintenance of the way department the second division is first on the O. & W. R. R. and N. S. although the Union Pacific system is slightly higher than this division in the rating.

Committees appointed last spring have reports at this meeting regarding such matters as materials used and safety conditions.

H. A. Roberts, engineer maintenance of way, O. & W. R. R. and N. S. from Portland; R. V. Owens, general supervisor of time worked at the Union Pacific, of Omaha; E. A. Huskirk, roadmaster at Pendleton; P. A. Steers, president of the maintenance of way foremen's association, from Salt Lake City; E. E. Martin, secretary maintenance of way foremen's association, of Salt Lake City; Carl Larson, vice-president of the same organization from Wallawa; and J. P. Gorski, general safety agent of the O. & W. R. R. and N. S. from Portland, all spoke to the meeting.

Today practically the same program will be followed with 20 different foremen.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.: 52 above.

Minimum: 35 above.

Condition: Clear.

Weather Yesterday

Maximum: 57; minimum: 35 above.

Condition: Partly cloudy, rain 91 of inch.

Weather Oct. 17, 1929

Maximum: 67; minimum: 43 above.

Condition: Partly cloudy.

Normal School And Rooks Will Clash Tomorrow

Football Game to Begin at 2:30 O'Clock at High School Field—Quinn Gives Lineup.

With a light workout this afternoon, following a week of intensive drilling, the Eastern Oregon Normal school football eleven was ready for its encounter here tomorrow with the heavy-searing Oregon State Rooks.

With only one member of his squad on the injured list, Coach Bob Quinn is hopeful of his team making a good showing. Miller, of Union, will not be able to play because of injuries.

The Normal school lineup for the game tomorrow, which begins at 2:30 o'clock at the high school field, follows: Wakeham, left end; Young, left tackle; Erwin, left guard; Houchens, center; Posey, right guard; Barger, right tackle; Carden, right end; McCully, quarterback; Rust, left half and captain; Sullivan, right half; and Beard, fullback. With the exception of Erwin in left guard, this is the same starting lineup as faced the College of Idaho. Quinn's reserves, many of whom will get into the game, follow: ends, Sarrett and Price; tackles, Crawford and Walter; guards, Brown and Llanagan; center, Sayre; quarterback, Moore; halfbacks, Deveney and Walter; fullback, Doungery. Both Sarrett and Brown are expected to see considerable service during the contest.

Rooks Arrive Tonight

The Rooks are to arrive here tonight about 10 o'clock by bus, headed by Coach Newman. The squad, which will consist of 25

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Two More Days For Pirates To Seek Gifts Here

With two days of the Pirate Party merchandising event remaining, people throughout Union and Wallawa counties started in today to make the most of the free gifts and merchandise bargains offered by La Grande merchants. Large numbers of shoppers were in the participating stores this afternoon and numerous gifts and credits on the purchase of various items had been claimed.

According to the rules of the event, claimed gifts must not be taken from the store until Saturday.

Elks Plan Winter Series of Dances

The R. P. O. Elks winter dance committee, consisting of Jack Perkins, chairman, and Hubert Anderson, William Heugan, E. E. Bramwell and H. V. Conner, today announced that the first of a series of dances in the Elks temple would be held the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 5, with the Star Society orchestra furnishing the music.

Interest is reported to be increasing in the Elks dances, being augmented by the fact that no dances were held for the members last year.

Two Sentenced To Jail, Fined \$100

Judge E. G. Couch sentenced Ed Hopper and James P. Thomas yesterday afternoon to pay a fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail for the possession of liquor. The two men, who were arrested together, entered a plea yesterday morning.

Moose Dance And Dine Last Night

Following a business meeting last night a pleasant evening was spent by members of the Moose lodge and families at a dance and banquet, with about 150 present.

Charles Spivey presided at the business session.

Kelly Provost and Joe Kellogg had charge of the dance, for which Mr. Kellogg furnished the music.

Lowden Opposes Heavy Rural Tax

AMES, Ia., Oct. 17 (AP)—Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, believes state and government aid in the cost of primary education is the solution of the "increasingly severe" school tax burden in rural districts.

