

NEW STATION TO BE BUILT BY STANDARD

Erection, Equipment Will Cost \$20,000, W. C. Perkins States.

CONSTRUCTION IN CITY IS ACTIVE

Mackey Structure Nearly Completed—L. C. Smith Breaks Ground for New Building.

BUILDING WORK PROGRESSING

Building work throughout the city is progressing with one new business structure, the Mackey building, nearly completed and work going ahead on the others.

Ground has been broken for the L. C. Smith building on Washington avenue, Hans Nielsen is the contractor.

Word has not yet been received from New York headquarters of the J. C. Penney Co. relative to plans for the erection of a new store building here for that organization by the Masonic Building association.

Pouring of concrete for the basement walls of The Observer building is to be finished today and W. V. Veldler, the contractor, expects to start laying brick for the upper walls the middle of the week.

Fortus are being completed on the new Housch building next to the Sacajawea Inn for the first floor concrete, with pouring to begin shortly.

Erection of a super-service station in La Grande on the site now occupied by Beck and Robbins and Adams and Henschel is announced today by W. C. Perkins.

The property is 85 by 110 feet and the station will be built in an L shape along the rear lines of the lot, and will contain wash racks, hydraulic lifts, brake testing and adjusting machines, compressors, tire service room, equipment and parts display room, work shop, women's and men's lavatories and a basement for the steam heating plant.

In addition to the four pump gasoline filling station, there will be quarters for sales and service of tires, battery and electric work, car greasing and oiling including hoist equipment, etc.

A representative of the Standard Oil Co. states that this new station would have no superior in the entire territory served out of the Walla Walla office.

GUN CLUB IS HOPEFUL; BIG CROWD URGED

When the La Grande Gun club, now occupying a mid-way point in the Oregon and the Oregon-Idaho telegraphic trapshoot, standings among members are hoping that good weather and a large attendance will give it an opportunity to climb higher.

Last Sunday the club won three and tied one in the Oregonian shoot and won two and lost one in the Oregon-Idaho competition.

Opponents for Sunday follow: Oregonian shoot; La Grande vs. Tule Falls, Wasco, Harrisburg and Loge River.

WEATHER TODAY 7:20 a. m.—41 above. Minimum 40 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 65, minimum 25 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER APRIL 5, 1929 Maximum 55, minimum 27 above. Condition: traces of snow, moisture .69 of inch.

QUEEN DIES



Queen Victoria of Sweden, long an invalid, died in Rome yesterday. King Gustave was at her bedside.

EDUCATORS MEET AT E. O. N. TODAY

Superintendents and Principals of Eastern Oregon Gather Here.

About 50 educators of Eastern Oregon—superintendents and principals—gathered at the Eastern Oregon Normal school building at 10:30 a. m. today for the opening of the spring meeting of their association.

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Corbett Winning Support In East Oregon District

Platform Accepted in Most Quarters—Governor Norblad's Candidacy Also Advanced.

By the Associated Press Oregon's political pot-pouri, seasoned with spices from contests for virtually every major position began bubbling in earnest during the week after filing time closed and candidates announced their platforms which included a host of convictions and tropes—through the state augmenting verbally their written contentions.

Predictions that the Oregon electorate will face more unusual circumstances and situations than have ever before attended a political situation prior to the primaries flowed freely through the state, and veteran observers said the primary would be the most spirited since the election was enacted 55 years ago.

Large Vote Expected What national vote promoting organizations have failed to do probably will be accomplished in Oregon through the interest being displayed by the electorate. Some predicted 50 per cent of Oregon's voting population will go to the polls, but others have estimated conservatively that it will not exceed 50 per cent. At any rate all are agreed that it will exceed the 49 per cent average.

Because of the manifested animosity between Oswald West, former state governor and democratic national chairman, and Walter M. Pierce, also a former governor, eyes of the voters have been turned to the contest between them occasioned when Pierce announced his intention of opposing West. This and the gubernatorial contest, with six republicans and four democrats seeking spots of the general campaign, long he office, appear to be the unexpected opposition to Ralph E. Williams, vice chairman of the republican national committee, also has developed.

Charles F. Walker, Portland, filed with the secretary of state as a candidate for that office. Eight years ago Williams found stubborn opposition for his return to office in O. H. Ethison, Portland, but Williams succeeded through with a small majority.

Corbett Active For the moment, at least, Henry L. Corbett, Portland, gubernatorial candidate, seems to be the active contender. His platform, (Continued on Page Four)

Final Staging Of Operetta Pleases The final staging of the La Grande high school operetta "Who Killed Earl Wright?" in the auditorium with every seat taken. As on the opening night, the musical show met with generous applause.

