

BLOCK WILL BECOME CITY REST PARK

Deal for Property Under Way Between K. J. McWilliams and City.

AUTHORITY GIVEN TO SIGN PAPERS

Three-Cornered Block Bounded by Spring, Fifth and Depot Streets to be Developed.

After years of hoping, La Grande citizens are to have another of their desires fulfilled. Preliminary steps for the securing of a block of land to be used as a downtown park have been completed and all that remains to close the deal is the mere signing of an option and lease.

This became known at the city commission meeting last night when a resolution was adopted authorizing an option and lease for the three-cornered block bounded by Fifth, Depot and Spring streets. Negotiations have been under way with K. J. McWilliams, the owner, for a number of weeks but did not reach a point that would warrant publicity until last night.

City to Lease Block

The present plans are for the city to lease the block, and take an option for purchase which may be exercised at any time within a period of ten years.

The description of the property is lots 1 to 4 inclusive, block 193, Chapin's addition to the city of La Grande.

The deal will be closed within the next few days and as soon as this is done, the city expects to make arrangements for the removal of several residence buildings now located on the property and proceed with plans to beautify the block and make it available for use as a centrally located city rest park.

Trees are already on the block to some extent and the amount of improvement required will not be great, city commissioners point out. It is expected that the city planning commission will have a preliminary plan in the development of the park.

The tract property, near the Second street viaduct, which was deeded to the city last week, was also discussed, and there is a possibility that the commission may confer with the planning commission concerning a suggestion that this part of a block be turned into a public playground.

A number of other matters came before the commission, including a request from T. E. Arrowsmith, of San Francisco, for a gas franchise. This request was laid on the table after a period of discussion, during which the commission re-stated its policy to withhold a franchise until the applying company shows in a concrete way its intentions to actually construct a plant and begin operation.

The request was presented through Sid Thompson, president of the commission, stated that he believed the people really desire gas but that he, as well as other members of the commission, wants assurance that they will really come before granting a franchise. Both Mr. Arrowsmith and a previous request were accompanied by franchise forms, but the commissioners stated that if a franchise is granted in any gas company, it will be drawn up by the city.

False Alarm Discussed

The question of false alarms was also taken up. City Manager W. C. Crews stating that in the last few weeks eight false alarms have been.

High School Accredited by Association

Oregon ranks second highest in fully accredited high schools in the northwest, according to a report of the Oregon commission of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, Washington, D. C., which was held at Astoria, Idaho, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1929. The members of the Oregon commission on accrediting include: Supt. J. T. Longfellow, of La Grande.

The list of Oregon high schools accredited by the Northwest association includes: La Grande, Baker, Bend, Heppner, Milton-Freewater, Ontario, Pendleton, Prineville, Redmond, The Dalles.

Dr. Chambers, of the vocational education department of Oregon state college, will deliver the commencement address at the La Grande high school graduating exercises on Wednesday evening, May 28. It was announced today by E. D. Towler, principal of the high school. The commencement exercises are tentatively arranged to be held in the E. D. S. tabernacle.

Dr. Chambers is a new member of the faculty at the state college and is very prominent in this work. His address is expected to be very interesting and worthwhile.

Dr. Chambers To Address Class Of Graduates

Commencement Exercises Scheduled for May 28—School Will Close Here on May 30.

Baccalaureate services are to be held Sunday evening, May 25 probably in the tabernacle, and school will close on Friday, May 30.

Between 100 and 110 members of the senior class expect to receive their diplomas, which will constitute one of the largest graduating classes in L. H. S. history.

The junior-senior banquet is tentatively set for May 17, following the Junior play, tentatively dated May 15 and 16.

The annual high school exhibit will probably be held on May 29, it is announced.

Pierce Speaks At Educational Club at E. O. N.

An interesting meeting of the Educational club was held last evening at the Normal school building. Former Governor Walter M. Pierce addressed the club on the subject "A Layman's View of the School."

Mr. Pierce especially emphasized the parents' problems in relation to the school. He said that expense was the biggest problem of the parents and that teachers may overcome this problem by ending their aid in the redistribution of income and by being alert and by taking an interest in public affairs.

A short business meeting and social hour followed the address. Others present included: Stuart J. Miller, Elmo Stevenson and the speaker.

Christian Church Convention Will Be Held May 6-8

The Eastern Oregon convention of the Christian church convenes at the Central Church of Christ, next week, May 6, 7, 8. The local church is entertaining delegates on the Harvard plan. Representatives from about 20 churches in Eastern Oregon are expected. The Packard and Neely revival is a feature for the delegates this year.

