

EAST OREGON HIGHWAYS TO BE IMPROVED

Contracts Amounting to \$785,000 Let For Work in All of State.

HART CO. GIVEN LA GRANDE WORK

Bid of \$63,175 Accepted For Resurfacing of Strip Between This City And Union.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—Nearly \$785,000 in contracts were awarded by the state highway commission yesterday for highway improvement, new construction and bridges.

Contracts for the construction of five bridges at a total cost of \$118,448, were given.

C. A. Catching was awarded the contract for a \$22,000 bridge over Elk creek on the Umpqua highway in Douglas county, about ten miles west of Drain.

Two bridges over Elk creek on the same highway, about 11 miles west of Drain, will be constructed by Odom & Frazier of Salem at a cost of \$61,468.

A bridge over the Santiam river about 5 miles east of Cascade will be built by C. J. Montag of Portland for \$20,550.

At a cost of \$13,440, a span will be constructed over Rock creek in Washington county on the west side Pacific highway.

Reaffirms Policy.

The highway commission reaffirmed its policy of tapering off emergency work to end about March 1. More than 4,000 men are now receiving emergency employment in road work.

George Aiken, newspaper publisher and mayor of Ontario, asked that the commission order construction of a drainage ditch in Ontario to keep the Old Oregon Trail from breaking up at that point. His request was granted.

A delegation from Prineville informed the commission it was prepared to donate a park site of 32 acres overlooking the Coconino valley to the commission.

No action was taken by the commission on the request of a delegation from Malheur county, headed by Earl Reynolds, secretary of the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce, asking

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TWO OFFICIALS FINED \$2 IN THE CITY COURT

City Manager A. B. Cherry and Police Chief C. H. Hayden were contributors to the city treasury last night in the sum of \$2 each.

Along with others who appeared at 7 o'clock to answer charges under a traffic ordinance, the two city officials pleaded guilty to parking their cars between 2 and 5 a. m. in the fire limits. Judge C. M. Humphreys assessed the fines, which were paid.

John Zitting was fined \$5 on a charge of speeding. Frank Hurt and W. B. Price each paid \$2 for parking between 2 and 5 a. m. in the fire limits, and George Chapman was fined \$1 for parking too long in a loading zone.

Rosoffs To Close Services Tonight

The Rosoffs, Jewish evangelists who have been attracting large crowds to the Baptist church each night this week, will close their services tonight, it is announced. The meeting this evening will be of special interest to the young people, and the youths of the city and the adults are cordially invited to attend. Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Last night, with a large crowd in attendance, the subject of the talk was "The Cross of Jesus Christ." The Rosoffs sang several request numbers, and among them was "The Old Ragged Cross." They also will sing during the services this evening.

CALIFORNIA BRIGHTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 (AP)—Fair and clearing weather prevailed in California today following a storm which brought rain, thunder, lightning and hail in practically all sections of the state.

Rain and hail that for a time took on proportions of a miniature cloud-burst fell at Redlands. Lightning struck two Edison company transformers, one at Pomona and the other at Ontario. They were disabled temporarily.

SAMUEL HILL IMPROVING

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Samuel Hill, builder, highway enthusiast and philanthropist, who underwent a major operation here yesterday, had a "good" night, his nurse said today, and was resting comfortably and improving in condition. He has been in the hospital since Feb. 9.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon Generally fair to night and clearing weather prevailing in the northwest portion.

No change in temperature.

Moderate west winds off-shore.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—27 above.

Minimum—26 above.

Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 42, minimum 34 above.

Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER FEB. 20, 1930

Maximum 54, minimum 45 above.

Condition: Cloudy.

City Expecting To Pass Boxing Ordinance Soon

License Fee Lowered And Residence Limit Feature Included—Abolish Boxing Commission.

McCARROLL MAKES STATEMENT

Ray McCarrall, promoter of wrestling matches in La Grande during the last season, stated to the Observer today that it would be in his interest to have the city commission, now before the city commission and which, in all likelihood, will be passed at next Wednesday night's executive session.

The ordinance will have an emergency clause, making it effective immediately, although it will not govern the match between Muir and Hansen set for Wednesday night, but it will control all future matches.

