

\$348,700 TO BE SPENT ON LOCAL ROAD

La Grande-Kamela Section of Old Oregon Trail Work is Contracted.

COMPLETE BRIDGE LATE IN SUMMER

Grading From Kamela to Glover to be Finished by July 1—May Widen Hot Lake Road.

Approximately \$348,700 worth of road work between here and Kamela is under contract by the state highway department.

The Kamela to La Grande work includes a new concrete bridge at Five Points costing \$26,700 which will be completed either the last of August or early in September.

Finish Grading by July The stretch of grading from Kamela to Glover will be finished by July 1 when the completion of the road from Glover to Hilgard will begin.

The contractor to do work preliminary to the surfacing will be on the job in a week or two, with the steam shovel working from Glover to Kamela preparing the road for surfacing.

Work was resumed Wednesday on the resurfacing from here to Hilgard, costing \$42,000, and which will be completed within 60 days.

Large Crew Busy Highway work north of here includes a crew of from 15 to 20 men and 5 or 10 trucks stabilizing the weak places between here and Hilgard.

Other plans indicate a probable widening of the road from here to Hot Lake from 20 feet as at present to 23 feet. About a mile

E. O. N. CLUB ELECTS THREE TO COMMITTEE

The Educational club of the Eastern Oregon Normal school met Friday in its regular meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Concert Rich In Appeal To Large Local Audience

Band Numbers and Selections Featuring Vocal Soloists Very Pleasing to Large Crowd.

Playing before an audience that jammed the La Grande High school auditorium almost to capacity, the La Grande municipal band presented one of the most pleasing concerts in its history last night.

Directed by Andrew Loney Jr. the band swung into "Hallelujah" as an opening number and following this spirited number, Luigini's "Hallelujah" was presented.

Sid George And Moser Will Be Here Next Week

Sid George, state commander, and Carl Moser, state adjutant of the American Legion of Oregon will be visitors in Union county next week.

Wednesday night they will be present at the monthly meeting of the local post, when after a short business session Mr. George and Mr. Moser will share the evening's honors, and dancing, cards and refreshments will be enjoyed after the meeting.

Tuesday noon, Mr. George and Mr. Moser will be the principal

Whitman Glee Club Comes To City on Monday

Soloists with the Whitman, All-Columbia glee club this year, which appears here Mar. 31, are of unusually high talent.

Incidental solo parts will be taken by Helen Graham, soprano, Toppenski, Ruth Hoskins, soprano, Grandview, and Glenn Cross, tenor, Spokane, Miss Graham, a senior.

Nimrods to Shoot On New Grounds

Members of the La Grande Gun club, during their regular trap-shooting event tomorrow morning, will shoot on new grounds and new traps.

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BIG CUT IN OREGON TAX THIS SEASON

Property Owners of State to Pay \$1,228,458 Less Than Last Year.

INTANGIBLES AID IN THE REDUCTION

Excise Tax Also Figures — People of Oregon to Pay a Total Tax of \$49,566,174.63.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29 (AP)—The new state intangibles and excise tax, which are estimated to yield upwards of \$1,500,000 this year, are given credit by the state tax commission for a reduction of \$1,228,458 in the total tax to be paid by the people of Oregon this year as compared with the total of last year.

A summary of the taxes to be paid this year on the rolls of 1929, prepared by the commission today, shows that the people of the state will pay a total of \$49,566,174.63, or 1.22 percent of the value of the property owned in the state.

Other totals entering into the grand total for this year are: county school and school library, \$2,226,731.43; high school tuition, \$1,464,659.72; special school, \$12,889,802.43; general roads, \$3,316,721.72; special roads, \$1,111,472.29; bonded roads (county levy), \$1,219,682.41; bond interest and redemption, \$2,004,492.57; special cities and towns, \$10,522,226.26.

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SENATOR KIDDLE FILES WITH HOSS

Seeks Re-election to State Legislature From Three-County District.

State Senator Fred E. Kiddle this morning announced that he was filing today with the secretary of state, announcing his candidacy for re-election to the legislature from Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Mr. Kiddle is at present the youngest member of the state senate but has taken a very active part in the work of the legislature, particularly in reference to legislation concerning this district.

Gandhi's Passive Resistance In India Merely Minority Uprising

Expressing the opinion that Mahatma Gandhi, now occupying the eyes turned toward India, will not make a great deal of difference in the governmental affairs of the great eastern country, the Rev. J. D. Perkins, missionary to India, who is visiting his brother, W. C. Perkins, yesterday gave a very interesting account of conditions in an interview with an Observer reporter.

"Personally, I do not think Mr. Gandhi is going to make a great deal of difference because the non-cooperative, passive resistance movement is merely much an expression of a small minority," Mr. Perkins said.

"I do not believe the British government is going to move out of India," Mr. Perkins said. "There is hardly an Indian ruler who wants to sever connections with Great Britain."

