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CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

\$1,122,000 TO BE SPENT DURING YEAR

Committee Makes Report at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Today.

O'BRIEN TO TALK AT ANNUAL MEET

Economic Conference Findings Reported—Committee Named to Study Problems.

Approximately \$1,122,000 will be expended in La Grande and the immediate vicinity during 1930 on new construction, according to an estimate reported to the chamber of commerce today by a committee headed by C. B. Miller.

The construction includes about \$401,000 in local building, \$210,000 in county work, \$105,000 in a super-service system, and about \$406,000 in state highway work.

Included in the building program is the new U. P. station, which, J. P. O'Brien, superintendent, reports will be similar to the depot at Yakima, and will be one of the finest in this area.

Mr. O'Brien has consented to be the principal speaker at the annual chamber of commerce banquet, and has promised to bring the U. P. architect with him.

Several important matters were taken up at the luncheon today. H. G. Avery reported on the findings of the economic conference, a committee was appointed to conduct the election of directors, consisting of L. L. Snodgrass, J. S. Jenkins and Mr. Hull, with H. E. Brady, H. E. Condit and C. Johnsonkamp to help in the banquet arrangements, and A. R. Hunter, secretary, announced that a train of 150 Ohio farmers would be here Aug. 11, and that plans are being made to entertain them with

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RADIO FANS TO ORGANIZE TO FIGHT NOISES

Half a hundred radio fans, gathered in a mass meeting at the city commission rooms last night, made plans for the organization of a La Grande radio club, and discussed at length radio conditions in this locality.

A committee consisting of radio dealers, chaired by Fred Soebts, was appointed by W. C. Crews, temporary chairman of the club, with instructions to work out plans for organization and make recommendations at a second meeting which is scheduled for next Monday night at 7:20 o'clock.

A representative of the Western Union system, who covers the Pacific Northwest territory, gave a very interesting talk, describing conditions elsewhere and telling of many instances where static was cleared up through using condensers, etc., after locating the trouble.

Gene Walker, of the K. O. L. 25, B. 475, also spoke on the local situation, describing the part his company is playing in an effort to improve radio conditions.

Several others joined in the discussions, and the meeting was almost unanimous in the belief that a club should be organized so that local problems could be met with a better chance of success.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—27 above. Minimum: 22 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 44, minimum 22 above. Condition: clear, precipitation .04 of inch.

WEATHER FEB. 4, 1929 Maximum 29, minimum 21 above. Condition: cloudy, traces of snow.

Jurors Return Four True, Two Not True Bills

Report Yesterday Clears Fred Towery and Jerry O'Callahan of Larceny Accusations.

The grand jury, reporting yesterday afternoon after nearly three days in session, returned four true bills, two of which were secret indictments, and two not true bills. The not true bills cleared Fred Towery and Jerry O'Callahan of accusations of larceny placed against them.

The civil action, the case of S. B. Williamson vs. L. C. Smith, a suit resulting from another action, was still on trial today with the jury hearing testimony this morning.

The court calendar includes the following cases: L. A. Stringham vs. Donzella Johnson et al., Feb. 5, 9 a. m. W. P. Kivette vs. T. J. Serogian, Feb. 10, 9 a. m. La Grande Box & Lumber Co. vs. U. S. National Bank, Feb. 11, 9 a. m. L. E. Garrison vs. E. L. Ledbetter and Bessie Mirek, Feb. 12, 9 a. m. Brilliant Tube Co. vs. W. O. Clinger, Feb. 14, 9 a. m.

Tigers to Play North Powder, Pendleton

La Grande High school, beginning to find its stride in basketball this season after a several weeks' developing of new players to replace former veterans who were unable to play this year, has scheduled a game with North Powder this evening, to be played in the border-line town.

North Powder is reported to have a fast, heady team this year and fans who have seen the team play, expect it to win a way into the championship tournament at Union.

The game was scheduled late yesterday and a return game will be played in La Grande later this month, it is stated, although a definite date has not been announced.

Knights Discuss Convention Plans

Plans for the district convention of the Knights of Pythias to be held here, February 18, were discussed last night at the meeting of the lodge, with chancellor commander, Wesley McDonald presiding. Walter G. Gleason, of Portland, grand keeper of records and seal, is expected to be here for the convention.

Second Ward Five Wins From Imbler

The Second Ward basketball team defeated the Imbler basketball team, 24 to 14 last night on the Second Ward floor in a fast game. In a former game Imbler defeated last night's victors, 24 to 14. Many of the baskets looted by Imbler last night were uncounted, because the tosser was called for steps.