Will Abolish Boxing Commission

The ordinance, through lack of provision for a boxing commission, would put all responsibility on the promoters, who would be required to pay a license fee for each boxing or wrestling card, and would be required to clear the city from any possible damage actions.

The ordinance, as read the first and second times in the city commission.

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More Action In Fowler Case Is Expected Soon

With Circuit Judge Hall S. Luck of Portland, to preside over the local district where the Fowler case is under way, people were speculating today as to when a decision would be reached. The case, which would be required to enter a plea, when a trial would be held, if the attorneys would request a change of venue.

Because Monday, Feb. 23 is a non-judicial day—in observance of Washington's birthday which falls on Sunday, Feb. 22—no action is expected until the weekend.

Notice of Judge Luck's assignment to the Union-Walla district and of Judge J. W. Knowlton's assignment to Judge Luck's Multnomah district, was received here yesterday by Judge Knowlton in a telegram from the chief justice of the state supreme court. The assignment was necessary because attorneys for Mrs. Emma Fowler, who is accused of larceny of public money in the amount of \$112,352.00, had been taken from the case. After working hard all day yesterday, Judge Knowlton decided to assign Judge Luck to the case.

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Operetta To Be Presented Next Week at E. O. N.

The story of "Hansel and Gretel" and the opera by Humperdinck, which has been translated and adapted into an English song-play in three acts by Bertie Elmsmith, and is being presented at the Eastern Oregon Normal school Thursday afternoon, Feb. 26, at 2 o'clock, and again on Friday evening at the Normal school. The music for the operetta has been taken from the opera score and suggests the scenes that have proved to be of vital interest in making the story into a play, using the music as a basis.

"As the story of the children, Hansel and Gretel, who were left in the cottage with instruction to knit stockings of mittens and mend shoes, and after working hard all day Gretel decides to teach Hansel to dance. Their hilarity is suddenly interrupted by the return of their mother, who angrily sends them into the deep, dark forest, warning them not to return until they have their baskets filled with strawberries.

"The children wander through the forest, which is growing dark and darker and they realize they are lost. The Sandman sings them to sleep and the Derman brings them beautiful dreams.

"In the morning they discover the witch's gingerbread house, and are surprised and enchanted by the witch. She prepares to cook Gretel, but the children tumble her into the oven, and the wicked witch is destroyed from their spell of enchantment. While the children are singing and dancing the mother and father come into the scene and all are very happy.

The story is being presented by the J. H. Ackerman training school and the children are eager and willing to take over as much responsibility as they can.

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M. I. A. Tournay Is In Progress Now

The game between Mt. Glen and Baker in the second meet of the M. I. A. tournament series last night at the recreational hall was a real thriller with Mt. Glen leading until the last quarter when the older and more experienced Baker team overcame the lead that Mt. Glen had and brought the score to 26 against Mt. Glen's 22 at the end of the game.

Other games played were between the First and the Second Wards of La Grande with the First Ward winning with a score of 37-13. Union won from Imbler with the final reckoning 28-23.

Two games will be played tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock at the recreational hall with Baker vs. Union, and La Grande First Ward vs. Imbler.

AGRICULTURE BILL'S FATE UP TO SENATE

Proposal Placed in Hands of Upper House—Victory is Expected

MEASURE UP ON SPECIAL ORDER

Session of Legislature Will be Held Tonight if Calendar of House is Not Finished.

SALEM, Feb. 20 (AP)—The fate of the department of agriculture proposal was placed in the hands of the senate when the bill came up for consideration under special order of business today. Debate on the bill held the attention in the upper house, beginning shortly after the session opened. The bill if passed, would create a department of agriculture and provide for consolidation of many branches of agricultural work under one head.

The house today killed by indefinite postponement the bill which would raise the requirement of elementary school teachers, making four years normal school work or its equivalent necessary before permission to teach is granted. The measure passed the senate without opposition but met its first setback in the house education committee which brought out a divided report, the majority recommending its defeat.

Session For Tonight

A session of the legislature will be held tonight if the calendar of the house is not completed during the day. Speaker Frank J. Longenecker announced. Today, legislative business is expected to be completed by the end of the day. The senate is expected to pass the bill for the benefit of the younger people who do not see the first list.