March Records Broken By Sun Over The State

Temperatures Yesterday Range From 86 Above Downward—Today is a Rival of Friday.

(By The Associated Press) While the eastern half of the United States observed the advent of spring with zero temperatures, snow blocked highways and slush laden streets, Oregon today entered its sixth day of weather warm enough for summer and tempered with the coolness of spring.

The warmest March day in the 59 years of weather keeping in Portland was experienced there yesterday when the official mercury reached 86 degrees above, the previous mark was 82 degrees and that was reached in March, 1923.

Weather bureau officials predicted today would be a rival of yesterday and that all Oregon could expect continued fair and warm weather.

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WETS WINNING MAJORITY IN VICTORIA VOTE

MELBOURNE, Victoria, March 29 (AP)—Opponents of the extension from Melbourne and its suburbs of the prohibition of alcohol liquors throughout the state of Victoria, second largest state in Australia, tonight were leading in returns of a compulsory referendum.

When the count closed for the night the figures were: opponents 498,926; those in favor 254,380.

Leaders In House Fail To Agree

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29 (AP)—House republican leaders failed again today to agree upon a program for sending the tariff bill to conference and will meet again Monday in an effort to satisfy various party groups desiring separate votes on three or four controversial rates.

Arthur Greulich Passes On Today

Arthur Greulich, six-day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Greulich, passed away this morning. The child had been ill since birth but the death came as a sad blow to his relatives and to the many friends of the family.

24 Fog-Bound Off California Coast

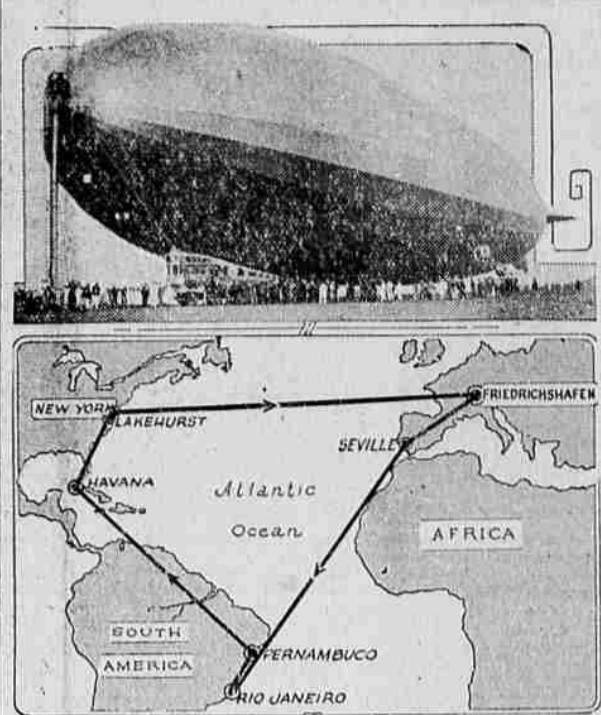
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GRAF ZEPPELIN'S NEXT ROUTE



The German dirigible, Graf Zeppelin, will take off at Friedrichshafen in May on its first South American flight with a return by the way of Lakehurst, N. J.

Democrats Make New Attack On Administration

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29 (AP)—A concerted attack was directed at the record of the Hoover administration last night by three democratic congression leaders.

Issuing statements or speaking by radio, they charged the president with "lack of leadership" asserted that the administration had utterly collapsed and assailed the legislative record of congress since Mr. Hoover became president.

Through the democratic national committee, statements were issued by Senator Caraway of Arkansas and Representative Garner of Texas, the democratic leader in the house, while Representative Byrnes of Tennessee, delivered an address over the National Broadcasting company chain, in reply to a recent similarity delivered speech by Senator Fess, of Ohio, defending the administration.

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Miller Writes Norblad; Ends Controversy?

Chairman of Public Service Commission Believes Trouble Due to Misunderstanding.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 29 (AP)—Frank J. Miller, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, in a letter to Governor Norblad, said today that he had never intended to convey the suggestion that the public service commission would not be willing, to extend every assistance within its power to Carey & Harlan, rate experts retained by the city of Portland to investigate valuation of the street railway system here.

The controversy broke out following the public service commission hearing here on street car property valuation, and retaining of Carey & Harlan by the city. Miller was quoted as having said the public service commission would not co-operate with the rate experts to the extent of loaning them an engineer.

"Misunderstanding" In his letter to the governor Miller said: "From our conversations it is apparent that there is clearly a misunderstanding as to the statement I made respecting the services of Carey & Harlan. I did not intend to convey in my letter of March 21, nor do I now intend to convey the suggestion that the public service commission would not be willing to extend to them or to any other engineers, such measure of assistance and co-operation that I have declared the commission would give the city engineer of Portland as to matters of service which it was within our power, authority or privilege to offer. Any newspaper statements to the contrary did not properly quote me."

