

LA GRANDE'S OBLIGATIONS WILL BE MET

A. B. Cherry, City Manager, Makes Statement in Portland Today.

HINTS AT GRAND JURY QUIZ SOON

Says Missing Sum Will be Made up Through Extra Millage Levied Over Several Years.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—Although short approximately \$112,000, the amount of public funds unaccounted for by Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city treasurer, now in jail, La Grande will meet all its obligations out of its regular income this year. This was the announcement made today by A. B. Cherry, city manager, who was here with Carl G. Helm, Union county district attorney, checking up on Portland angles of the case.

Mrs. Fowler has been charged with larceny of public funds. She was city treasurer about ten years.

"Losing this money was a blow to the city," Cherry said. "The city's finances should have been in the best of condition, and were, except for this loss. For this reason the only effect will be to delay the taking up of outstanding warrants and bonds."

Cherry said it was likely the sum will be made up through an extra millage levied over a period of several years. "The entire sum taken by Mrs. Fowler," he said, "will, of course, ultimately have to be made up by the taxpayers of Union county."

Cherry said it would have been an easy matter for previous city administrators and those interested in the work to hear Miss Bishop and see display of Camp Fire craft work in E. O. N. auditorium.

9 a. m.—Miss Bishop speaks to girls at La Grande High assembly.

4 p. m.—All Camp Fire Girls, guardians and those interested in the work to hear Miss Bishop and see display of Camp Fire craft work in E. O. N. auditorium.

6:30 p. m.—Guards' dinner for Miss Bishop at La Grande.

12 m.—Speakers at chamber of commerce forum luncheon.

4 to 5 p. m.—Tea to give everyone interested in Camp Fire work an opportunity to meet Miss Bishop, mothers of Camp Fire Girls and members of organizations sponsoring them are especially invited.

10 a. m.—Speaker at regular E. O. N. assembly.

12 m.—Speaker at Rotary luncheon, Camp Fire program.

6:30 p. m.—Board of sponsors honor Miss Bishop with dinner at Saccawewa.

Each day there will be an opportunity for individual conferences. Instruction classes for guardians have been planned also.

Baker Plans For Fourth of July
BAKER, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Plans for celebration at which the patriotic and pioneer spirit will be combined on July 3 and 4, were outlined at a meeting of merchants and legionnaires last night.

The Baker County Pioneers' association promised co-operation by holding its annual meeting during the celebration, which will be made an annual event. Everything will be planned to raise \$2,000 for the celebration.

Fowler Hearing Tuesday at Ten
Judge Hall S. Lusk will preside at circuit court in La Grande during the Fowler case developments, will arrive here probably Monday.

He has sent word on ahead that he will hear the motion filed by Green and Hess, attorneys for the prisoner, on Tuesday at 10 a. m. The motion asks that the information filed by District Attorney Carl Helm be quashed.

Weather Forecast
Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday.
Moderate temperatures.

Weather for Week
Far western states: Generally fair in California and Nevada, becoming unsettled with periods of general precipitation in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Weather for Today
7 to 20 above.
Minimum: 24 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

Weather for Yesterday
Maximum 45, minimum 26 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, rain 0.2 of inch, traces of snow.

150 Pets Appear In Parade Here This Afternoon

Boys and Girls Have Variety of Pets, Ranging From Goldfish, White Rats to Horses.

Animals ranging in size from a gold fish to a horse were entered in the first annual pet parade which was held on Adams avenue about 1 o'clock today. Over 150 pets were entered by that many kids, and in most cases the boys and girls to mar the parade. Drawing more laughs from the large crowd which lined the sidewalks.

Fin dogs, dogs with bows and garlands, and purebreds were the main entries, also cats, and strange to say there was not one mix up between the dogs and the cats to mar the parade, which the children conducted their parade.

Goats came in for their share of the honor, for a number of goats made their debut in public at the celebration, walking proudly behind the horses.