In an address today before the annual meeting of the American Country Life association, Mr. Lowden pointed out that existing methods of local taxation have made good roads and modern schools too heavy a burden for the rural community to bear.

TONG WAR ALERTED

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 17 (AP)—

Porty Chinese, twenty of them said to have been "imported" from Portland, Ore., were arrested in a police drive last night which was said to have narrowly averted a long war between two rival Chinese factions.

BAKER CLUB IS HOST TO LA GRANDERS

Eighteen Local Men Represent City in Good Will Trip on Wednesday.

INLOW SPEAKS OF NORMAL SCHOOL

Addresses Also Made by A. R. Hunter, Rev. M. G. Tennyson, Bob Quinn and H. W. Smith.

Launching a series of intercity good will visits, the La Grande chamber of commerce sponsored a delegation to Baker yesterday, attending the luncheon of the Baker chamber of commerce held in the Hotel Baker. Later this visit will be returned, when a group of Baker citizens will come to La Grande for a similar meeting.

La Grande was represented with 18 men, representing the city, the chamber of commerce, the Lion club, the Union County Development league, the county, the Normal school, and other organizations.

Baker's account of the visit follows: "La Grande came to Baker, Wednesday in the person of a group of her representative business and professional men who but on the morning of the Baker chamber of commerce in the Hotel Baker, to be reciprocated later by a similar visit of local citizens to the Union county metropolis."

"Chief speaker was H. E. Inlow, president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, which he declared is in La Grande but serves all Eastern Oregon in equal measure. "Until the last few years higher education in the region of the

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LARGE CROWD AT ELKS '49 SHOW

Benefit Affair Opens at Sacajawea Ballroom, Attendance Is 750.

This Elks annual Days of '49 show opened last night in the Sacajawea ballroom with one of the largest first evening crowds in history, the paid attendance totaling 750, as compared with 710 the first night last year.

The show, proceeds of which will be used for the Christmas tree for the kiddies and to provide baskets of provisions for needy families, opened following a parade through the downtown section. A large part of the crowd devoted the evening to dancing, while others, starting with a few "home" fans, were intent on building up the "bar room" where cider is sold, and card and dice games were busy most of the evening, manned by Elks arrayed in wild west clothing.

During the evening, the Elks gave a chest of silverware to Robert Williamson, Little Miss Harry Anderson assisting Claude Berry in determining the winner of the gift. An electric toaster also was given away.

The second night of the show will begin at the same time this evening, and if last year's record is maintained, it will be a success.

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P-T. Congress In Its Third Day; Mrs. C. F. McPherson Is Nominated

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 17 (Special)—Entering its third day the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers today in session here faced the business of the convention.

The report of the nominating committee was presented this morning and election of officers was scheduled for later in the day.

Mrs. McPherson Nominated

The report of the nominating committee, which has been presented to the convention, includes Mrs. C. F. McPherson, of La Grande, for fifth vice president, and Mrs. Amanda Perkins, of Haines, for first vice president. Unless opponents develop on the floor of the convention, their reelection is practically assured, it is said.

Mrs. William T. Hines, of Portland, was nominated for president. Word received in La Grande from local delegates remark on Grants Pass' hospitality, stating that groups were left in early delegate's room, and that delegates were met at the train and taken to headquarters.

A feature of tomorrow afternoon, the closing day of the convention, was to be a sight-seeing trip to include the famous Oregon caves.

Miss Hair Spoke

MILK fed students, pampered at home by parents who supply them with too much money, will give America a future generation of under developed offspring, who

Eight Members Of Farm Board Are Confirmed

Senate Removes Last Obstacle to Relief Program—Three Meet With Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—The eight men appointed to the federal farm board by President Hoover today were formally and fully empowered to go ahead with their task of bringing prosperity to the American farmer.

Senate confirmation, the last obstacle to the administration's desire for a board of its own choosing to carry out a broad and significant program of its own designing had been successfully removed.

All were approved last night after the senate had laid aside the tariff debate and devoted a full day to discussing their respective merits and qualifications for the important posts to which the chief executive had appointed them. Opposition to three of Mr. Hoover's appointees—Alexander H. Legge, representing the field of finance and business, Samuel R. McKelvie, spokesman for the wheat producing industry, and Carl Williams, cotton representative—developed but was unable to block their confirmation.

