

BYRD SOARS OVER SOUTH POLE

\$861,830 OF 1928 TAXES NOW PAID UP

Steady Stream of Checks and Cash Comes Into Sheriff's Office.

FIGURE COMPARES WELL WITH 1928

Taxes Will Become Delinquent First of February, After Which Interest Is Charged.

Tax payments continue to come in at the county sheriff's office, and at present, nearly as much money has been collected as was taken in during 1928.

According to officials in the sheriff's office, there have been \$861,830.44 paid into the county's coffers for taxes since the first of this year.

After the taxes become delinquent three per cent interest is charged, it is announced today.

Figures show that the 1927 taxes paid in 1928 amounted to \$855,598.27, which is only \$3,747.83 less than last year with another month in 1929 in which to make payments.

The excellent record of this year indicates to observers that Union county's financial condition at present is in a usual standard.

Several interesting facts have been learned about the means of payment. Just about half of the revenue is received through the mail, and occasionally there is a slight advance in the amount sent in, which requires the return of the statement and check to the taxpayer to that he or she may correct it.

Not many people bring office and bills to the sheriff's office, officials say, as more of them pay by check, and let the banks handle the money for them.

The largest percentage of taxes are paid on time, that is, half of it during the spring and the remaining half in the fall.

Strange though it may seem, the first persons to pay taxes for Union county this year were three persons whose address is given as 411 N. Thoma street, Ilwaco, N. Y.

They are Fred Miller, J. E. Miller and P. H. Rice. Harry W. DeLo, of Union county, was second. None of these were among the first to pay last year, when H. S. and Dovie Stokes were the first to pay their taxes.

TURKEY TOSS WILL BE HELD HERE DEC. 24

The "Rylin" high, but I've got a feeling I'm falling," a turkey gobler might say to himself if turkeys (and) the afternoon of December 24, when from 25 to 50 of them will be tossed from one of the upper windows of the Sackajawa Inn in a big turkey toss, sponsored by the business men of La Grande.

From 1 to 2 o'clock these large turkeys will float down to the pavilion, where La Grande citizens will vie for the free birds, and a representative of the Pathé Film company will photograph the scenes in motion pictures.

A similar turkey toss was held last December and was very successful, with a large crowd of people gathering for the event.

San Francisco, Nov. 29 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning December 1st, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far Western States: The outlook is for fair weather at the beginning of the week, probably followed by rains in the North Pacific States which will extend later to California and the plateau regions. Temperatures moderate.

J. G. HOLM DIES J. G. Holm, formerly of La Grande, died at the home of his parents No. 25 at Battle Lake, Minn. It was learned here today. He left La Grande about five years ago and while here was in the grocery business on Depot street.

Normal School Will Stage Play On December 11

"Arms and the Man," in Three Acts, to Be Presented by Sock and Buskin in Auditorium.

The Eastern Oregon Normal school will enter the field of dramatics for the first time with the presentation of Bernard Shaw's three-act play, "Arms and the Man," December 11 in the school auditorium.

The attraction will be presented by Sock and Buskin, the school dramatic society, under the supervision of Miss Louise Foley, head of the dramatic department, and Miss Caroline Williams, head of the art department, assisted by student committees. With the return of the students from the Thanksgiving holiday, activities of the various committees will be intensified.

The committee on stage settings, under the leadership of Glenn Crawford of La Grande, is designing and constructing all of the settings used. In fact, the entire production is unique in that all of the costumes, promoting and other technical phases of the work will be handled in entirety by students.

Making Own Costumes The committee in charge of costumes, under the chairmanship of Lois Johnson of Wallawa, has designed and is making all of the costumes used in the play. This is in fact more than usually attempted in amateur productions.

The committee on properties, with Bethany Miller of Boardman as chairman, has been at work for several weeks obtaining furniture and other properties characteristic of the period in which the comedy is supposed to have taken place.

La Grande merchants have been very generous in their cooperation with Miss Miller's committee. The business committee headed by Mildred Sandley of La Grande will initiate an intensive advertising and ticket selling campaign within a short time. Posters designed and made by the art classes have appeared in downtown business houses to stimulate interest in the performance.