DRIVER IS EXONERATED

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 4 (AP)—Carl Suedgen of Astoria, Ore., was exonerated from blame for the death of Mrs. P. G. Sigris, Portland, who was killed on the Pacific highway north of here late yesterday. Suedgen was driving the car which crashed into one in which Mrs. Sigris was riding.

BILL INTRODUCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—Julius H. Meier, chairman of the Mount Adams highway committee, said today a bill calling for an appropriation for construction of a short cut between Glenwood and White Swan, Wash., had been introduced in congress by John W. Summers, Walla Walla, Wash.

AGRICULTURE OUTLOOK IN OREGON FAIR

Year will Require Careful Management and Adjustment, Belief.

STATE COLLEGE REPORT RELEASED

Dairymen Face Period of Keener Competition—Hog Prices Expected to Average Higher.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 4.—Oregon agriculture in general is faced with a period in the immediate future requiring careful management, and adjustment for greatest production and marketing efficiency, it professed to be maintained, according to the 1930 agricultural outlook released in part today by the extension service at Oregon State college.

This report, prepared by L. R. Brethaupt, extension economist, includes references to the national outlook report issued a week ago, discussed market trends, prospective statistics and other condensed information for consideration of Oregon growers in planning their

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FRANK MILLER IS CALLED BEYOND

Battle Against Pneumonia Fails—Funeral at Cove

Frank Miller, of near Cove, passed away at 1:30 o'clock last night at Hot Lake, after a week's battle against the ravages of pneumonia. Mr. Miller, a native son of Union county, was one of the prominent farmers of the valley, and his untimely death was widely mourned today.

Mr. Miller is to be laid to rest in the Summerville cemetery tomorrow afternoon, following funeral services at 1:30 o'clock in the Cove Methodist Episcopal church, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge.

Mr. Miller became ill about a week ago, and although his condition was improved Sunday morning, he became worse during the day and after a consultation of physicians, it was decided to take him to Hot Lake in a final effort to ward off death. At that time physicians regarded his chances to recover as very slight.

Recently the deceased moved from the Sandridge to his own farm on the Lower Cove road, which he had completely remodeled. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and a grandson of the late A. D. Conley, well known pioneer. Mr. Miller recently gave a dinner at his home in honor of his parents' golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. Miller was born at Alice and was 49 years one month and 22 days of age at the time of his death.

Colonel Lindbergh To Celebrate Birthday With Flight In Sail Plane

LEBES, Cal., Feb. 4 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, if conditions are favorable, today will celebrate his 28th birthday with another flight in the Bowbus sail plane glider which yesterday afforded him an unexpected thrill, when it lost an aileron in mid-air.

Laughing like a schoolboy at the conclusion of a particularly successful prank, the flying colonel, having landed the trail, crippled craft safely in a mountain valley, was highly pleased rather than dismayed at the incident which had brought the hearts of his watchers into their throats.

Lindbergh had been launched into the air in a test flight preparatory to an attempt planned by Hawley Postel, the sail plane's builder, to establish a new world altitude record, and had reached an altitude of 200 feet when an aileron on the left wing broke loose and fluttered to the ground.

Head Jerked Sharply The colonel's head jerked sharply to the side as the aileron, an essential part of the control apparatus broke free, and hoarse shouts from the little throng of mechanics, newspapermen, photographers were not necessary to warn him of the danger.

He attempted no immediate landing, however, but sailed serenely on, dipping gracefully over two hilltops, finally to disappear into a valley. Whether he had

City Is Ranked 15th In Oregon In Bank Deposits

State Superintendent Issues Statement Today—General Decrease in Oregon Deposits.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—Among 24 Oregon cities and towns having bank deposits of \$500,000 or more at the close of business Dec. 31, according to a statement by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent, are the following:

Portland, \$166,998,516.47; Salem, \$11,765,716.53; Eugene, \$7,487,980.65; Klamath Falls, \$6,472,616.35; Pendleton, \$6,382,289.91; Medford, \$5,251,408.66; Baker, \$3,928,544.45. They rank from first to seventh places respectively.

Among others in the list, but not consecutively, are: Roseburg, \$3,856,802.69; Marshfield, \$3,388,810.86; The Dalles, \$3,100,206.54; Astoria, \$2,017,165.28; La Grande, \$2,881,964.75; Grants Pass, \$2,186,782.43; Bend, \$1,866,716.59; Reedsburg was ninth on the list, Marshfield tenth, The Dalles thirteenth, Astoria fourteenth, La Grande fifteenth, Grants Pass nineteenth, and Bend twenty-second.