Roll call votes were taken on only the three appointees to which there was opposition and the count was 67 to 13 for Legge, 50 to 27 for McKelvie and 57 to 20 for Williams. The other nominees—Charles C. Feagley, of California, fruit; William F. Schilling, of Minnesota, dairy; and Charles R. Wilson, of New York, miscellaneous agricultural activities, and James C. Stone, of Kentucky, tobacco—were approved without a record vote.

Enterprise High To Bring Strong Team Saturday

Continuing the grind in preparation for the second home game of the season, the La Grande high school Tiger squad was working out at the high school field this afternoon, with another workout expected to be held following the football game tomorrow.

Saturday at 2 o'clock, the Enterprise high school will meet La Grande here with a team that is reported to be the strongest developed in Wallawa county in several years.

Recent victories for Enterprise that demonstrated considerable strength, included a 20 to 0 win over the Pomeroy, Wash. team in an interstate battle. Earlier in the season the Enterprise team had the Normal eleven to a 13 to 7 score.

Coach Ira Woodie has not announced his lineup for Saturday, but local people are expecting him to start his strongest combination. A stiff scrimmage with the Normal school team Tuesday gave the Tigers a chance to try out their plays against a stronger aggregation, and perfect their defensive tactics.

La Grande has not been scored on this season, winning 7 on Wallawa 21 to 0 and Nampa 7 to 0, but with the Wallawa county seat team possessed of a strong offensive, it is predicted that the Tigers will have to demonstrate a superior brand of football Saturday to prevent the visitors scoring.

As in the game with Nampa, it is expected that the Tigers will depend to some extent upon their passing game.

MANY VISIT FOREST

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—The Shuswap national forest was visited by 227,395 tourists during the summer, according to R. S. Shelley, supervisor.

Pioneer Resident Passes Last Night

Miranda T. Smith, aged 88 years and a pioneer resident of the Grande Ronde valley, died last night after an extended illness at her home near Alsea. She was the widow of John N. Smith.

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HUGE LIQUOR SYNDICATE IS BROKEN DOWN

Million-dollar Rum Smuggling Outfit Surprised by Federal Men

OFFICERS RUSH ARMED MANSION

32 Men Arrested With Radio Station, City Offices, Storage Plants Raided.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (AP)—A fortified mansion equipped with electromagnetic 1's for its battery of machine guns and used as headquarters for a \$1,000,000 rum smuggling syndicate was in the hands of federal agents today after a surprise attack on the syndicate extending along the Atlantic coast from here to Atlantic City, N. J.

A mile from the armed base of operations at Highlands, N. J., the raiders captured a hidden radio station from which orders in code were sent to the fleet of liquor ships and speed boats operated by the syndicate.

A force of 150 special treasury agents, deputy U. S. marshals and New Jersey state police, going in a coordinated simultaneous raid, seized 32 men, arrested 32 men and seized quantities of imported liquor.

Among those arrested were Emanuel (Mannie) Kessler and Morris Sweetwood, both of whom have served terms in the federal prison at Atlanta for large scale bootlegging operations.

Kessler and Sweetwood, however, were released later at Trenton. The authorities there being satisfied that they had nothing to do with the present operations.

The raids were based on secret indictments returned by a federal grand jury at Trenton, N. J. Although Kessler and Sweetwood were not named in the indictments

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GIANT FLYING BOAT LEAVES ON LONG TRIP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—The giant flying boat "Buenos Aires" of the New York, Rio and Buenos Aires line, took off from the naval air station here shortly before six o'clock for the first stage of a flight of which Buenos Aires is the ultimate destination.

Lieutenant William S. Grooch, first pilot, said he expected to reach Jacksonville, Fla., by night.

The 20-passenger flying boat, with its load of four passengers, company officials, and extra gear expects to reach Buenos Aires by Nov. 10.

The "Buenos Aires" was christened by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, shortly after its arrival in Washington two weeks ago, at a ceremonial missions of 21 Latin American nations participated. It is the flagship of a fleet of 12 similar flying boats which are destined for passenger service between New York, Rio de Janeiro, and Buenos Aires within the next year.