Other outside speakers are C. P. Swander, of the Oregon Christian missionary convention; G. W. Moseley, northwest director of religious education; U. C. M. S. Spokane, Wash., and Mac Elmer Boyce, missionary from Congo, Africa. Guy Drill, minister of Pendleton, is president of the convention and R. L. Putnam, local minister, is secretary.

Officers Installed By Moose Lodge

The Local Order of Moose installed officers last evening with W. E. Woodruff, of Baker, deputy supreme installing officer in charge. Ralph Pope is dictator. Other officers installed were: C. F. Spivey, post dictator; E. E. Feurshelm, vice dictator; Curtis Sims, prelate; W. B. Bailey, treasurer; Harry True, trustee; C. H. Provost, inner guard; George Warner, outer guard; Harry Sitter, escort; M. E. Pope, ring and plant. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments were served later in the evening. About 20 members were present from Baker, and 20 from Walla Walla.

Negro Returned To Face Charges

Sheriff Jesse Brethren returned Gusty Howell, negro, from Baker yesterday where he was arrested at the request of local officers. Howell is held in the county jail today and a complaint against him has been signed by Lulu Robinson, negro, who told officers that Howell shot at her twice.

Howell's case is expected to be handled by the district attorney. Policeman Bud Beard drove Howell's car back to La Grande yesterday.

LINDY HOMEWARD BOUND

COLON, Canal Zone, May 1 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, homebound bound, took off at 7:55 o'clock this morning for Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, carrying 20 pounds of Mantevidos-New York almonds.

DEATH ENDS ENTERPRISE BOXING CARD

Henry Ramsey, 22-Year-Old Fighter, Dies as Result of Punch.

INQUEST WILL BE THIS AFTERNOON

County Coroner Booth to Investigate—Opponent in Boxing Match is to Testify.

Henry Ramsey, 22-year-old resident of Enterprise, was killed last night as the result of a blow received during a boxing match at Enterprise, according to word received here this morning. Mr. Ramsey was boxing a Mr. Thompson, of Wallowa, in a regular card, and reports here are to the effect that a blow to the jaw proved fatal.

County Coroner Booth, of Enterprise, stated over the telephone this morning that an inquest would be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. So far no official investigation has been made of the death but it is believed that it was caused by a blow to the jaw.

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ASSESSOR HURT IN AUTO WRECK

D. H. Proctor Badly Bruised But Not Seriously Injured, is Reported.

D. H. Proctor, Union county assessor, was badly bruised about the face and also suffered a few cuts in an automobile accident this morning, but was well enough at noon to make plans to return to his duties at the court house sometime this afternoon. His car collided with a light and telephone pole, it is reported.

He was driving along the Fruitland road, between the Jensen-Poultry place and the Rogers home at about 3:20 this morning, it is reported. He had looked away from the road for a moment and then found the car heading for the pole and was unable to apply the brakes in time to avoid a collision. His face had quite a bit at first.

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ARRANGE FOR BAND CONCERT NEXT FRIDAY

The Neighborhood club of La Grande has arranged a concert for music week which will feature the municipal band with Mrs. Leal Russell and Miss Helen Williams as assisting artists. This program will be given at the high school on Friday evening May 9 and will be free to the public.

A program which will include some of the better known theme songs from current "talkies" and also many other of the lighter, modern-day "hits" is being prepared for this concert.

Mr. Russell, popular La Grande contractor, will be heard in two solo numbers and Miss Williams will play two piano solos as a special feature of this music week program.

REVISE CANADIAN TARIFF

OTTAWA, May 1 (AP)—Revision of the Canadian tariff structure extending British tariff preferences to additional imports valued at \$200,000,000 annually and insertion in the tariff schedule for the first time in history of countervailing duty provisions, were featured by the budget announcement made in the Canadian house of commons today by Minister of Finance C. A. Dunning.

Heisson, Wash. Couple Blown To Bits By Explosion of Dynamite

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 1 (AP)—Investigation of a dynamite blast that last night killed Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Northrup of Heisson, and tore their residence to splinters, was ordered today by Dale McMillan, district attorney of Clark county. He said the explosion could have occurred only by malicious ignition of the charge.

The explosion occurred at 11 p. m., yesterday. The bodies of Northrup and his wife were blown to fragments above the hills. Heisson is 21 miles northeast of Vancouver.