Band, Drum Corps Participate. A martial air was given the parade with the municipal band in full force. The drum corps, which was in full force, was also in full force.

Bucks Pile Up 54 to 18 Score Against Tigers
PENDLETON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Pendleton defeated the La Grande High school basketball team 54 to 18 tonight in a last game of interest in which was not dimmed by the large score. Pendleton led 25 to 10 at half time. La Grande plays McLaughlin High tonight.

LA GRANDE OUTCLASS
According to reports received from Pendleton this morning, the Tigers held their own with Pendleton during most of the quarter, which ended 11 to 9 in favor of the Bucks, but only when Pendleton made 18. In the last half La Grande tallied eight while the Round-Up City cagers hit the basket for 27.

Kicker, whose return school delegated Hill to forward, never yielded a tip-off to Torrence. Many of Pendleton's points were scored immediately after the tip-off by Hill on the scoring end of the play.

La Grande fought throughout the game, which was played at the Pendleton gymnasium. The Tigers outclassed the smaller floor also handicapped in blue and white suits.

In a preliminary game the Pendleton team defeated the La Grande freshmen 17 to 11, although Pendleton was held scoreless during the final quarter.

County Granges Organizing For Fair This Fall
The county fair board members as elected by the various granges of the county met at the county agents office and organized for the 1931 fair. J. D. Woodell was re-elected president, R. S. Comstock, vice president and treasurer. The county fair board as appointed by the county court, consisting of Messrs Woodell, Comstock and A. E. Soyer to arrange a premium list.

A special committee on grain was appointed to arrange an exhibit of stock for the fair and it is to be afterwards to be held at the county fair stock show in Portland to assist in advertising the county. The committee will consist of Mr. Avery, Chas. Moore, A. J. Bowman and Jet Gaslin.

Frank McKennon was appointed as chairman of a special committee on boys' and girls' club work.

Each local grange is to be asked to arrange for local committees and make arrangements for exhibits and the county board asks that they begin making plans as soon as possible.

Washington Day To Be Observed Monday
La Grande will observe Washington's birthday on Monday, Feb. 23, this year. The holiday falls on Sunday this year.

The schools, although they will continue in session, will have assemblies where the names of honor of George Washington will be read.

The day is a non-judicial day, and the courts will be closed. The city offices will also be closed all day Monday, excepting the fire and police departments.

Bertha Weeks Is Fined \$500 Today
Peace Officers Klinghammer, Johnson and Zimmerman made a raid last night on the home of Bertha Weeks, and arrested her on a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquors. The search of the premises revealed two gallons and five pints of moonshine, 32 pints of beer, 10 gallons of beer, 21 empty gallon jugs, 25 empty pint whiskey flasks, and 48 empty pint beer bottles, according to the report of the officers. All of the materials were placed in the trunk of a car parked on the floor, and in various other places.

Bertha Weeks appeared in the court of the justice of the peace this morning and in view of the fact that she had appeared on similar charges before, she was fined \$500.

FUNERAL OF M. M. HUNT IN
Funeral services for M. M. Hunt, former manager of the La Grande store of the J. C. Penney Co., will be held in Albany, Ore., Monday, according to word received here today.

The local Penney store company will be closed Monday in honor of Mr. Hunt, who died in Portland yesterday.

New Chairman?

James C. Stone, vice chairman of the federal farm board, was considered as the probable successor of Chairman Alexander of that body.

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E. O. N. DEFEATS MONMOUTH 25-24

Final Normal School Standings.

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

Coach Bob Quinn's Eastern Oregon Normal school, as the result of a thrilling one-point victory scored over Monmouth at Monmouth last night, wound up his conference basketball season in a tie for the championship. The Eastern Oregon team, despite the fact that it has played more games, winning one from Ashland and two from Monmouth.

Although it was believed here that Ashland and Monmouth were scheduled to meet, an A. P. dispatch from Monmouth this morning stated that last night's game closed the season. Whether the Mountaineers will play a game in Portland tonight before starting home is not known here, but at any rate, the team is due tomorrow and brings home with it an excellent record.