H. E. DIXON IS INSTALLED AS K. OF P. CHIEF

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—Installation of officers and the selection of Portland for the next year's convention of the forty-seventh annual convention of the Oregon grand lodges, Knights of Pythias last night, H. E. Dixon of La Grande was installed as grand chancellor.

Speakers before the convention included E. V. Kuykendall, Yakima, Wash., grand chancellor of Washington; Fred G. Cook, Olympia, grand keeper of seals and records; and J. J. Kvale, of that party, who was elected to district in a summer cottage first of last month.

Minnesota Elect Farm-Laborite

WILLMANT, Minn., Oct. 17 (AP)—Minnesota will continue to have the only farmer-labor party representative in the lower house of congress.

Paul J. Kvale, of Benson, farmer-laborite, was chosen congressman from the seventh Minnesota district at a special election yesterday and for government employees who were hired to do one job by law by senators, to help do another job he probably would not have asked the Manufacturers' association to "loan" him a man.

California Team Arrives In East

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17 (AP)—Big and rangy and exponents of a system of football that combines power, speed and smartness, the Golden Bears of the University of California are here for their battle with the University of Pennsylvania Saturday.

The squad numbering 29, with Coach "Nile" Price at their head, arrived last night and went into retirement at the Manufacturers' country club outside the city, their headquarters during their eastern stay.

LUMBERMAN DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—

Nile J. Baker, widely known lumberman and contractor of this city, died after an illness of several months.

FLIER AT 16



Society parties and dates are incidental things in the life of pretty Annie Laura Underwood, 16-year-old Raleigh, N. C., debutante. Aviation is getting her attention these days, and already she has 15 hours of solo flying to her credit. She hopes to become a licensed pilot when she reaches 18.

BINGHAM TAKES LOBBYING BLAME

Admits Responsibility for Employing of Man as Tariff Advisor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—Full responsibility was assumed today by Senator Bingham, republican, Connecticut, before the senate lobby committee today for his employment of Charles L. Egan, an officer of the Connecticut Manufacturers' association, as a tariff advisor at the time the tariff bill was before the senate finance committee.

Bingham, a member of the finance committee, praised the work Egan had done and said "if anyone ever served a senator loyally, it was he."

"Except he was serving two masters," observed Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, a member of the lobby committee.

"Senator Walsh, I don't think that is fair," replied Bingham. "He worked as hard for the fisheries as for the manufacturers."

"At the same time he was your aid and assistant he was being paid by the Manufacturers' association," replied Walsh.

"Certainly, there is no secret of that."

Bingham then said if there was anything "wrong with it, it is mine."

"Well, do you think there was anything wrong with it," asked Garaway.

"Possibly I made a mistake," said Bingham, adding if he had known that it was "not considered proper for government employees who were hired to do one job by law by senators, to help do another job he probably would not have asked the Manufacturers' association to 'loan' him a man."

John Nicholson Is Sentenced, Paroled

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—John Nicholson, La Grande, was freed today after pleading guilty in federal court to three counts of the Houston case, and Adrian Hines, a taxidermist who wished to save the head for the Houston institution, took charge. Shortly afterwards bursts from the guns ended his life.

Judging Team From O. S. C. Wins First

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17 (AP)—The Oregon State college judging team won first place in better judging at the national dairy show here last night. Bryan Gordon was first in individual judging of butter, and Melville Richey of the Oregon team was third in judging of cheese.

Oregon Man New Minister to Persia

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—

The senate here announced today that Charles C. Hart of Oregon, at present minister to Albania, had been appointed minister to Persia.

Thomas Mannix Accuses Joseph Of Conspiracy

Says Attorney Arranged to Plant Liquor at Salem Home of Justice John L. Rand.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—That George W. Joseph, Portland lawyer, Henry Hansen and other persons unknown entered into a conspiracy to plant liquor at the Salem home of Justice John L. Rand of the state supreme court is the charge made by Thomas Mannix, another Portland lawyer, who yesterday filed disbarment proceedings against Joseph. The proceedings are filed with the supreme court.

Chief Justice Coshaw immediately signed an order citing Joseph to appear before the supreme court on Monday, Nov. 4, and show cause why he should not be disbarred.