Decrease Reported There has been a decrease of \$7,772,569.47 in the aggregate deposits of all state and national banks in Oregon since 1928, but an increase of \$16,299,874.93 over the average total deposits as of December 31 for the last 10 years, which is \$283,024,810.86, according to A. A. Schramm, state superintendent.

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HOOPER WILL PICK GROUP TO STUDY HAITI

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—President Hoover said today he would immediately appoint a commission of five or six to study the question of when and how the American government would withdraw from Haiti.

The president reiterated the statement he made recently that he had no desire for the United States to be represented abroad by marines.

He said the question was when and how the United States might withdraw from the island republic.

"Now that the senate and house have approved the appropriation for a thorough inquiry into our problems in Haiti," said President Hoover, "I shall appoint a commission at once to undertake it. I hope to be able to announce this personnel within a week."

Mrs. Trotter Dies In Portland, Ore.

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 4 (Special)—Mrs. Hazel Trotter, wife of John A. Trotter, prominent Baker merchant, died Monday morning in Portland, according to a telegram received by friends here. The end came at the Portland medical hospital, and followed a long illness. Her husband had been with her for the past several weeks.

Hazel Small was born in Baker about 29 years ago. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Small, the latter deceased, who were pioneer residents of this city.

Chief Justice Taft Resigns; Hoover Nominates C. E. Hughes

Chief Justice Taft, former president of the United States, resigned yesterday because of illness. He is pictured above in his characteristic strides through Washington. Charles Evans Hughes, appointed to succeed Taft, is a former justice of the supreme court, resigning in 1916 to become a candidate for the presidency. He is pictured below.



Inauguration Of New President Brings Crowds

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 4 (AP)—The inauguration of Pascual Ortiz Rubio as president of Mexico tomorrow has brought the greatest influx of Americans to Mexico City in 20 years.

Hotel accommodations cannot be obtained and many visitors are returning to the United States. Recently excursions from Wichita, Kan., and other midwestern points found conditions so crowded last night that they headed back for the United States.

In the railroad yards were long lines of Pullman cars being used as temporary hotels.

The first steps in the official program ushering Ortiz Rubio into power, which will culminate at noon tomorrow in a ceremony at the national stadium, began at noon today. All the special ambassadors and foreign diplomats in full dress uniform were escorted

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RETURN OF BEER HELD INEVITABLE

MAYOR OF SALEM, IN BOSTON, GIVES HIS VIEWS ON PROHIBITION SITUATION.

BOSTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—J. A. Livesley, Mayor of Salem, Ore., said to be one of the biggest growers of hops in North America, said today he was convinced the American people are tired of prohibition and that the return of beer is inevitable.

The mayor stopped off in Boston on his way from Montreal and left for home today.

Colonel W. B. Bartram, a business associate of Salem, who accompanied the mayor, discussed the prohibition question as freely as Mayor Livesley. Livesley said, "From observations and knowledge of conditions throughout the country, I share the belief of thousands and thousands of others that the

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America, Japan Naval Delegates Attack Problem

Uncle Sam Concedes Orientals 60 Per Cent of Tonnage but Japanese Want Ten More.

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AP)—The naval delegates of the United States and Japan, following today's general conference session, met this afternoon for the first of a series of heart to heart conversations regarding naval ratios as affecting the two countries.

At the invitation of Henry L. Stimson, American secretary of state, Reijiro Wakatsuki, chief of the Japanese delegation, went to the secretary's hotel where they considered the number of 10,000 ton cruisers Japan shall have in relation to the totals of the United States.

Their positions Their positions were this: The United States conceded Japan a ratio of 60 per cent of American tonnage in these heavy cruisers while Japan claimed 70 per cent. American position was to stick by the famous 5-5-3 ratio evolved at the Washington conference for capital ships. This question is interlocked with that of what limitation Great Britain and the United States are to put on the number of heavy cruisers, with parity between them.

Stimson's Query It was understood that Mr. Stimson was going to put this query in substance to Mr. Wakatsuki: If the United States has, for example, twenty-one 10,000 ton cruisers, how many does Japan want? If the United States has eighteen, how many does Japan want?

This afternoon's conversation was one of three Japan, United States and Great Britain are starting to settle their own differences. These private meetings will run parallel with similar discussions between the Italians and French who are facing differences which lie mainly outside of those with which the other three powers are grappling.

Meyers Predicts 1000 Prisoners By End of 1930

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—Henry Meyers, superintendent of the state penitentiary, predicted at the February meeting of the state board of control today that the prison population will reach 1000 by the end of this year.