Second Title.
The E. O. N. won the Normal school football championship of Oregon in its first year, and this year it is second—finds it in equal possession of the basketball title. A remarkable record, considering that Coach Quinn has had squads so small that it was often difficult to conduct scrimmages; yet this same squad was successfully pitted against Monmouth.

Evangelists End Local Meetings
The Jewish evangelists, Albert and Daniel Rosoff, concluded their series of meetings in the Baptist church last night with a very large audience in attendance, a good proportion being young people. The subject of Daniel Rosoff's sermon was "Laugh, Clown, Laugh!" a theme which was suggested by a picture which his father appeared many years ago. He delivered his message with his usual power and enthusiasm.

Father and son each all of their selections being requests of members of the congregation. The men will go to Baker to begin a series of services there next week.

WELL BLOWN IN
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Universal consolidator, Oil company's well in Lost Hills blew in last night and was brought under control today, a telephone message said today.

The flow was estimated at between 8,000 and 12,000 barrels of oil.

COAST GUARD EXONERATED
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—The coast guard personnel at Eureka, Cal., was exonerated of negligence in connection with the foundering of the schooner Brooklyn off Humboldt bay last Nov. 8. U. S. coast guard headquarters announced today.

RING CAROL III.
BUCHANAN, Tenn., Feb. 21 (AP)—King Carol's cold has taken the form of bronchitis. He has a high fever but his condition is not considered disquieting. He has been ordered to remain in bed for several days. His pulse is normal.

Sub-District Basketball Tourney To Be Played Here Friday, Saturday
The sub-district basketball tournament, which eliminates all but three of the Union and Willows basketball teams from play in the district championship tournament at Union, will be played in La Grande next Friday and Saturday. Seven or eight teams are to enter, and the three that survive will play at Union on March 5 and 7. Union is in a sub-district by itself so will not compete at La Grande.

Willows is conceded the strongest chance to survive the sub-district tournament, with the teams from Coe, La Grande, Joseph, Elgin, Imbler, Enterprise all conceded a chance. In many respects, indications point to one of the hardest-fought basketball tournaments in years in the elimination tests.

Double elimination will be followed, meaning that a team must lose twice to be eliminated. One team will go through without a loss, and another team will go through with no official defeat, although in

as much as a tournament championship game is scheduled for Saturday night, it will have its slate chalked up with one loss, regardless of tournament standings. The third team to go to Union will have two wins and one loss to its credit.

The first round is to be played Friday, two games at 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. and two at 1:30 and 2:30 p. m. The second round, in which two teams will be eliminated, will be played beginning Friday afternoon at 3:30, and with games at 4:30, 8 and 9 p. m.

Saturday Games
Saturday's schedule provides for four games. The third round, which will qualify two teams and eliminate two, will be played at 2:30 and 3:30 p. m. The last of the elimination games will be at 8 and the tournament championship game an hour later.

The battle was fought with knives, hatchets, shovels and iron staves.

Local Men Recall Rushes For Indian Land

For days before the opening of the Cherokee strip, the Chisholm Trail was teeming with life, prairie schooners, wagons, any mode of conveyance could be seen going down the winding roads toward the Oklahoma territory in order to be there when the run began on February 16, 1893. J. F. Heasty, who lived near the Chisholm Trail, over his estate were driven from the territory to Wichita, Kans., and who participated in the run, stated as he was reminiscing last night after he'd seen "Cimarron," a story of the event, opening of the Indian territory in Oklahoma.

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Bandit Shot To Death by Owner Of Gas Station

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—In an attempt to escape in an automobile after robbing a gas station, Wheeler, 22, of Lebanon, Ore., was shot and killed three miles south of Oswego by R. W. La Rue, proprietor of the station, about 6:30 o'clock here on the eve of Feb. 20.