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NORMAL SCHOOL TO END SEASON

Final Game With Mouth Will be Played in West Oregon Tonight.

Normal School Standings

	W. L. Pct.
Monmouth	1 1 .500
Ashland	1 1 .500
E. O. N.	2 3 .400

Churches to Get Divorce Ruling

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Archbishop Edward D. Howard, in his annual, senten pastoral letter to Roman Catholics in Oregon, today directed that Catholics in the diocese obtain formal permission from the archbishop before instituting divorce proceedings in the civil courts.

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Conway to Speak At Tuesday Meet

Ray Conway, manager of the Oregon State Motor association, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Union county chamber of commerce at the Sacajawea hotel on March 3. Mr. Conway's headquarters are in Portland.

An extensive program is being planned for the event by George H. Curry, president of the chamber, and Harold G. Boone, secretary.

Wallowa County Man One of Heirs To The Vast Fortune of Buchanan

JOSEPH, Ore., Feb. 20 (Special)—James H. Buchanan, prosperous farmer of Prairie creek, is among the heirs to a vast fortune of \$2,000,000, it is reported. He is a brother of President James Buchanan, states the Joseph Herald.

The property consists of \$850,000, 000 cash and 42 estates, part of which is a homestead on Manhattan Island and part on the coast of California, probably worth \$100,000 per acre, as gleaned from reports coming to him.

According to a report coming from L. D. Buchanan of Texas, cousin of the late President, the fortune of Buchanan gained control of the holdings on Manhattan Island, New York.

Buchanan will call for the establishment of a trust fund to remain intact for 99 years, during which period interest has accumulated. The will was read in May, 1930, 99 years after Buchanan's death.

L. D. Buchanan of Texas advised Jess Spencer of Vale, whose mother was a Buchanan, that he had been

Camp Fire Girls Conference To Open Monday

Miss Doris Bishop, of Seattle, Will be in La Grande For Sessions Next Week.

With the arrival Sunday evening of the national Camp Fire girls, Miss Doris Bishop of Seattle, a round of activities will begin for local Camp Fire girls, their guardians and assistants, executives, and members of the local body of speakers as well as friends of the Camp Fire movement.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock during a special assembly Miss Bishop will talk to the girls in the local high school about Camp Fire activities.

At 4 in the afternoon she will talk in the auditorium of the Eastern Oregon Normal school. This is not an assembly for Normal students but rather for all the Camp Fire girls and guardians of La Grande, Union and Cove. Any one interested in the Camp Fire movement is invited to be present. Miss Bishop is bringing a very interesting display of work done by other Camp Fire girls. She will talk to the Normal students at the regular assembly time, Wednesday.

Tuesday noon Miss Bishop will speak at the chamber of commerce luncheon, and a tea the board of education.

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Interest High In Pet Parade; Many Entering

Interest in the Cimarron Day pet parade is growing rapidly and many entries are being received, it is announced today. The parade is open to all boys or girls who have pets, and a number of prizes are being offered. The parade begins at 1 o'clock, after the participants gather at the starting point at 12:30 o'clock. The parade is expected to attract a large number of out-of-town people to La Grande for the day. Another meeting that afternoon which is expected to attract people from nearby communities is the scheduled meeting of the taxpayers at 2:30 o'clock at the Sacajawea Inn.

Prizes announced earlier this week are repeated below for the benefit of youngsters who do not see the first list.

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LEGISLATURE ENTERS LAST OFFICIAL DAY

Twelve Appropriation Bills on Special Order in the House.

SENATE PASSES WOODWARD'S BILL

Taxation and Assessment Committee to Report Against Plan to Put Tax on Tobacco.

SALEM, Feb. 20 (AP)—A half hour earlier start in the house along with consideration of the state racing bill and full calendars in both houses mark the opening of the last official day of the Oregon legislature. Twelve appropriation bills are on special order during the afternoon in the house while the senate will take up the department of agriculture bill and changing the name of the Roosevelt highway to the Oregon Coast highway under special order.

