

CONDITIONS OVERDRAWN, CHERRY SAYS

Distorted View of Unemployment Conditions Painted in Story.

CITY TAKES CARE OF ITS PROBLEM

Oregonian Writer in Washington Signs Article — City Manager Authorizes Statement.

A distorted view of unemployment conditions of La Grande are painted in an article in this morning's Oregonian, the article from Washington, D. C., signed by John W. Kelly and giving his authority as Rev. M. G. Tenney, son of La Grande. The view was, according to Mr. Kelly, received through Senator La Follette who asked out questionnaires over all the country.

In an interview with the city manager, A. B. Cherry, today we are authorized to say that the condition is very much overdrawn, that so far as can be ascertained there are not to exceed 300 men out of work and that of this number only 30 or 40 have asked for assistance from the city and they are being provided for. The great majority of men who were out of work previously in La Grande are doing part time work on the highways and elsewhere.

Harold Boone, secretary of the chamber of commerce, today confirmed Mr. Cherry's statement in every respect. In talking, Albert Hunter, working in the temporary welfare bureau, states that conditions are very much better now than they were two or three weeks ago, that very few transients are coming through the city asking for assistance. Mr. Hunter has just returned from a trip through Oregon and Washington, and states that La Grande is in better condition than any other city in this section of the country.

NAVY OFFICER TO VISIT CITY ON JANUARY 21

Commander W. C. Barker, U. S. N., will arrive in La Grande at 8:15 January 21 for the purpose of inspecting the local recruiting station, which was recently established in the post office building, and other naval activities in this community.

Commander Barker has had wide and varied experience both abroad and in home waters, both during the war and after.

During the world war Commander Barker served as executive officer of the U. S. transport Henderson making 13 round trips to France on that vessel while she safely carried 30,000 troops "over there." After the war he was assigned to the command of the U. S. S. Tennessee, one of the navy's most modern battleships. Completing his tour at sea the commander was selected for a course of instruction at the naval war college, then in 1925 he returned to the bureau of navigation for duty remaining two years in charge of the assignment and detail of the 35,000 enlisted men of the navy. From 1927 to 1930 Commander Barker held the important posts of personnel officer and aid on the staff of the commander in chief of the battle fleet and of the commander in chief of the United States fleet. With his intimate knowledge of personnel work derived from his varied and important duties in this field during the past ten years Commander Barker is considered one of the best informed officers on this subject in the navy.

Country Club To Elect Directors

The La Grande country club members will meet for their annual business meeting on January 30 at the office of Charles H. Reynolds in the Sommer Hotel building, for election of five directors. Directors whose terms expire are H. N. Ashby, S. D. Crowe, L. K. Kirtland, W. C. Perkins and William Siegrist.

Directors who will hold over are F. L. Meyers, C. W. Bingham, H. E. Dixon, Chase Bohnenkamp, H. A. Zurbick, A. J. Stange, G. L. Larison, C. H. Reynolds, Fred Lanzer and H. M. Bay.

House Entered; \$8 Reported Stolen

While Mrs. Bellmer was away from her home last evening, some one entered the house and took \$8. Nothing was reported to the police as missing. A glass in the front door was broken, thus enabling the intruder to reach inside and unlock the door. The robbery was discovered at 1:40 o'clock upon the return home.

Loan Association Members In Meet

Members of the Grande Ronde National Farm Loan association met Tuesday in the office of the secretary-treasurer, Charles Reynolds, and elected directors for the coming year. E. H. DeLong, M. M. Marquette, M. E. Wallinger and O. C. Fleishman were re-elected, while C. M. Graham was elected to fill the vacancy left by the death of J. F. Boyd.

A total of 144 loans are in force amounting to \$705,100 in this district. Mr. Reynolds states that the Grande Ronde association does business with the Federal Land bank of Spokane, since its organization in 1917.

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City Woodyard Pays 75 Cents A Rick, Report

The city woodyard has been in operation since Monday and the price set for cutting is 75 cents a rick, A. B. Cherry, city manager, reported at the regular meeting of the city commission last night in the commission room of the city hall. "We are not entering competition with the local wood dealers, but we are attempting to take care of the people who are absolutely destitute," Manager Cherry stated.

H. N. Ashby and Bert Shelton, who has the Catherine creek logging contract, and his men, each promised to haul a load of logs to the city at the local wood dealers, but we are attempting to take care of the people who are absolutely destitute," Manager Cherry stated.

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Union Defeated By E. O. N. 35-15

First Half Close But Mountaineers Speed Up in the Final Frame.

