

## SALARY LIST FOR YEAR SET BY CITY

Manager's \$800 a Month is Reduced to \$250; Two Increases.

## DEPUTY RECORDER IS AUTHORIZED

Local Banks are Named to Receive City Funds - Cancel Assessments on E. O. N. Lots.

Passing of a salary ordinance for the year 1931 and a number of other items occupied the time of the city commissioners at their executive meeting last evening in the municipal building.

Differences in the 1931 salary list as compared with the 1930 one were mainly the addition of a deputy to assist the recorder-treasurer, increasing of the salaries paid J. E. Stearns, recorder-treasurer, and the addition of \$210, and reduction of the manager's salary from \$800 to \$250.

The salary list follows: Manager \$250, deputy \$150, recorder-treasurer \$210, deputy \$135 (first six months and \$140 thereafter); attorney \$100, city physician \$90, band master \$100, stenographer \$75, police chief \$150, traffic officer \$130, assistant police chief \$130, police sergeant \$125, fire chief \$165, assistant fire chief \$130, three firemen \$125, three firemen \$120, engineer \$210, water superintendent \$125, inspector \$115, city dump caretaker \$25, intake caretaker \$100, janitor \$40, hospital caretaker \$50, water department stenographer \$100, sewage disposal night caretaker (day) \$125, caretaker (night) \$100.

Previously an ordinance was passed authorizing the employment of a deputy for the recorder-treasurer.

Mr. Humphreys office on the library board expires Feb. 1 and Commissioner Victor R. Melville announced that an appointment would be made next week.

Mr. Cherry reported that he had met with the painters organization here and that they are planning on preparing another ordinance to replace one submitted a week ago. City Attorney Robert Eakin reported on the request of Julius Rosen in connection with the city's jurisdiction over the city's utility wires over the alley between the Sacajawea Inn and the annex, stating that there was a question as to the city's jurisdiction. This will be settled by a court decision.

The United States National bank named La Grande branches were named as depositories for receiving city funds, the funds to be divided equally as possible.

## OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN AT EAST NORMAL

"Hansel and Gretel," an operetta adapted from the fairy tale, will be presented at the outstanding presentations at the Eastern Oregon Normal school in the near future. This will be under the general direction of Mrs. W. A. Moore, principal of the school. Training school, with all members of the staff assisting. Special direction in music, art, drama, and dancing will be given by Mrs. Dennis Peterson, music instructor; Miss Caroline Foley, dramatics instructor; Miss Williams, art instructor; and Miss Haddad, director of physical education.

## Christian Church Play This Evening

The play, "These Be of India's Household," to be given tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Christian church, will be of charge and the public is invited to attend. Mrs. Harry Sanderson will introduce the program and those taking part are Mrs. A. P. Nelson, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mrs. L. S. Weeks, Mrs. L. M. Parker, Mrs. Rose Edson, Mrs. Jennie Jones, Mrs. W. L. Hoyt, Mrs. Mrs. Russell Parker, Miss Marian Nyson will give a pantomime.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Clear to bright and Friday but with fog. Moderate temperature. Gentle easterly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7:30 a. m. -42 above.  
Minimum 33 above.  
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 59, minimum 32 above.

WEATHER JAN 28, 1931  
Maximum 44, minimum 21 above.

CONDITION: Snowless, moisture 66, of 10.

## Leaders Receive La Grande Plan Of Farm Relief

Scheme to Reduce Acreage of Wheat, Fathored by Jim McKinnis, Submitted Wednesday.

The La Grande plan for farm relief through reduction of wheat acreage was submitted to C. E. Huff, president of the Farmers National Grain corporation, and to George S. Milnor, manager of the same corporation, at a meeting held in Pendleton yesterday and, according to reports received by the Observer today, was very favorably received.

Mr. Huff and Mr. Milnor were of the opinion that the plan is tangible and, with possibly some minor adjustments, would be workable. They, however, are anxious that it not be taken before congress this year as it will be taken up into a major issue for the fall term of congress. Congressional action is necessary before the plan could be placed into effect.

The meeting yesterday was one of the most successful of the two officials had had on their entire trip, and the presentation of the plan, held there, was the first of the trip.

Today it was said that the La Grande plan would be presented to the board in Spokane tomorrow by A. R. Shumway, former supporter of the Dayton plan, but now supporting the La Grande plan, originated by Jim McKinnis, Mr. McKinnis, Frank McKinnis, Jim Woodell, Mr. Shumway and Harold Boone went to Pendleton yesterday for the session.