Standing alone against an adverse report of the judiciary committee, which, if adopted, would have meant the indefinite postponement of the bill, Senator William F. Woodward mustered enough votes in the senate yesterday to pass one of his bills to tighten up the marriage laws. The bill provides that a period of five days must elapse between the date of application for the marriage license and the granting of the license by the county clerk.

The vote.

As soon as the adverse report had been rejected the bill was placed on final passage by suspension of the rules, on motion of Senator James W. Crawford, and passed. The vote was:

For—Bennett, Billingsley, Booth, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Dunn, Eberhard, Fisher, Johnson, Jones, Kuck, Mann, Miller, Moser, Schumacher, Spaulding, Staples, Upton, Woodward.

Absent—Bailey, Carner, Eddy, Franciscovich, Hall, Kiddle, Strayer, Wheeler, Marks.

Absent—Dunne.

Senator Woodward declared that "five minutes determine the history of the influence of a cocktail or a notion inflect the nation." He played the "reverend" at "rejoice," who, he said, take advantage of the "rejoice" and "rejoice" in the neighborhood of the Vancouver court house, convenient to couples who want to marry.

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YOUTH TELLS OF SLAYING WOMAN

Charles A. Simpson, 19, Confesses Crime to San Francisco Officers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 (AP)—Charles A. Simpson, 19, whom neighbors knew as "a kid who slept all day in the sunshine," slept in city prison today while awaiting arraignment on charges of slaying a woman and burning her body.

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Three Children Smothered, Burned

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The dead are Adelaine, 10; Leonard, 8 and Dorothy Haylock, 3.

The blast is thought to have been caused by a leak in a combination gas and coal stove.

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RADIO FAN IN JAIL; HUSBAND IN HOSPITAL

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 20 (AP)—Mrs. William Welch, a radio fan, was in jail today. Her husband, a plumber, was in a hospital.

Police said Mrs. Welch told them Welch, after a month of unexplained absence, returned home last night as if he had been in a hospital. She was crying and said she was a "crying tender." With Welch's greeting, she asserted, was a reprimand for her choice of programs.

Welch was shot in the abdomen, she said, when their discussion led to a struggle for possession of a pistol.

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Woman Completes Trip 'Round World

CROYDON, Eng., Feb. 20 (AP)—Mrs. Victor Bruce, British woman aviator, came down here in her Bluebird plane from Lympne airbase this afternoon, completing a trip around the world by sea and air. Frederick Montagu, under secretary of state for air, and a group of her notables were here to meet her.

In the flight from Lympne she was escorted by several planes whose pilots included Amy Johnson, Winifred Spooner and Squadron Leader Rutley.

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There were 450 deaths from influenza in the larger cities of England during the week, an increase of 125 over the previous week.

There have been 1,585 influenza deaths in the large cities since the first of January, compared with 434 in the same period last year.

WOMAN, DAGUE PREPARING TO DIE IN CHAIR

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Feb. 20 (AP)—Apparently unmindful of the last desperate efforts of the attorney to delay the execution, the woman was prepared to die in the electric chair at dawn Monday.

The slayers of a state highway patrolman, notified last night that Governor Pinchot had announced he was unable to grant them a stay of execution, awaited the black kitten of the death warrants—the signal for their removal to the bellfence death house.

The blonde fireman waitress turned gunwoman, who had been charged with the slaying of a black kitten that has made her cell at the state penitentiary, poured over his Bible.

Last night a dejected, white-haired little man with a red eye, a boy of five years called at the jail. Jacob Crawford, former fish peddler, came to tell his daughter he had failed in his plea to the governor.

"You did all you could, papa; I am ready to die," Mrs. Schroeder smiled at him through the bars. A short time later she clasped her little son—perhaps for the last time.

Butler Hopes To Aid Unemployed

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20 (AP)—Major General Butler, who has been in the city since he was named as the navy department for an immediate leave of absence so that he might help swell the funds for the relief of the unemployed.

One Flier Killed In Airplane Crash

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 20 (AP)—Gus Tewa, 35, was killed and Harry Grupe injured when a plane piloted by Grupe crashed near the Franklin county airport here late yesterday. The ship fell in a spin from an altitude of 2000 feet.

Tewa suffered a fractured skull, internal injuries, and both legs broken and other injuries.