Reynolds' Store Again Entered; Loss Is Small

Lee Reynolds' Island City store was entered again in during last night, this making the fifth time burglars have either ransacked or attempted to rob the business place. It is the second time the store has been entered in the last month, another uninvited visitor breaking in on an Anniversary day.

Mr. Reynolds, however, reports that the only thing he can find missing today is less than \$1 from the till. The intruder broke the glass in the storm door and also the main door, but was apparently frightened away before he could do more than clean out the till.

Forum Luncheon Postponed a Week

"In order that there may not be an excess of luncheons and dinners next Tuesday, the chamber of commerce luncheon will be postponed one week," announced Albert Huder, secretary, today. "We feel that the chamber of commerce meeting at noon would detract from the Boy Scout meeting at night as it would make two successive luncheons in one day. The chamber prefers that the scout meeting shall have right of way and have no obstructions put in its way."

Gun Club To Have Big Shoot Dec. 15

The La Grande Gun club, which has purchased the Lone Tree trap grounds, announces that a practice shoot will be held between 10 and 1 o'clock tomorrow. This shoot is in preparation for a big shoot scheduled for Sunday, December 15. The recent turkey shoot was very successful and the club needs only an additional \$100 to complete payment for the property. The club expects to hold a chicken race, perhaps in January, and hopes to be able to hold registered shoots here next year.

Anyone wishing to shoot is invited to attend the practice event tomorrow.

MAGUIRE INDICTED PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29 (AP)—Jury McGuire, arrested with Nick Dick following the sensational exposure of Portland vice syndicate by a 19-year-old orphan girl of Corvallis, Ore., was indicted by the county grand jury today on a serious morals charge.

The girl charged McGuire and Dick held her prisoner in a cheap hotel and that the landlady returned her clothing and flung a flaming garment into the room.

GOOD'S LAST REPORT MADE TO PRESIDENT

Signature of Dead Cabinet Member Imprinted On Annual Account.

WAR DEPARTMENT FACTS PUBLISHED

Strength of the Regular Army 130,937; National Guard, at 176,988, Is in Fine Condition.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—The signature of James W. Good, whose cabinet career was cut short by death, was imprinted on the annual report of the war department today to President Hoover who still wears a mourning band for his friend and counselor.

Departing from the stereotyped and cold arrays of facts and figures which usually make up government summaries of the year's activities, Mr. Good found place in the document, completed just as he was seized with the illness from which he died, to insert some telling phrases describing his own conception of the needs of soldiers and marines.

"The ability to instruct is second only to the ability to command," he said, and then he referred readers of the document to the "detailed analysis of the extensive army educational system in appendix F."

Good's Opinion Going down the line of war department activities, he spoke of the mechanizing of the armed forces, declaring, however, that "when we increase the soldier's mobility we should not accomplish it at the expense of his protection or his striking power."

Summed up the excitement on the Mexican border during recent troubles in the southern republic. "A critical situation arose on the border of Mexico at the time of the disturbed conditions in that country," he said. "The troops of the eighth corps area met the situation in a highly creditable and efficient manner."

SCOUT PROBLEM WILL BE FACED

The Boy Scout problem in La Grande will be discussed at a dinner meeting to be held in the Sackajawa Inn at 6:15 p. m. Tuesday, called by Roy Murphy, commissioner for this area. It was announced this morning, Mr. Piper, executive secretary of this region, and Mr. Miller, from headquarters in Spokane, are to be present.

Everyone interested in scouting is urged to be present and the matter will be looked squarely in the face, with the hopes of arriving at a solution of the La Grande problem. Other towns and cities in the council are reported to be preparing for the coming year.

School Budget Hearing Tuesday

A hearing will be held on the 1930 school budget, recently adopted by the board of directors of district No. 1, which includes La Grande, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the central school building.

The hearing will be of an informal nature with opportunity for all persons having an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Legionnaires and Auxiliary Making Plans For District Conference

Officers and members of the legion and auxiliary from Water, Wallawa, Elgin, Hubler, Cove, Union, North Powder, Baker, John Day, Dayville, Prairie City and La Grande will be here for the conference.

The program opens with a luncheon at the La Grande hotel, to which officers are invited. This will be followed by a speech by At 2 o'clock, the legion conference will start at the city hall with the auxiliary meeting at the Sackajawa Inn.