Wheeler, who accompanied Williams, 18, of Waterloo, Ore., who accompanied Wheeler, claimed she was forced to accompany him and participate in the hold-up.

Wheeler and the young woman entered the lunch room operated in connection with the service station and ordered a meal. After eating it, Wheeler drew a revolver covered Mr. and Mrs. La Rue and ordered the girl to take the money in the cash register and get into their waiting car. Ordering the La Rues into a rear room, Wheeler ran out to his car. As he was trying to start it, La Rue seized a rifle, ran out and shot just as the car was starting.

Wheeler fell forward, dying, and Miss Billings leaped from the car and disappeared in the underbrush. She was later found by deputy sheriffs.

Miss Billings told Coroner P. M. Holman she had only met Wheeler two weeks ago and knew nothing of his plans for the robbery. She was seated in the lunch room. She objected, she said, but Wheeler threatened to shoot her if she failed to do as he ordered.

Wheeler is said to have served a term in the Montana penitentiary and is known to the police under the alias of Wade Heller.

RAY CONWAY TO SPEAK AT TRAIL MEET

The beautification of Oregon's highways has become of more and more importance in recent years, with states on the Pacific attracting thousands of tourists every year. Ray Conway, manager of the Oregon State Motor association, will address the Neighborhood club Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 3, at 2 o'clock on Oregon highways, and what can be done to make them more attractive.

Invitations have been sent out to women's civic clubs in Willows, Lost Hills, Enterprise, Baker and Pendleton and to the granges to attend the Oregon Trail program which is being planned by Mrs. H. G. Smith, chairman of the Oregon Trail Beautification committee, of the local club. A large group is expected to attend.

An extensive program has been carried on by highway beautification societies in the past few years. The Motor association for the past few years, and much has been accomplished by way of cleaning up the roadsides, and making the scenery doubly attractive to tourists.

While in La Grande Mr. Conway will also speak before the meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce in the evening, through the consent of Mrs. Smith and her committee.

Mrs. Smith urges that local women show their interest in beautifying roads, and in entertaining the many guests who plan to come for the program and tea which is to follow.

Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr. is making a return to the coast. Mrs. Clyde Seitz has charge of the social hour. Mrs. Seitz will be assisted by Mrs. George Gray, Mrs. W. G. Sawyer, Mrs. Ed. Moon, Mrs. H. E. Coyle, Mrs. H. N. Ashby, Mrs. W. W. Gardner, Mrs. J. A. Wonderlick, Mrs. Merin Batley, Mrs. Charles H. Griffin, Mrs. M. M. Christensen, Miss Fannie Sommer, Mrs. Charles Karther and Miss Mabel Morton.

ATTEMPT MADE TO KILL KING OF ALBANIA
VIENNA, Feb. 21 (AP)—Precautions for the safety of King Zog I, 36-year-old self-made monarch of Albania, were redoubled today as police investigated an unsuccessful attempt against his life as he left the opera last night.

The king's adjutant, Major Topik, received one of the twelve bullets intended for the monarch and was killed instantly. Another bullet wounded an Albanian court official.

M. Lipovozin, the hip, who gave their names as Aziz Cami and Nadk Tielezi, were captured by chauffeurs of other cars standing behind the royal vehicle. They were badly mangled, and the explosion brought no other explanation than they had acted through political motives.

A blood feud exists among the Albanian mountaineers against the king and there have been frequent attempts to kill him.

Quarrel Winds Up With Three Deaths
NOTHBERG, Germany, Feb. 21 (AP)—Twenty-five persons were killed and four seriously injured when a fire hammer explosion occurred at a depth of 2,557 feet today in the Eschweiler coal pit near Aachen. Two or three others of a crew of eighty in the pit are missing.

Since the mine is a so-called wet-pit, the explosion fortunately was localized and affected none of the nearby pits. There was not much material damage.

NEW KIDDLIE BILL READY FOR SENATE

Would Repeal One Mill Market Road Tax, Secure Funds For Counties.