Among the outstanding numbers was a duet by Robert Stoddard and Mildred Cade and the singing of "I Can't Get Along Without Jimmie" both by the soloists and the chorus. Every member of the cast handled his or her part excellently.

Sergeant Ramsey Catches Big Fish There is nothing left now but the bones, but several persons who enjoyed the 25-inch steelhead caught by Sergeant Ramsey in the Grande Ronde river near the bridge below the Perry dam.

Then there was a larger one that got away, because the line was too weak. The fish might have been more beautiful swimming about in the clear waters of the river but while basking in the oven of the Sacajawea Inn yesterday it certainly had its attractions.

Arlington Grain Growers Organize PENDELTON, Ore., Apr. 5 (AP)—With 501,000 bushels of wheat signed and \$15,000 capital stock subscribed, the Arlington Grain Growers, Inc., was completed last night with growers from North Gilliam, Wash., as members. More than 60 signed. John Withycombe, Jr., Arlington, was elected president of the organization.

Plan To Collect Delinquent Dues Max Sarvis, chairman of the delinquent account committee of the Union county chamber of commerce, will head a campaign to collect back dues. It was announced today. Details have not been completed as yet.

Secretary A. B. Hunter announced today that C. W. Bond would speak at the forum luncheon on the subject "Production of Home Grown Seeds." Either Supervisor McIntyre, of Pendleton, or his assistant, Raymond O. Williams, of La Grande, will speak on the census taking.

C. D. Rash Is New Auto Supply Head C. D. Rash, formerly of Oregon City, is the new manager of the Western Auto Supply company replacing C. L. Kendall. Mr. Rash is well acquainted in this territory and has been a frequent visitor to La Grande. He comes here with considerable experience being with the Western Auto for seven years. Four in Los Angeles and the remainder in Oregon City.

Mr. Kendall is leaving today for Oregon City where he will be manager of the store there.

STATE BOARD AUTHORIZES PRISON WING

\$271,473.82 in Deficiency Appropriations Are Approved.

LEGISLATURE TO PAY THE BILLS

Allow \$14,000 for State Co-operation With The Hoover Farm Relief Program.

SALEM, Ore., April 5 (AP)—Construction of a new cell wing at the state penitentiary, state co-operation with the Hoover farm relief program, salaries for circuit judges and district attorneys, assistance to state aided institutions in Portland, and additional provision for the state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles were all provided for at a meeting of the state emergency board yesterday when \$271,473.82 in deficiency appropriations was approved. All were by unanimous vote.

This means that the various state activities are authorized to incur deficiencies in that amount, and it will be incumbent upon the 1931 legislature to appropriate money to cover them.

Prison Population 700 The proposed new cell wing is necessitated by the rapidly growing population of the prison, which is at the rate of over 100 a year. Figures were furnished showing that in January, 1929, the average daily population was 700, while the present number of inmates is about 878, with cell room to care properly for only 500. Various schemes have been worked to care for the excess over the latter number.

The wing will comprise four tiers of 40 double cells each, and will accommodate 320 men. Its cost will be about \$88,000. The prison has 35,000 available and the remaining \$53,000 was provided by the emergency board. Inmate labor will be used as far as possible, reducing the cost. Representative Ralph Hamilton of Bend declared it was time for the state to consider a new prison and get away from makeshifts.

Other Expenses Allowed The board authorized the expenditure of \$14,000 for state co-operation with the Hoover farm relief program and \$11,000 for experiment station work of Oregon (Continued on Page Four)

More Cash Will Be Available If Needed, Report SPOKANE, Wash., Apr. 5 (AP)—In a statement published today, P. J. Wilmer of Rosalia, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers' association, said that there will be more money available than the \$1,400,000 recently approved by the federal credit bank if there is demand for it.

"Cooperative wheat locals need have no fear that these funds will all be loaned 'first come, first served' without giving all an opportunity for participation," the statement said.