Clifford Campbell, 15-year-old high school boy, who had been working for his keep at the Northrup place for the past few weeks, was the only witness to the tragedy. Questioned by deputy sheriff and the coroner he said he had been aroused from bed at 10:20 p. m. by the sound of bells as some cows came down from a hill near the house, and that he had seen two 50-pound boxes of dynamite and 25 sticks of the explosive in a

Supreme Court To Convene At Pendleton, Ore.

Thirteen Cases on Docket for Eastern Oregon Session—Two of Them From Union County.

SALEM, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Thirteen cases are on the docket for the Eastern Oregon session of the state supreme court which will open at Pendleton Monday, May 5. They are:

George C. Krebs et al, appellant, vs. Aburey E. Perry, water master, et al; appealed from Morrow county.

Hynd Brothers company, appellant, vs. Aburey E. Perry, water master, et al; appealed from Morrow county.

H. C. Dodds et al, appellant, vs. Joseph C. Mayer et al; appealed from Deschutes county.

State vs. Joe Miller, appellant; appealed from Deschutes county.

Union Central Life Insurance company vs. George S. Parks et al, appellants; appealed from Malheur county.

Charles L. Barker et al, appellants, vs. A. H. Sonner; appealed from Malheur county.

Roy Fisher vs. Emma Fisher, appellant; appealed from Union county.

Lillie F. Brown, administratrix, vs. L. M. Laird et al, appellants; appealed from Union county.

Oscar Olsen et al, appellants, vs. S. P. Crow et al; appealed from Wallowa county.

Nina T. Dolan, appellant, vs. Continental Casualty company; Baker county.

A. P. Rosser vs. Union Automobile Insurance company, appellant; appealed from Baker county.

Continental Guaranty Corporation vs. Levl Chrisman et al, appellants; appealed from Wasco county.

C. A. Sweek et al vs. S. R. Bennett et al, appellants; appealed from Harney county.

The case of Sophia B. Eall vs. H. L. Hutton, appellant, appealed from Harney county, has been postponed to the October term because the ground for the appeal were held by the supreme court to be "frivolous and trivial." H. H. Plant and Edna Plant not only must pay to Edna Loveland the full judgment for personal injuries

Gun Club Plans Big Merchandise Shoot On May 18

The La Grande Gun club, in connection with the Portland O-W athletic event here May 18, which includes both trapshooting and rifle shooting, today announced that a merchandise shoot will be held at the Lone Tree grounds with a large number of prizes offered to the contestants. The shoot will be open to everyone, the visitors, and the general public. Detailed arrangements are now being made. The club plans to solicit all merchants, filling stations, restaurants and local business people tomorrow to arrange for the prizes. It was also announced.

STATE SENATOR DIES

PORTLAND, May 1 (AP)—John B. Bell, state senator from the joint district of Lane and Linn counties for four legislative sessions, died here yesterday at the Veterans' hospital. He had been seriously ill for several weeks. Funeral services will be held in Eugene.

SPANISH PRIEST PRISONER

SHANGHAI, May 1 (AP)— Jesuits at Anking, capital on Anhwei province, reported today that Tainu and Hwoshan, Anhwei, had been taken by bandits April 27, and that the Rev. Julio Herrera, Spanish priest who had been captured by provincial troops on the same day. The Rev. Father Herrera was taken to Anking.

SEEK EARLY ACTION ON SHOALS BILL

House Military Committee Approves Plan Presented by Reece.

PREFERENCE TO BE REQUESTED

May Dispose of Muscle Shoals Problem by Leasing Project to Private Corporations.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The house today adopted the partial conference report on the republican tariff bill. The vote on adoption of the report was 210 to 151.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The house military committee today approved the Reece plan to provide for the leasing of Muscle Shoals to private corporations and made plans to seek early house action.

The committee virtually has completed the draft of a report to the house urging adoption of the Reece plan.

Huntington Has 793, An Increase Over 1920 Count

Additional census returns are being received from Eastern Oregon towns. Reports today from Baker are that the town of Huntington records the largest population gain of any in Baker county to date. The count shows 793 as against 766 in 1920. Hunt has 274 persons and 23 farms. Connor creek precinct has 90 persons and 29 farms.

Other figures released by Supervisor B. S. Crabb included: Whitney 35, Audrey precinct 47, Unity 241, Hereford 152.

Reports from Umatilla county state that Athena, Weston and Stanfield all show a decline in population. Athena has 504 compared with 621 in 1920. Weston has 354 compared with 395 and Stanfield has 293 compared with 278.

OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN AT L. H. S. TONIGHT

"The Fairy of Dreams," the grade school operetta directed by Mrs. Dallas Green will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock in the La Grande high school by children from the city grade schools.