LEGISLATURE ON OWN "TIME" NOW

Seventy Proposals Awaiting Action in Both Houses, With Official Session Ended.

STOCK SHOW BILL PASSED

House bill no. 360, filed by the joint ways and means committee, and appropriating \$166,408 for payment of premiums and expenses of judges and premium lists at the state fair, the Pacific International Livestock exposition and Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union, was passed by the house late yesterday. The bill provides an appropriation of \$10,000 for Union show for the 1931 and 1932 period.

Much of the success of the annual show at Union, now beginning its third decade, rests upon the state appropriation, and although it is not known here what the vote was, it is believed that it was passed by a large margin.

Other bills ready for introduction in the senate today following a conference in the governor's office last night.

The bill enacted would establish a secondary state highway system, and postpone one year the abolishment of the one mill tax on property. It would allot to the counties a share of the state highway funds for maintenance and improvement of county market roads taken over by the state. The law committee on house bill 263, proposed a change in the name.

Those who had opposed the bill and had succeeded in lining up a majority of the house against it said that the bill would be a "major county market roads."

The highway commission is the judge of what county highways shall be taken over by the state, and is mandatory upon the commission that the counties shall receive 10 per cent.

The Oregon legislature today started its overtime session with 70 proposals awaiting action in both houses. The senate, among its 41 bills on third reading, will have the Knickerbocker tunnel bill following its report after having been rewritten several times, and after an attempt had been made to handle the question of transportation this proposed \$5,000,000 highway project.

The new game code and the commercial code will come up in the senate for action, the commercial code already having passed the house. Standards and grades of highways will be taken up in the senate today, and a hearing was held this week, is likely to be on the calendar. Both houses will continue in full day's session.

The proposed highway bill, already having passed the senate is one of the house's 29 bills, along with the tobacco tax proposals, under the order, the facing bill, pawnbrokers license and the uniform traffic code. All of these are house measures except the power commission bill, which originated in

ROOSEVELT ROAD NAME BILL WINS
Senate Favors Changing it to the "Oregon Coast Highway."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—With Senators F. M. Francisovich of Clatsop county and Senator Charles Hall of Coos and Curry, the only two senate members who actually live on Oregon's scenic coast highway, divided as to the name that nationally known thoroughfare should carry, the senate experienced a sharp fight yesterday on house bill 263, proposing a change in the name.

Since the highway was started it has been known as the "Roosevelt Coast Military highway." The fact that the name "Roosevelt" has been used in the United States carry the name Roosevelt led to a move to change it. However, the house bill proposed a change to "Roosevelt Oregon Coast Highway." In the senate Friday afternoon Francisovich, after a parliamentary session, got the bill to go into committee on the whole and it was amended to "Oregon Coast highway."

The senate passed the bill as amended, the measure being up as a special order of business. The vote was 19-12.

For — Bailey, Bennett, Billingsley, Burke, Gardner, Crawford, Dunn, Eberhard, Eddy, Francisovich, Johnson, Knickerbocker, Mann, Miller, Moser, Schumacher, Spaulding, Strayer, Woodward, Marks. Against —

GIANT LINER, COOLIDGE, IS READY TO GO
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 21 (AP)—President Coolidge, floating hotel and sister ship of the President Hoover, was ready this morning for christening at midday.

An workmen primed the 23,000-ton vessel for her plunge into James River. Mrs. Calvin Coolidge was speeding here by train in company with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Coolidge, and a party of shipping officials to participate at the launching ceremony.

The ship is destined for the Dollar Lines transpacific service and with a length of 357 feet today in the list of home-built American merchant vessels for size. She is 63 feet long, 50 feet deep and has a beam of 81 feet.

Bullishness At New Height Today
NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—Bullishness rose to new heights in today's brief session of the stock market. The price of gold advanced to \$112 higher in the most active Saturday trading since last May. Transfers in the stock exchange for the two-hour session aggregated 2,400,000 shares, of which 800,000 were traded in the last 30 minutes.