Yesterday was the first time the two officials have had a logical presentation of a practical plan, with "feels" that would insure its workability.

Incidentally, it was learned that a movement is under way to attempt to secure some adjustment of the differential so as to give western farmers better prices. At present prices in Chicago bring more to the farmer than in the west.

## February Term Of Court Will Open Monday

The February term of circuit court will open Monday morning, Feb. 2, at 10 o'clock. At this time it is expected that Judge J. W. Knowles will preside over the court. The jury list of 31 names published earlier in the week, thus forming the grand jury for the coming term.

Three cases have already been scheduled, and it is probable that others will be added soon. The case of H. W. Riley vs. George Blanton is slated for Monday, that of W. A. Moore vs. the Shell Oil Co. for Tuesday, and the case of Anna Mayfield vs. Frank Hallgraff for Wednesday.

## Exalted Rulers Night February 5

Exalted rulers of the past, who have served the Elks lodge, will be seated in the chairs and conduct the affairs of the lodge at the annual Past Exalted Rulers night, February 5. The observance of this is mandatory according to the grand lodge statutes according to H. H. Bramwell, who is heading the committee in charge. Mr. Bramwell is assisted by H. L. Hess, H. E. Brady, J. A. Andrews and De Lile Green.

## M'Donald's Labor Government Wins

LONDON, England, Jan. 29 (AP)—The MacDonald labor government won a decisive victory in the House of Commons last night by a majority of 27 votes. The division was taken on a motion by Stanley Baldwin, the conservative leader, to reject the controversial trade dispute bill on second reading. This was defeated by 277 against 250 votes.

## 29 MINERS ARE KILLED IN INDIANA

Explosion in Little Betty Coal Mine Causes Several Deaths

## NINE RESCUED BY RELIEF WORKERS

Cause of Blast Not Certain - All of Men Who Were in Mine are Accounted For.

LINTON, Ind., Jan. 29 (AP)—The lives of 29 miners were snuffed out in an explosion at the Little Betty coal mine near here late yesterday. With the rescue of two men last night and seven more this morning, all of whom are in the mine had been accounted for.

Of the dead taken from the mine 15 have been identified and 14 unidentified.

Throughout the night a constant stream of ambulances, wending their way from Linton to the mine, four and a half miles west.

At the mine mouth serious faced men and women huddled in groups, some covered the eyes and spectators shied at seeking to break the chill of a penetrating wind.

A whistle screamed once, a mine cage shot downward, carrying the two men who were rescued. "That's Bedwell's haul," someone remarked. "Followed him to work every day and wait for him to quit. Now he's back here, he'll have a long wait now." (Earl Bedwell was rescued soon after the explosion but died in the hospital late last night.)

Inside the office of the mine, located several hundred feet from the shaft, white clad nurses worked quickly.

## SPRING WEATHER CONTINUING HERE

Yesterday Warmest January Day in 11 Years - Pussywillows in Canada

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SASKATOON, Sask., Jan. 29 (AP)—In the so-called frozen North this week pussywillows have burst forth, crows are darkening the air, and some residents insist they have seen butterflies. The river ice is melting, water is coursing down the streets from the January thaw, and boys have started playing marbles.

## Fire Department Is Host At Its Annual Clam Feed; Best on Record

Members of the La Grande fire department, city officials, former commissioners and a few invited guests enjoyed the department's annual clam feed held in the municipal building last evening. Without exception, all in attendance said that the feed was the best ever held. The menu consisted of clams, crab, beer, cheese, coffee, clam bouillon, crackers, pickles, ice cream and cake. To say that the men did justice to the menu is merely putting it mildly - in fact, they ate well and long, and the only reason they quit, was because the fireman would hold no more. Several claimed unofficial championships in reference to the number of clams devoured, but as no actual count was made, the question is still unsettled.

## United States Apologizes Today To Premier Mussolini Because Of Remarks Made by Gen. Butler

Oregon Farmers Opposed To State Department

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The United States government apologized today to Premier Mussolini of Italy because of a recent speech in Philadelphia by Major General Smedley D. Butler, of the marine corps, in which he made derogatory remarks to the premier.