At 6:20 at the Sackajawa Inn, a dinner for the officers of both organizations will be served, and all visiting officers and members of the local post and unit are urged to attend.

At 8 o'clock there will be a mass meeting at the Sackajawa in which the general public, as well as the legion and auxiliary, is invited. Several speeches are on the program.

Fire Fighters Driven Out By Shifting Winds

20 Men, Trapped Near Grants Pass, Are Barely Able to Reach Safety—Lose Equipment.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 29 (AP)—Trapped by a sudden turn of the wind which sent a forest fire raging into their camp, forced 20 firefighters to abandon their stronghold and fight their way to safety late last night, delayed reports from the Port Orford district indicated today.

Food, coats and other equipment valued at hundreds of dollars, which had arrived only the day before, was destroyed by the flames which roared through the camp and continued inland before a strong wind off the Pacific.

Unverified reports reaching United States forestry headquarters here indicated the fires had gained frontage during the night and two new fires, outside the forestry boundary were reported.

FIRES RAGING UNABATED

Forest fires raged unabated in national, state and private forests of Southwestern Oregon today. Additional firefighters were being recruited at Grants Pass and Marshfield and rushed to fronts in the Siskiyou and Umpqua national forests and in Coos and Curry counties.

No change in atmospheric conditions today was indicated in weather reports. Low humidity prevailed.

Reports in the hands of the district forester here revealed that more than 22,000 acres of timberland, 16,000 acres of which were outside national reserves, have been laid waste in Southern Oregon in the last three weeks. More than 1,000,000 feet of spruce was destroyed at Ranch creek in the Siskiyou forest.

Elks Memorial Services To Be Held Tomorrow

The La Grande Elks lodge will hold its annual memorial service tomorrow afternoon in the temple at 2 o'clock, and officers today announced that the general public is cordially invited to attend.

The program will open with a funeral march by Chopin played by Mrs. Thompson O. Williams, and will be followed by the singing ritualistic exercises and prayer will follow. The secretary of the lodge will give the roll call of "Absent Brothers" and J. H. Peare will give the eulogy.

Raymond O. Williams will sing a solo, preceding an address by Walter M. Peare, former governor of Oregon. The Elks brass quartet (Andrew, James, J. E. Elmer, McManus, Frank Johnson and M. G. Pennington) will give a selection and the closing ritualistic exercises will follow. Mr. Pennington will pronounce benediction and Mrs. Williams will play Handel's "Requiem."

THEATRICAL MAN DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29 (AP)—William W. Eby, 54, prominent Pacific coast theatrical man and for ten years manager of the Achermann and Harris Hippodrome was found dead in his room in a downtown hotel yesterday.

The coroner said death was due to heart trouble.

Eby came to Portland about 12 years ago from California. He is survived by the widow, one daughter and a sister.

C. E. Arranges For Special Program

The Christian Endeavorers of the Presbyterian church are offering a special program for Sunday evening, featuring Howard and H. Hanscom, piano and pipe organ solo, in a musical program. Robert Eakin, Jr., will preside and direct the evening lesson study.

This program will blend into the evening service, when the pastor, the Rev. J. George Walz, will address the young people and others assembled. The program begins at 6:20 o'clock.

NOTRE DAME DOWNS ARMY ELEVEN, 7-0

Fighting Irish Conclude 1929 Season With No Defeats.

ELDER RUNS 100 YARDS TO SCORE

Intercepted Pass on Notre Dame Goal Line Opens Way for a Spectacular Run.

By Alan J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor). YANKER STADIUM, New York, Nov. 30 (AP)—Producing its only score on a spectacular one hundred yard dash for touchdown by Jack Elder, flashy halfback, after he intercepted an Army pass on his own goal line in the second period, Notre Dame beat the Army, 7 to 0, today before a record crowd of 32,000. The Hoosiers thus finished their season with an unbroken string of nine victories and a clear claim to national championship honors.

On a frozen gridiron with wintry blasts sweeping through the field Captain Cagle led a gallant and at times sensational fight by the Soldiers to break through the great Notre Dame line. At least three times West Point had chances to score but could not penetrate the Irish defense at critical moments.