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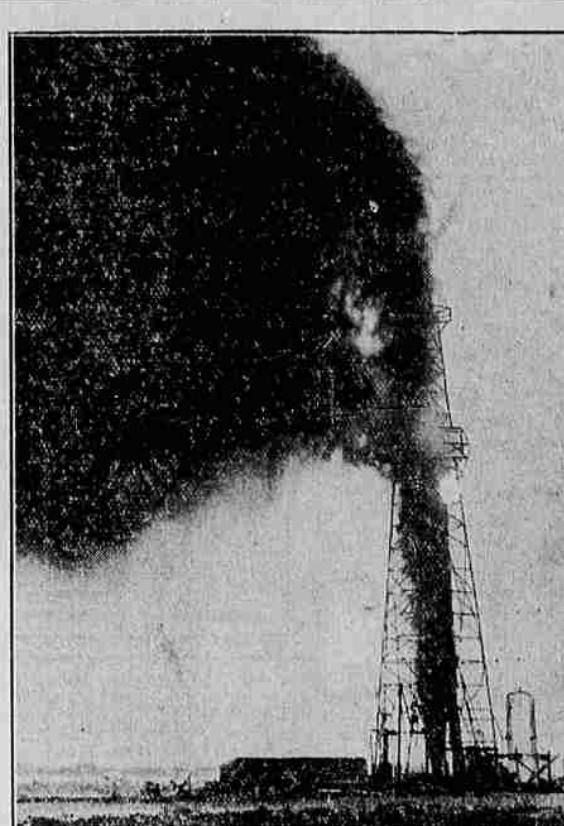
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GUSHER IS RUNNING WILD



Gusher No. 1 Mary Sadick, in the Oklahoma City oil fields, continues to defy a score of workmen who seek to halt its flow. Two attempts were made yesterday to place an "over-shot" cap in the casinghead but both failed. The gusher is shooting a stream of petroleum estimated at 2,000 barrels an hour high into the air. It is one of the largest wells of its kind in the world.

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ROBBERIES IN DETROIT ARE SOLVED TODAY

DETROIT, Apr. 5 (AP)—Three bank robberies, the holdup at a postal sub-station and a dozen business places and the robbery of a hospital payroll were believed to have been solved today by the arrest of a gang of five men and two women, one of the latter a former nurse.

Those under arrest are Ruth Jones, 22-year-old former student nurse at Providence hospital, 50th Casspines, 55; Ralph Benjamin, Leonard Kovic and Samuel Thomas and Harry Boren.

The members of the gang have confessed most of the robberies, police said. All are charged with robbery armed. One of the robbers was that of a branch of the Ohio Savings Bank and Trust company in Toledo, which was robbed of \$7922.30 on Feb. 25.

With this exception, the gang is believed to have confined its activities to Detroit. The group is accused of the holdup of the branch of the First National bank at Woodrow Wilson and Glendale avenues Thursday in which \$2,200 was taken. The robbery of the branch of the Bank of Michigan at Wyoming and Puritan avenues in which \$5000 was taken Feb. 11, and a \$5000 payroll robbery at Providence hospital Feb. 15.

RAIL MERGER PLANS MEET OPPOSITION

Minnesota Governor Threatens Injunction Against G. N. and N. P.

EASTMAN VISIONS GIGANTIC THREAT

Accuses Van Swerigen With Unifying Railroads Despite Adverse Decisions.

ST. PAUL, Apr. 5 (AP)—Governor Theodore Christianson, in a telegram to the Minnesota congressional delegation today, said efforts would be made by the state authorities to bring injunction proceedings against the proposed merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (AP)—A picture of gigantic railroad holding companies with far-flung interests threatening the government's plan of railroad unification was presented today to the house interstate commerce committee by Joseph B. Eastman of the commission.

Eastman, known for many dissenting opinions opposing proposed railroad mergers, detailed the holdings of the Allegheny corporation controlled by the Van Swerigen and the Pennrod corporation operated through officers of the Pennsylvania railroad. He said, however, as the committee began its inquiry into railroad holding and investment trust companies that he was presenting his personal views and did not speak for the commission itself.

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Formulas May Close Door On Excuse For War

By I. I. Lipsky Jr. (Associated Press Correspondent) GENEVA, Apr. 5 (AP)—Formulas by which excuse for going to war would be taken away from the countries belonging to the league of nations will be considered by the May meeting of the council of the league. If disposed of favorably, they will be reported next September to the assembly of the organization and probably made a part of the covenant.

The covenant of the league was admittedly not a perfect anti-war document when it was fashioned more than a decade ago by President Wilson and other internationalists. It left room for armed conflict by recognizing that under certain circumstances, nations might resort to warfare for settlement of controversies.

But last September the league decided to bring the covenant into harmony with the Kellogg-Briand pact, renouncing war as an instrument of national policy. A committee of jurists from eleven nations was named and has drafted amendments which they believe will slam the door in the face of Mars.

Detailing the holdings of the Pennrod corporation, he testified