Secretary Stimson, in a note handed to the Italian ambassador De Martino, formally apologized to the premier. Butler had been reported publicly as saying he had been told by a friend that the Italian ambassador had ordered a mob to attack the premier's car.

Butler admits that he had been told by a friend that the Italian ambassador had ordered a mob to attack the premier's car. Butler's explanation of the incident, said today that on the strength of the order for courtmartial it seemed fair to assume he had acted in good faith.

## Enrollment At L. H. S. Reaches Figure Of 721

Final enrollment figures at La Grande High school show a total of 721, the highest in history, according to word received from Principal E. D. Towner today. Fifty-nine new students entered high school at the beginning of the second semester. Of this number 51 came up from the eighth grades, and the others were one senior, two juniors, two sophomores, one freshman and two post-graduate students, some of these having recently come here from other cities. It is interesting to note that of the 53 students who completed eighth grade work at the end of the first semester, 51 entered high school, giving a percentage of 98.08 which is regarded as being unusually high.

The new students had a special assembly at 10:30 this morning under the direction of Arnold Gralapp, for the purpose of becoming familiar with various details of school activities. The assembly, presided over by the principal, was a success.

## Choral Society To Present Play

When one Miss Mary Smith appears on the scene in the play by that name, it is not surprising, but when two appear, the plot thickens, and when three appear, the audience is completely baffled. The play cast is presenting "Miss Mary Smith" Friday evening at 7:30 at the Lutheran church.

## VANDERBILT TOLD BUTLER

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—Major General Smedley D. Butler, of the marine corps, was ordered today, really got his story of Mussolini's "reckless driving" from Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., according to Clarence H. White, general manager of the Ellenton White Locomotive.

## VANDERBILT IS 'SILENT AS TO' BUTLER STORY

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 29 (AP)—Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. quoted by various persons as the source of a story representing Premier Mussolini as a "bit-and-run" driver, declined to comment today.

## Senators Reject Bill Amendment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The senate today rejected an amendment to the war department appropriation bill which would have barred the use of any funds for compulsory military training in civil schools or colleges.

## Young General



Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Riley, of Salem, Ore., is believed to be the youngest general in the army. He has been assigned command of the 82nd Brigade, composed entirely of Oregon troops.

## GROUND PARTY SEEKS AVIATOR

Walter Case's Crashed Airplane Sighted Near Cape Horn, Wash.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—A ground party of a dozen men under the leadership of District Ranger Ross Smedley, left Cape Horn, Wash., at 6 a. m. today for the spot where Walter E. Case, Varney air lines mail pilot, crashed a week ago today. The search party is expected to reach the north, in the wooded hills.

## House Committee Disapproves Of Relief Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Democratic leader Robinson said late today that he was willing to accept a \$25,000,000 relief bill that the Red Cross "is at full liberty to employ such agencies as it chooses" to administer the fund.

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## KOZER, STATE COUNCIL HIT BY CRITICISM

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—The state judicial council and state budget director, Sam A. Kozar, came in for some severe criticism in the senate yesterday when that body unanimously passed a bill for repeal of the act creating the council.

## Favors Building In All Seasons

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 (AP)—Construction costs would be lowered and seasonal slumps would be less severe if building programs were spread over the entire year.

## Dennis Asks For Radio Station

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The hearing on the application of Bruce Dennis, newspaper publisher of Klamath Falls, Ore., for a broadcasting station in that city, was continued today by the senate.

## Wheat Today

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## Slayer of Six Is Lynched By 80 Masked Men

Charles Bannon, 22, Taken From McKenzie County Jail in North Dakota And Killed.

SCHAFFER, N. D., Jan. 29 (AP)—One day before Charles Bannon, 22, was to have been arraigned on charges of murdering a family of six, he was taken from the McKenzie county jail here shortly after last midnight by a crowd of 80 men and hanged from a bridge.

Bannon was arrested last November after he had sold hog belonging to A. E. Haven, a farmer, for whom he worked. He confessed to slaying Mr. and Mrs. Haven and their four children last February. He pleaded with the mob in behalf of his father, James F. Bannon, also held for the crimes, who was not molested.

The men, all masked and some of them armed, battered down the jail door. The leaders asked Deputy Sheriff Peter S. Hallan for the prisoner. Upon his refusal they overpowered him, broke into Bannon's cell and departed with him in automobiles, first tying up Sheriff F. A. Thompson, who was aroused by the noise.

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