Of special interest between acts will be the harmony singing of the four Henriksen children, all under 12 years of age, who have become popular singers in the city during their short time in the city, because popular singers, and are much in demand for programs.

Grade school children are selling the tickets, which are general admission only. The operetta will be presented again tomorrow night.

Dr. Packard Speaks At Lions Meeting

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Max Sorvik, Chet Thompson, Fred Isenring and Jack Pugh were named as delegates to the state convention in Bend this summer, with more to be selected. Carl Helm was nominated for president and R. V. Copepy for the office of tall twister. Fred Henning was nominated for director. Election will be held next month.

Claude Neely, of Eugene, with Dr. Packard at the Christian church meetings, sang two solos, accompanied by Barbara Hott at the piano.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP)—Despite an early show of strength, the wheat market ran into heavy selling today, and dropped to below any price record May delivery had touched heretofore this season. The cause of the break was talk current that as much as 9,000,000 bushels of wheat held in private warehouses here might be loaded out into railroad cars and entered in settlement of May contracts. About 10,000,000 bushels of wheat were delivered on May contracts in the leading markets today, 5,362,000 bushels in Chicago alone.

May wheat went to within 3/4 of the dollar-a-bushel level, but the market was rallying at the close, with trading nervous, and the finish exactly the same as yesterday to 1/2 off.

SHE'S DEPUTY



Jewell S. Allen has been appointed deputy sheriff of Cache county, Idaho. (A. P. Photo.)

CANCER CURE IS NOT YET FOUND

Coffey-Humber Treatment Discussed in Current Medical Journal.

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP)—The Journal of the American Medical association, in an editorial by Dr. Morris Fishbein in its current issue, discusses the results of post mortem examinations in the cases of 30 cancer patients treated in the Coffey-Humber clinic in San Francisco.

The editorial states that investigation by pathologists and surgeons indicate that postmortems here also showed a report that Mrs. Dickinson had been shot and killed and that Lawson was wanted for questioning.

His First Story
He first told authorities that two men forced him into an out building and then ransacked the Dickinson home. He said they forced him to drive them in the Dickinson automobile to Oregon City where he was abandoned and they fled.

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H. W. COLLINS TO SERVE AS GRAIN CHIEF

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP)—Henry W. Collins of Pendleton, Ore., has been engaged as district manager of the Farmers' National Grain corporation. Announcement of Mr. Collins' selection was made by George S. Milnor, general manager of the corporation. Collins' territory will embrace Washington, Oregon, California and the northern part of Idaho.

Collins is one of the largest grain handlers in the Pacific Northwest, according to Milnor, having been in the grain and milling business for many years. His farm on a large scale, Milnor asserted. The North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., one of the stockholders of the grain corporation, has headquarters in Rosalia, Wash., which is in Collins' territory. The rapid development of this organization indicates it will handle in excess of 50,000,000 bushels of grain of the 1930 crop.

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Parker Debate Is Still Under Way

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—With republican leaders expecting a vote to be delayed until Monday, the senate today continued in dispute over the nomination of Judge John J. Parker to the supreme court.

Bigbee Seriously Ill Of Pneumonia

BRAWLEY, Cal., May 1 (AP)—Carson Bigbee, highest, former major league baseball player, is critically ill of pneumonia at his ranch home here today. Once a Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder, and club of the Pacific coast league, Bigbee has been engaged in citrus growing and buying here.

TWO FLEERS KILLED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 1 (AP)—Flying Cadets Raymond Rowe and Benjamin Ellsworth Tilson Jr., students in the advanced flying school at Kelly Field, were instantly killed yesterday when a bomber in which they were making a flight, crashed southeast of Bandera.

The heavy plane was demolished but did not burn.

Wife of Farmer Shot to Death By Dallas Boy

Officers Believe Tragedy Due to Accident—Dale Lawson to be Questioned at Inquest.

SALEM, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Dale Lawson, 16, at whose hands Mrs. George A. Dickinson, 48, wife of a Polk county farmer living four miles south of Independence met her death Wednesday, was scheduled to tell his story of the occurrence to a coroner's jury this afternoon. Officers who returned Lawson to Dallas after he had given himself up in Portland Wednesday afternoon, express the opinion that the youth is telling the truth and that the death was accidental. This view is supported by the fact that investigators have been unable to discover any possible motive for a premeditated crime.