The best chance the Soldiers had to score turned out to be a boom-crang. Army had just blocked and recovered a punt on Notre Dame's 13 yard line in the second period when Elder sped across to intercept

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Grid Scores Today

Note—All scores below are final unless otherwise noted. Navy 12, Dartmouth 6. Notre Dame 7, Army 0. Detroit 14, Georgetown 13. W. S. C. SCORERS TOUCHDOWN Washington State, marching from their own 26-yard line, scored a touchdown against Southern California in the first quarter of the game at Los Angeles today. This followed an earlier chance for a Cougar score when Buckley tried a place kick from the 27-yard line which was wide and short. The description of the touchdown march: Shaver kicked to Washington State's 26-yard line, Schwartz punched center for two yards and Buckley passed to Ellington for 19 yards and a first down. Schwartz hit center for four and six yards in two tries for another first down. Southern California's 42-yard line, Schwartz gained three more at center and the Cougars scored on the next play. Ellington passed to Jones, 18 yards and the latter ran 25 yards to score. Buckley place kicked the try for point.

DETROIT BEATS GEORGETOWN

DETROIT, Nov. 29 (AP)—The University of Detroit, taking advantage of the break, wound up its football season today with a 14 to 13 victory over Georgetown.

NON-MAGNETIC YACHT RUINED BY EXPLOSION

TUTUHA, Samoa, Nov. 29 (AP)—Twenty years of scientific work by the non-magnetic yacht Carnegie were ended today, with the entire experimental vessel, the only one of its kind, a charred wreck in Apia harbor, and Captain J. P. Ault, the ship's master, dead in the line of duty.

Captain Ault was killed in a blast that preceded burning of the vessel yesterday afternoon. Several members of the expedition were injured and Tony Kolar, a cabin boy, was missing.

Disabilities here gave no reason for the explosion, but told of a blast that hurled Captain Ault overhead, followed by a fire that spread to five other craft moored in the vicinity, destroying all of them. Aults have listed those injured as Eric Stearnson, seriously burned, and Karl Albin Stark, O. O. Erlesen and John Dierstrom, less seriously hurt.

The U. S. K. Johnston sailed from here to Apia as soon as word of the blast was received. The vessel expected to pick up the survivors and bring back the body of Captain Ault.

The Carnegie, built in 1909, for the Carnegie Institution, was on a three-year cruise that started from Washington a year ago last spring. It carried a party of seventeen scientists studying magnetism and atmospheric electricity. No trace of iron or steel was in the ship's construction.

SEEKING FATHER

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29 (AP)—Police today are searching for Luciano Garcia for questioning in connection with the slayings of his wife, Mrs. Helen Alvarez-Garcia, her two daughters, Elva, 6, and Carmelita, 12, and her son, Charles Alvarez, 18, whose decapitated bodies have been found in Paolonia canyon, near San Fernando.

DECORATED



Because he refused to leave his company during hot fighting—despite the fact that he was three times wounded—Deming Bronson of Seattle has been awarded the congressional medal of honor. He was a lieutenant in the 36th Infantry of the first division.

Several points in the northwest where temperatures in the minus twenties were reported yesterday, had experienced a modulation today, although the territory remained much colder than is usual at this time of year.

Families Receive Aid Between 2,000 and 3,000 destitute Chicago families received emergency aid from Chicago charities. Special police orders were issued calling upon policemen to make careful and regular inspection of alleys into which cold and friendless drifters often drift and sometimes die. Police stations were crowded with the homeless.

The united charities of Chicago stated that requests for help yesterday and last night were 50 per cent greater than at any time last winter.

Relief Is Prompted At the lowest point it ever has reached at this season since establishment of the weather bureau, there was issued an official promise of a break in the cold wave before tonight. The weather bureau predicted a varying of the wind to the southwest and 29 to 25 degree temperature climb during the day.

Alma service was maintained despite the cold. One pilot, Ralph Van Donrie, brought two passengers to Chicago from Cleveland, O.

Five Perish In Rooming House Fire In Boston

BOSTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—Five persons, a fireman, two women, a man and a young girl perished in a fire which swept through a rooming house here early today. The fireman was Captain Lawrence Sullivan.

The occupants of the building were trapped when the blaze, starting on a lower floor burned the stairs and cut off their escape. Firemen stopped the blaze before the house was destroyed but some of the victims were suffocated.

Five persons were overcome while others leaped from windows and escaped.