The so-called pivot stocks recorded gains of \$1 to \$3 while a few issues were pushed up \$4 to \$12. The price trend wavered at times but bulls made a supreme effort to close the list at the top.

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Bearding Lion

One Killed, Two Wounded In East Side Gang War

Hostilities Renewed in New York—Battle Takes Place in Hotel on East 39th Street.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—One man was killed and two wounded today in the renewal of an East Side gang war.

The battle took place in the Hotel Biltmore in East 39th street, Albert Wagner was slain. His brother, Abe, and Harry Brown, a Brooklyn youth with Manhattan "business interests," were wounded.

John Franzoni, whose testimony sent Frank Corvelli, fellow gangster to prison for forty-five years, was found shot to death today in the middle of Laconia avenue in the upper Bronx.

Police said the killing was done elsewhere and the body dumped in the Bronx by way.

Franzoni was one of five gangsters who had a pistol battle with three policemen last July on McCombs, Dan bridge. Detective Thomas E. Hill was killed in that fight, and Franzoni, who was shot in the chest when Corvelli was tried for the murder. Franzoni was free on bail awaiting trial with three others.

Another death. Last night John (Ace) Mazza, another Brooklynite, was killed by gunmen in front of a cafeteria on the lower East Side. He died shooting at his adversaries.

Cautioning entering a cafeteria on the East Side, Mazza peered around the door back at Bellevue hospital and walked to the receiving ward asking for treatment. He had four bullet wounds.

While an interne cleaned the wounds a detective tried to get his story, but Brown wouldn't talk. He demanded that Detective Ruditsky be called, a man he knew. He talked to Ruditsky.

Abe Wagner, he said, had disappeared after the gunplay. Brown said he expected to see him, but how seriously he was hurt.

Second Escape. It was the second time in two days that Abe escaped today with a bullet. Early yesterday he was fired upon in front of an East Side restaurant.

Says Death May Aid Democrats To Get Control
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Death was reported today of a friend of the Democrats in congress—all because the Republicans have been in power so long.

A widely-known student of congressional mortality, Dr. Arthur MacDonald, of Washington, said the Democrats have the best chance to organize the next congress. All death statistics do is to continue cutting down senators and representatives at the same rate as in the past ten years.

Dr. MacDonald added that from the Republican point of view an early session will be more advantageous.

"Relatively," MacDonald said, "the mortality of Republicans is distinctly greater than that of Democrats. The Republicans have been in power much longer than the Democrats in recent times, they are therefore older and naturally more deaths occur among them."

Figures of the retired physician showed the ratio of Republican mortality in the house over Democratic was 4 to 3.8, taking the 10-year average. In the senate, the ratio was 4 to 3.5.

Dr. MacDonald is internationally known as an alienist, physician and writer on medical, statistical, and scientific subjects. He has been for many years a specialist with the United States Bureau of Education.

Male and Female Snore Are Same
CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Male and female snore are the same.

Dr. Donald A. Laird of Colgate university who has stayed awake many hours studying how other people sleep, is the authority for this information.

Snoring, he said in an address, is a saxophone type of noise, not related to vocal sounds and it is impossible to distinguish between male and female snore.

Weyerhaeuser Man Urges Advertising
TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 21 (AP)—The Western Retail Lumbermen's association this morning heard an address on "the merchandising days have come" by Ray E. Saberson of St. Paul, manager of the merchandising department of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company. Mr. Saberson told the lumbermen how to better conditions in the lumber trade and he urged constructive advertising.

Officers and directors will hold their business session this afternoon while delegates play golf and visit lumber plants. A banquet tonight will close the 26th annual convention.

Wheat Today
CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Notwithstanding rallies ascribed to stock market buoyancy, grains dropped lower today. Slackness of export demand for North American wheat acted as a weight on values, together with assertions that British millers were holding off from purchasing Eastern shipping call for corn also was apparently appreciated by the Smith river people, many of whom are buying their first automobiles.