Mannix avers that it was the purpose of the conspirators to make it appear that he was the carrier of the liquor, and that the intent of the conspiracy was to reflect against the supreme court and its members.

As a part of the liquor conspiracy," said Mannix's complaint, "Hansen notified the federal prohibition officers that your complaint was about to deliver the liquor to Justice Rand the affidavit disclosing this conspiracy is in the hands of W. K. Newell, federal prohibition director. It was only by discovery of the plot that the liquor was not planted."

Further Allegations

Further allegations that Joseph attempted to intimidate the court in connection with litigation in which he was interested are contained in the complaint.

While the case of Weems vs. Seeling was pending on appeal in the supreme court, says the complaint, "and before a decision was given Joseph, for the purpose of influencing and coercing the court to render a decision in his favor, falsely with actual malice published and caused to be published in the Portland Telegram, statements that one of the justices had heard the case had been corrupted and influenced by your complainant to give a decision unfavorable to Joseph."

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Black Diamond Is Executed By Machine Gun Fire

KENEDY, Tex., Oct. 17 (AP)—"Taken for a ride," by his own herd mates and "put on the spot" by his human friends of the circus lot, Black Diamond, roan elephant who yesterday killed a woman at Comstock, Texas, was executed here yesterday. Short machine guns like those employed by gangsters were employed by his executioners.

With Black Diamond's death the circus lost between ten and fifteen thousand dollars, but rid itself of an animal which, according to its former trainer, had killed three people.

Circus elephant men who conducted the execution yesterday took no chances on a repetition of Saturday's tragedy, in which the elephant, with no apparent provocation, seized and crushed to death Mrs. Eva Donohoe, a spectator.

Bull 131 Years Old

When a huge grizzly bear, been prepared in a grainy picture about two miles from town the elephant's handlers gave him the familiar rallying cry for the parade and he lumbered into position as he had been accustomed to do for years. Three of his herd mates were yoked to him with chains to make certain he would not stampede. A crowd of circus people and curious townspeople followed him in his lumbering death march.

The elephant, a magnificent 131-year-old bull, one of the tallest in captivity, was a dramatic figure as he went unexpectantly to his death and many of his old friends had tears in their eyes.

Now the grave Black Diamond was firmly chained to three trees and Hans Kvale, director of the Houston case, and Adrian Hines, a taxidermist who wished to save the head for the Houston institution, took charge. Shortly afterwards bursts from the guns ended his life.

Garfield To Head Public Domain Board

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—James H. Garfield, secretary of interior in the Roosevelt administration, was designated today by President Hoover to be chairman of the commission on conservation and management of the public domain.

Mr. Garfield is one of the leaders in the conservation movement under the Roosevelt administration. It had first been indicated that the chairman would be his brother, Dr. Harry A. Garfield, of Williams college, but this was said at the white house to have been an erroneous implication.

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GOVERNOR TO SPEAK

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—

Governor L. L. Patterson has accepted an invitation to appear before the Oregon State college judging team at the national dairy show here last night.

The Oregon State team was third in judging of butter, and Melville Richey of the Oregon team was third in judging of cheese.

President Hoover has discussed the question of public domain and the work of the commission with several congressmen and it was said at the white house they had agreed all service clubs of Eugene and Lane county at a joint meeting November 6.

FLAMES TRAP 20 IN HOTEL IN SEATTLE

First Reports Say Six Are Dead and Twelve Others Injured

CAUSE OF TRAGIC BLAZE IS UNKNOWN

Dead Apparently Suffocated While They Slept—Hotel Was of Old Brick Construction.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 17 (AP)—Trapped in a mass of flames, several persons lost their lives and 12 others were burned and injured in a fire that swept through the Portland hotel here early today. First reports said six people, including one woman, are dead.

Firemen believed that all bodies had been recovered from the smoldering building. Several of the injured were in a critical condition and some were not expected to live.

The cause of the blaze, which was discovered at 4:30 a. m., was undetermined.

Several Suffocated

The dead apparently had been suffocated while they slept, firemen said. None had been identified early today.

John Fitzhenry, a roomer in the grand central hotel, across the street from the hotel, said he saw the fire through