Captain Sullivan, of engine 22, who was trapped in the building, had been with the department and was to retire shortly.

Convict Strikers On Rioting Charge

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Love Finds a Way In Spite of Laws

CRISTEN CITY, Cal., Nov. 29 (AP)—Love will find a way. Noted that their wedding could not take place for three days because of the three day "ten marriage law" in effect in California. Miss Thelma Berry, 25, of Pendleton, Ore., and Urban Smith, 27, of Texas, had the ceremony performed by the arkana, Ark., chartered a boat and had the ceremony performed by Captain W. H. Royden, five miles out at sea.

Bitter Cold In Mid-West Cause Of Many Deaths

Sub-zero Temperatures Rule in Some Sections—Seven Deaths Reported In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 (AP)—Bitter cold, made worse by a penetrating northeast wind, set new November sub-zero marks throughout the middle west today. Eleven deaths were attributed to the cold. Thousands of cases of pneumonia and suffering required attention. Buses and traffic were blocked. Lake shipping was with cargoes worth millions, huddled in the seclusion of harbors, facing the prospect of becoming ice-locked for the winter.

DARING TRIP THROUGH AIR IS SUCCESS

First Man to Visit Both Top and Bottom of the World in Airplane.

HOOPER FORWARDS WIRELESS MESSAGE Commander Byrd Safely Back at His Base in Little America After Remarkable Feat.

BYRD'S THREE BIG FEATS: May 3, 1926, flew to the North Pole and back to King's bay, Spitzbergen; the airplane Miss Josephine Ford, Nov. 29, 1927—Crossed the Atlantic in the airplane America from Roosevelt Field, N. Y., to Vers-sur-Mer, France.

Nov. 29, 1929—Flew from the edge of the Antarctic ice barrier to the South Pole and back in the airplane Floyd Bennett.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (AP)—The New York Times, the St. Louis Dispatch and newspapers affiliated with them in publishing reports from Commander Richard E. Byrd's expedition, announced today that Commander Byrd had safely returned to his base, Little America, after a successful flight across the South Pole in which he surveyed much adjacent territory.

The flight was without mishap and everything worked well. The Times announced it had been directed by President Hoover to forward through its wireless station the following message to Commander Byrd.

"Commander Richard E. Byrd, 'Little America,' I know that I speak for the American people when I express their universal pleasure at your successful flight over the South Pole. We are proud of your courage and your leadership. We are glad of proof that the spirit of great adventure still lives. Our thoughts of appreciation include also your companions in the flight and your colleagues whose careful and devoted preparation have contributed to your great success."

VISITS BOTH POLES (By The Associated Press) Commander Richard E. Byrd, safely back at his base, Little America, from a flight to the South Pole, today holds the unique distinction of being the only man to fly over both poles of the earth. By bending to the use of his courage and skill the tools supplied by modern mechanical and scientific progress, he achieved within three and one-half years what no other polar explorer has accomplished in a life time, visits to the top and bottom of the globe.

Byrd's flight to the South Pole is a striking demonstration of the conquest of modern methods of travel and communication of distance and other physical obstacles encountered in polar exploration when compared with similar feats accomplished by older methods.

Commander Byrd flew from his base back to Little America, to the pole and back in less than a day. Captain Ewald Amundsen, the first explorer to reach the South Pole, using dog sleds and starting from a base which was near Little America, required 37 days to reach the pole. The trip there and back, a total of 1545 miles, was made in 148 days. He left his base October 20, 1911, reached the pole December 14, averaging about 15 miles a day.

Radio Also Aids Just as the airplane enabled Byrd to travel as far in an hour as Amundsen did in six days, the radio, sending its waves at the speed of 186,000 miles a second gave the instantaneous news of his feat. A radio message was sent from his

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JONES QUILTS AS SECOND TO G. O. P. LEADER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—Senator Jones of Washington, today announced his resignation as assistant republican leader in the senate because of the heavy duties facing him during the regular session as a result of his taking over the chairmanship of the appropriations and commerce committee.

Jones' resignation is expected to clear the way for the selection of Senator McNary of Oregon as assistant leader. The post will be filled by the republican conference early in the coming session. McNary was advanced by the "young guard" republican regulars as their spokesman and has the support generally of the republican organization.