Mrs. Dickinson, according to the story told by Lawson to Sheriff T. H. Hooker of Dallas, was seated in the living room near a table and was engaged in sewing. In attempting to place a shell in a 16-gauge shotgun, the trigger was accidentally pulled and the discharge of the gun struck the woman in the face, the boy said.

RETURNED TO DALLAS
PORTLAND, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Dale Lawson, 16, employee of the George A. Dickinson farm near Independence, Ore., was returned to Dallas, Ore., county seat, today to testify at a coroner's inquest held in connection with the alleged accidental death of Mrs. George A. Dickinson, 48, whose body was found in her farm home by her husband yesterday.

Young Lawson, who told authorities two different stories concerning the shooting, surrendered to police here about the same time they received a report that Mrs. Dickinson had been shot and killed and that Lawson was wanted for questioning.

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Ruth's Campaign Cost Her Quarter Million Dollars

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—May Ruth Hanna McCormick, successful candidate in the recent Illinois republican senatorial race, told the senate campaign funds committee today she spent \$252,572 from her own pocketbook in that race.

The republican nominee, who was the first witness before the committee, said she received no contributions except from numbers of her family.

She added she was supported by only two organizations in Cook county—the voters progress club and the Ruth Hanna McCormick volunteers.

Mrs. McCormick read a statement in which she urged that legislation be enacted to provide a close scrutiny of all campaign activities by senatorial candidates, "committee his losing campaign."

Senator Deeney informed the committee that Mrs. McCormick cost him a total of \$24,492.21.

The largest item in the expense accounts filed by Mrs. McCormick was one for \$107,518.20 for "county budgets."

She explained this was for organization activities in the various counties.

Woman To Oppose Albert C. Ritchie

BALTIMORE, May 1 (AP)—Mrs. Jesse W. Nicholson of Chevy Chase, Md., prohibition leader, plans to oppose Albert C. Ritchie anti-prohibition figure, now nearing the close of his third term as governor, for the democratic nomination at the September primary.

Mrs. Nicholson yesterday received the endorsement of the United Democratic Law Enforcement clubs of Maryland at a meeting here.

American Women Lose to British

RUNNINGDALE, Eng., May 1 (AP)—A British women's golf team today defeated a women's team from the United States in all day competition consisting of four-somes in the morning and singles in the afternoon.

PROHIBITION STORY STIRS UP CABINET

Testimony of Witness Before Senate Lobby Committee Brings Denials

SIX MENTIONED AS DOUBTING LAW

Secretaries Adams and Lamont Say There is no Justification for Stayton's Claims.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—William H. Stayton, chairman of the board of the association against the prohibition amendment, told the senate lobby committee today he thought six members of President Hoover's cabinet believed the prohibition law a failure.

He named them as Secretaries Stimson, Davis, Lamont, Mellon, Brown and Adams.

Adams Issues Denial
Secretary Adams said there was no justification whatsoever for Mr. Stayton's assertion that he had opposed the prohibition amendment. The secretary declined to elaborate on other phases of Mr. Stayton's remarks.

Commenting upon Mr. Stayton's statements, Secretary Lamont said he had not discussed the question of prohibition since entering the cabinet.

No Foundation, Lamont Says
"There is no foundation for the statement of Mr. Lamont said, 'except perhaps, that while a private citizen I was a member of the association against the prohibition amendment. I resigned before joining the cabinet and have not discussed the subject since.'"

Chairman Caraway read a letter written by the witness on March 9, 1929 to Dr. John R. Ford, of Philadelphia. The letter said in part: "As a matter of fact, six out of the ten men in Mr. Hoover's cabinet believe, personally, that prohibition is a failure."

"Of course, they are not going to help us but it is rather heartening to feel that six of the ten leading men of our country, selected by a dry, are convinced that the dry law is a failure."

Stayton said he still "stood by" the letter.

He also said he had talked with Senator Tydings, of Maryland, and Hawes, of Missouri, both wet democrats, and a number of representatives.

Mentions Commissioners
Stayton testified today before the senate lobby committee that four members of the Hoover law enforcement commission had told him they were "trying to work out some other plan for distribution of liquor than under the present law."

He said the members of the commission were Judge Keayon, Dean Ford, Colonel Anderson and another, who he said, he could not recall by name.

The witness gave his testimony after Chairman Caraway questioned him about a letter he wrote last February to Charles S. Wood, of Philadelphia, which expressed the opinion that President Hoover "is beginning to doubt whether prohibition can be enforced."

Stayton said he drew his "inference" after appearing before the law enforcement commission at its request and after talking with senators and representatives.