The Union Blue Devils, victor last week over the strong Helix five, proved no match for Bob Quinn's Mountaineers here last night and the Normal school walked up its fourth win of the season. The score was 35 to 15. A return game will be played at Union Friday evening.

The visitors, without the services of Brown, one of the regular forwards, failed to click as effectively as in the Helix game; also the Normal school players played ragged ball, only occasionally showing the flashy form that scored two hard-earned victories last weekend.

Close at Opening.
During the home team's opening half, the Union team and the Mountaineers were nip and tuck, first one ahead, then the other. A long shot by Brown gave the visitors a 4 to 3 lead, but before the half ended the count was reversed, with the Mountaineers leading 11 to 8.

The last half turned into a rout for the Union team, scoring 24 to the Blue Devils' seven. Merck returned to his effectiveness of last week and dropped in half a dozen goals in the last frame. During the first half the Union players gave their opponents much to worry about with a close-checking defense, but it wilted toward the end.

Game Fairly Rough.
The game was fairly rough, with one Union man going out because of four personal fouls. Posey, who played a strong game, having three fouls.

Indian Relics and Specimens Of Pre-Historic Civilization Shown

By Bess Duke
Indian relics and specimens of carving from a civilization which is thought to have existed hundreds of years prior to the Indian civilization in Oregon have been collected by W. R. Gekeler during the past 30 years. Mr. Gekeler first became engaged in the collection of such relics through his interest in the geological and mineralogical formations throughout the state.

Union county has produced some very valuable specimens in the study of different tribes. Mr. Gekeler believes that the Indians of this region has about 700 arrowheads of 21 shapes, sizes and materials. The finest arrowheads in the United States come from the Columbia river region. Mr. Gekeler states: "There they were made of onyx, petrified wood, cornelian, or quartz of various bright colors. Specimens from Lake and Harney counties are also to be seen."

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Senator Eberhard Introduces Bill Having Direct Application to the E. O. N.

SALEM, Jan. 15 (AP) — Introduction of the old age pension bill, passage of the legislation and rules committee report providing the name of a public utilities committee and re-appointment committee in the house, and filing of minor measures marked the short sessions of the house and senate today.

Death in Portland of Ben Selling, former member of the senate and speaker of the house, cut short the day's program in both houses, which adjourned early until next Monday in respect to Selling. The introduction of the first of the administration measures were also held over until next week, when it is expected several will be started through the legislative hopper and make way for the flood of bills expected to follow from members.

County Court Designated.
The old age pension bill, introduced by Representative Lee, Anderson, Bronough, Mott and Schupp and Senators Woodward and Hall, provides for the payment of \$30 a month to dependent persons past the age of 65 years. Under the bill, the name of an applicant must be on the list of the state 10 years and have been an American citizen 10 years. The county court in each county was designated as the pension commission. The funds are to be provided by the counties.

The appointment of the special public utilities committee and the \$700,000 committee will be announced Monday, Speaker Frank J. Lomeniger announced. He stated he would offer Governor Julius L. Meier the option of recommending a committee to the public utilities committee to which he referred all power bills. Governor Meier declined to make any recommendations. It was declared that it was not the function of the governor to interfere with legislative procedure.

A committee of two senators and three representatives was named to study the state building needs and report back to the legislature some plan for a 10-year building program is provided in a senate joint resolution introduced by Senator Miller and Representative Hamilton.

The resolution mentions the state deficit of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 and the inability of present buildings at the custodial institutions to meet requirements. The state's asylums and hospitals are branded as "so defective and inadequate as to be a reproach to the state."

Normal School Bill On.
School boards in districts of first class cities and towns are to join with the state in the establishment of training schools at state institutions of higher learning by a bill introduced by Senator Eberhard today.

Clara Continues To Hold 'Spot' In California Court

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 15 (AP) — The trial on grand theft charges of Miss Daisy De Bow, former secretary and "best friend" of Clara Bow of the films went into its fourth day today with the movie flapper in complete possession of the spotlight.

Alternately sobbing and stamping a foot while testifying, the red headed actress stole the show yesterday as she told the jury of the trial of her erstwhile confidant, charged with theft of \$10,000 from Miss Bow.

In her second spectacular appearance on the stand in two days the flapper heroine of motion pictures seemed on the verge of hysteria under searching questioning of Miss De Bow's counsel, Nathan Freedman.

"She was my best friend," sobbed the actress after an indignant outburst. She spoke as though apologetically for her former friend, who court room through forming her audience.

"She was my best friend in the world. I'm sorry to be crying, but I can't help it." Then she dabbed at her nose with a pocket handkerchief.