HOOPER TO OPEN COLUMBIA BRIDGE

Golden Telegraph Key in White House Will Unfur American Flag.

LONGVIEW, Wash., March 29 (AP)—Touching a golden telegraph key in the White House at 2 p. m. today, President Hoover will cause an American flag to unfurl over the \$5,800,000 interstate bridge here and a barrier across its center span to fall, thus formally opening inaugural ceremonies which will continue through the afternoon and evening.

Four governors, mayors of many cities and leading citizens of many towns will take part in the celebration which will end with a banquet at the Hotel Monticello tonight.

British, French In Deadlock On Naval Question

LONDON, Mar. 29 (AP)—Naval conference circles heard persistent reports this morning that negotiations between the French and British to work out a scheme for a suggested security pact have met failure thus far. One report had it that a complete deadlock had been reached.

KLAMATH MAN SHOOT'S BABY AND SUICIDES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 29 (AP)—William Simms and his 13-month-old daughter were found dead today by Klammath Falls, carried a wound in his leg today as the result of what local sheriff's deputies described as the father's drunken rage. Simms shot and killed his infant daughter and committed suicide yesterday in a loft of a barn on his farm near Malin, 25 miles southeast of here, after wounding Moody, a friend of the family, the previous night.

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POLITICS IN WALLOWA CO. MORE ACTIVE

Several Developments add Interest to Contests During the Week.

CONDITIONS IN UNION CO. QUIET

Interest Over the State Remains Closely Centered in the Gubernatorial Campaigns.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29 (AP)—Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce today filed with the secretary of state as a candidate against Oswald West for democratic national committee.

"I believe the democratic party can secure farm relief by lowering interest, taxes and transportation rates, by tariff readjustment, and by abolishing 'government-guaranteed' profits to railroads, telephone and power companies," says the Pierce platform statement.

"Nation and states should own electric power and distribute it at cost. Proposed Hawley tariff will increase cost of farm necessities and curtail foreign markets for surplus. Unemployment can be relieved by facing economic problems honestly and seeking a political solution dictated by public interest. We suffer from under-consumption and not over-production. It is a loan should be provided for aged workers. Secure world peace by preventing war profiteering."

Although the political situation in Union county continues quiet, conditions in Wallowa county during the week showed considerable activity.

In Union county State Senator Fred E. Kiddle announced today that he was filing his declaration for the joint senatorship, and Judge L. Denham has filed his declaration of candidacy for La Grande justice of peace.

Representative T. G. Johnson, of Wallowa, who is opposed by L. F. Allen, also of Wallowa, for the nomination for Union-Wallowa representative in the state legislature, yesterday formally entered the contest by filing his declaration with the secretary of state at Salem.

At the same time District Attorney Sylvester H. Burleigh, of Enterprise, filed his declaration with Secretary Hoss, seeking the republican nomination. In Union county, the term of the district attorney does not expire this year, with Carl Helm to serve two more years.

Giles Pass to Run Giles Owsen, who was county commissioner from 1926 to 1927 and who gave up the office when he moved to Prairie creek, has announced his intentions of seeking the democratic nomination for Wallowa county commissioner and become a running mate for Judge Marvin. He is expected to secure the democratic nomination.

At the same time, F. H. Cole, of Enterprise, threw the contest for county judge into a three-cornered race.

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IDENTIFY GIRL, BEGIN SEARCH FOR MURDERER

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 29 (AP)—Clarence L. King, Corvallis, Oregon, was arrested here today in connection with the murder of Mary McCoy, who was killed near Eureka, Calif. Detectives declared he confessed to killing the woman with whom he had lived that he might marry another girl.

Pajama Clad Girl Chases Burglar

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 29 (AP)—Fred D. Hart, 25, was the springing burglar who escaped from Mrs. Dorothy Zingsheim late Thursday night while she, defiant and pajama clad, chased him several blocks shouting "come back and fight like a man, you coward!"

Hart was arrested by police as he hid in the residential district early today near the scene of his encounter with Miss Zingsheim. Hart refused to accept the girl's challenge and put Paddock to shame with the ability to show his heels to the defiant girl.

Applause Greet's Tardieu's Appeal

PARIS, Mar. 29 (AP)—Premier Tardieu made a strong appeal to the chamber of deputies today in a speech asking unanimous approval of the Young plan measures so that the world would understand that France was united on its foreign policies.

The premier was applauded by virtually the entire chamber at the conclusion of his address.

WEATHER TODAY 7-30 a. m.—54 above. Minimum 33 above. Condition: clear. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 69; minimum 33 above. Condition: clear. WEATHER MAR. 29, 1929 Maximum 42; minimum 24 above. Condition: traces of snow, moisture .10 of inch.