Grupe escaped with relatively minor injuries, physicians said.

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While Patsy was lying in bed with her mother, William fired a shot from a .22-caliber rifle at her, hitting her in the head. It went off and killed her. The mother was untouched.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 (AP)—An over-bought condition showed in wheat grains late today and reactions from advances predominated. The temporary upturns were due largely to Winnipeg reports that snow was completely lacking throughout the spring wheat belt and dust blowing everywhere. However, the United States winter wheat crop was reported in extra favorable condition, with winter wheat closing irregular at 1 1/4 cent decline to 1 1/4 cent, corn 1/4 a 1/2 cent, oats 1/4 off to 1/2 cent, and provisions showing 2 to 10 cents gain.

REED STATES THAT HOOVER PLANS VETO

Veterans Loan Bill to be Given Disapproval of the President.

CONGRESS HOPES TO OVERRIDE IT

Expectations That Bill Will be Sent Back to Law Makers About the Middle of Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Senator Reed announced in the senate today President Hoover would veto the veterans loan bill.

The Pennsylvania Republican said the president had authorized him to announce to the senate he would send the bill back to congress the middle of next week with "reasons for his veto."

Jammed through the senate by a majority of overwhelming as that of the house, the veterans loan bill was made ready today for President Hoover and an almost certain veto.

Signing of the bill by Speaker Longworth, upon convening of the house at noon, was the last formality before the measure could be taken to the president. The senate passed it last evening 73 to 12. Only four more members, absent, were recorded against the bill by voting.

Though the legislators most concerned still were somewhat worried concerning the pocket veto possibility—even the president's veto was divided as to when the ten-day period begins during which a president may kill a bill by failing to return it before Congress reconvenes. The veterans understood Mr. Hoover would act within 48 hours.

Sponsors Confident

Both house and senate expected to get the bill back to the president's rejection. The sponsors were confident on the showing already made, that the two-thirds needed to override a veto would be available in either branch. When the house passed it Monday the vote was 383 to 39.

The senate pending measure is made law the 5,400,000 ex-service men holding adequate compensation certificates will be able to borrow from the government on an average of \$500

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There were 450 deaths from influenza in the larger cities of England during the week, an increase of 125 over the previous week.

There have been 1,585 influenza deaths in the large cities since the first of January, compared with 434 in the same period last year.

WOMAN, DAGUE PREPARING TO DIE IN CHAIR

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Feb. 20 (AP)—Apparently unmindful of the last desperate efforts of the attorney to delay the execution, the woman was prepared to die in the electric chair at dawn Monday.

The slayers of a state highway patrolman, notified last night that Governor Pinchot had announced he was unable to grant them a stay of execution, awaited the black kitten of the death warrants—the signal for their removal to the bellfence death house.

The blonde fireman waitress turned gunwoman, who had been charged with the slaying of a black kitten that has made her cell at the state penitentiary, poured over his Bible.

Last night a dejected, white-haired little man with a red eye, a boy of five years called at the jail. Jacob Crawford, former fish peddler, came to tell his daughter he had failed in his plea to the governor.

"You did all you could, papa; I am ready to die," Mrs. Schroeder smiled at him through the bars. A short time later she clasped her little son—perhaps for the last time.

Butler Hopes To Aid Unemployed

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20 (AP)—Major General Butler, who has been in the city since he was named as the navy department for an immediate leave of absence so that he might help swell the funds for the relief of the unemployed.

One Flier Killed In Airplane Crash

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 20 (AP)—Gus Tewa, 35, was killed and Harry Grupe injured when a plane piloted by Grupe crashed near the Franklin county airport here late yesterday. The ship fell in a spin from an altitude of 2000 feet.

Tewa suffered a fractured skull, internal injuries, and both legs broken and other injuries.

Grupe escaped with relatively minor injuries, physicians said.

He came here a few days ago from his home in Oakland, Cal., to visit relatives. His wife survives him.

Mrs. Welch said she had been listening to Rudy Vallee and her husband objected violently.

TO EMPLOY 450,000 MEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—President Hoover said today that within the next 30 days the government direct and indirectly would be employing 450,000 men on construction contracts.