The prison register today shows the record-breaking total of 861. The normal capacity of the prison is only 500. In the new dormitory above the prison garage, recently completed outside the walls, 66 trustees are now quartered and 41 have quarters at the prison annex on the site of the old state training school.

Following the board meeting today the question of financing the construction of two new cell blocks will be discussed.

Meyers reported that 248 farmers have signed contracts to sow flax this season for the prison flax industry, the total acreage being 3375 this will probably be increased.

Belligerent Steer Trees Citizens

ROSBURG, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—A belligerent and rangy wild steer, which roamed into Myrtle Creek from a herd of wild cattle on the Mt. Dodson range, furnished that little community with a brief bit of fast vanishing color of the old west.

The steer, with lowered horns and a vicious countenance, stalked down the village thoroughfare, tread several citizens, including the mayor and then attacked a United States mail truck.

A patriotic citizen, however, unlimbered a bear gun and put an end to the steer's ribald activities, much to the pleasure of all residents excepting the butcher, whose sales dropped off very noticeably for a couple of days.

OREGON TO RECEIVE AID

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—The chamber of commerce today received a telegram from Senator Frederick Bolwer, member of the senate committee on appropriations, in which he said that assistance to Oregon agricultural industries was promised in the agricultural supply bill referred yesterday to the senate.

SENATOR KING ILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Senator King, democrat, Utah, has entered Johns Hopkins University hospital at Baltimore for observation after another attack of stomach trouble. While his condition was not regarded as serious his physicians were concerned over the recurring disorder.

HUGHES WILL ASSUME POST THIS MONTH

Will Take Office of Chief Justice After Nomination is Confirmed.

TAFT RETURNS TO CAPITAL TODAY

Famous Figure in Washington Life is Helped From Train, "a Very Sick Man."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Charles Evans Hughes is expected to assume the office of chief justice of the United States as soon as his nomination is confirmed by the senate and he has had an opportunity to sever his connections with the court of international justice.

Confirmation is expected by the senate as soon as it is received from the judiciary committee. This committee's next regular meeting is Monday. There was some talk of a special committee meeting.

Chairman Norris of the committee has heard of no opposition to Mr. Hughes and an unanimous report is anticipated.

Ample Time for Action

The supreme court is in recess until Feb. 24. This will give ample time for action.

The announcement that President Hoover had conferred with Mr. Hughes at the breakfast table during the past two weeks concerning his taking over the post in the event of Mr. Taft's retirement was regarded as confirming to some extent reports that the chief executive was transacting much important business away from his office.

Few know of the conversations with Mr. Hughes, except at the White House, in supreme court circles and among members of the Taft family, it apparently was unknown that Mr. Taft contemplated retiring.

Further, it was said at the White House the only people in Washington who knew that Hughes was to succeed Taft, were the president and Attorney General Mitchell.

TAFT'S CONDITION SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—The condition of William Howard Taft was described by his physician today as extremely serious. After an hour's consultation Dr. Thomas A. Clayton and Francis R. Hagner said there was some doubt that the retired chief justice would recover.

Formal Bulletin

In a formal bulletin the physicians said: "For some years Chief Justice Taft has had a very high blood pressure associated with general arterio sclerosis and myocarditis."

"Together with these conditions he has had a chronic cystitis. He has no fever and suffers no pain. His present serious condition is the result of general arterio sclerotic changes."

Dr. Hagner explained that the condition represented a general breakdown of the circulatory system.

Rid of the robes of the chief justiceship of the United States William Howard Taft returned to Washington today shattered in health and practically helpless.

Perceptibly worn, weak and indifferent to his surroundings, the former president, who relinquished his high judicial office yesterday to Charles Evans Hughes, came back to the capital from Asheville, N. C., and was assisted from his car, placed in an automobile, and driven to his Wyoming avenue home.

PRINCESS AND PRINCE TAKE VOWS TODAY

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (AP)—According to a ritual handed down from before the beginning of Japanese written history, Prince Takamatsu, youngest brother of the emperor and Prince Chichibu, and Princess Kikiko Takagawa, granddaughter of the last Shogun, exchange marriage vows this morning before the Kashikodokoro, sanctuary of the sun goddess Amaterasu, in the imperial palace.

Dressed in the costumes of the ancient court bowed before the sacred mirror, symbol of the soul of the goddess, "divine ancestress" of the imperial line and the Japanese nation. In token of their pledges of faithfulness they exchanged and drank cups of sake, rice wine, previously sanctified.

The Japanese nation joined the imperial family in celebrating this marriage, which unites the ruling line with probably the most illustrious subject house in the empire.

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