Miss Bow had been recalled to the stand to testify concerning an alleged attempt by Miss De Bow to obtain \$125,000 from her under a plan of having letters and telegrams from the film flapper's boy friends released to newspapers. "I asked her, 'Ask you're not kidding me?' after her long run, you're trying to shake me down for \$125,000?" the actress testified.

On this point W. I. Gilbert, attorney for the actress testified later that Miss De Bow approached him in his office last November 3, stating she had some papers of Clara's.

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Enraged Goat Hits Reflection; Bam!

RECOMMENDS
DEVELOPMENT
OF COLUMBIA

SALEM, Jan. 15 (AP) — Barge transportation and hydroelectric development of the Columbia river are urged in a report to the legislature by a special report of an interim committee of the 1929 session that was read in the senate yesterday. The members of the committee were Senators Bennett and Upton and Representative McCourt.

The report states that "it would be impossible for the state to encourage anything that would be of more importance to the agricultural interests of Eastern Oregon and the state at large than would barge transportation on the Columbia river and its tributaries."

"It would assure the perpetuity of the differential in freight rates now enjoyed by the port of Portland and the port of Astoria, and would further reduce the cost of shipments from the territories adjacent to these rivers to the ports mentioned," the report says.

Mercury Drops 15 Degrees In N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP) — New York awakened today with a shiver as the mercury had dropped 15 degrees since midnight to 11 degrees below zero.

Slight comfort came from the weather bureau in reminder that Jan. 15, 1927, set a low record for the day with a temperature of 6.3 above zero. But the normal temperature for Jan. 15, the records showed, is 31 degrees.

No Vaccination; Three Succumb

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Jan. 15 (AP) — Arthur Smith of Saulston township didn't believe in "this inoculation business," he said.

Mad Dog Bites One Man, 75 Dogs, 4 Hogs

WOODRUFF, S. C., Jan. 15 (AP) — A mad dog went on a rampage here today, biting one man, 75 dogs, a mule, four hogs and a goose.

The dog was killed several hours later after a hunt over a six-mile territory.

The town council ordered all dogs locked up for 30 days.

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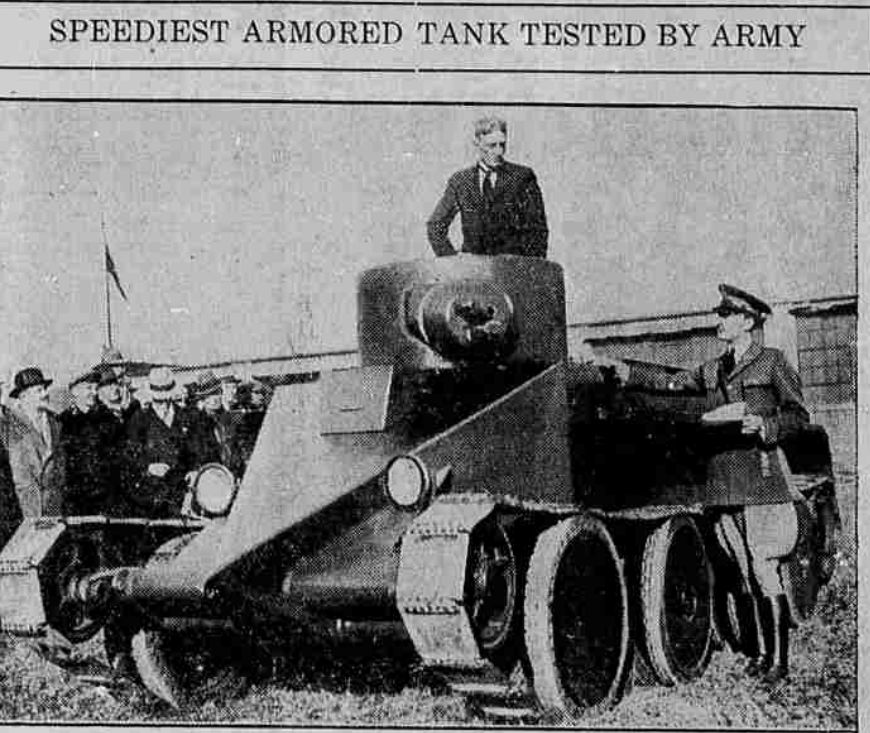
House To Support R. O. T. C. Units

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A new armored tank, the speediest ever built, was demonstrated before army officers at Linden, N. J., by its inventor, Walter J. Christie (in turret). The machine, powered by a 100-horsepower motor, reached a speed of 75 miles an hour. Five-eight-inch steel armor protects the machine and crew of two men and its armament consists of a one-pound cannon and a .30-calibre machine gun.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy in the east, rain in the west portion tonight and Friday.
Normal temperatures.
Fresh and at times strong south-east winds offshore.

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