

ADJUSTMENT OF TAXES IS LEAGUE PLEA

County Organization Holds Meeting in Court House on Saturday.

VALUATIONS TO BE STUDIED SOON

Unless More Uniform Valuation in Assessment is Made, League Plans Court Action.

Measures designed to readjust taxes so that all property would pay on the same general basis, were recommended Saturday at a meeting of the executive committee of the Union County Tax Equalization League. The meeting, held at the court house, was called by Mrs. Walter Pierce, the president, and was attended by W. J. Case, Kurt Stuckland, J. D. Woodell, H. H. Weatherston, M. B. Brier, William Buckman and about 20 visitors, including C. W. Clark, of Cove, and F. A. Epling, both of whom presented data of interest to taxpayers. The president read a letter from Charles Galloway, of the state tax commission, in reply to inquiries to date on which the commission had based the ratio of 97 per cent given the county the past year. These figures of amounts involved in transfers of real property were based on items collected by the railway commission as the commission took no records for 1930. The matter was filed with the report prepared by Mr. Clark for presentation to the county board of equalization and the state tax commission when they meet with the league committee on April 14 or 15.

Organization Work Postponed

It was decided to postpone until fall the organization of local units of the league and to confine efforts at present to the relief of real property in the county. Two plans were outlined: one, a demand for the reduction of a third in the values of farm land for tax purposes to make valuations correspond to the prices of products and the income.

MR. FLOWERS SPEAKS HERE ON APRIL 15

Two addresses will be delivered in La Grande Wednesday at the Sacajawea Inn ballroom, according to announcement made here. Montaville Flowers, author and nationally known orator, will speak at 2:30 o'clock to women only, and will give a second address at 8 o'clock to which the general public is invited to attend. Mr. Flowers is considered to be one of the outstanding orators of the country as his scope and range of subjects are extensive. "We are fortunate in being able to have Mr. Flowers come to La Grande and no one should miss this opportunity of hearing him," said members of the committee who are sponsoring his appearance here. No admission will be charged. Mr. Flowers has given addresses in La Grande before and those who have heard him have praised his speaking ability generously.

ANDREW LONEY JUDGES IDAHO MUSIC EVENTS

Andrew Loney Jr., director of the La Grande municipal band, and recognized throughout the western states as one of the leading musicians and directors, is in Nampa, Ida., today where he will judge the state and western Idaho high school band, orchestra and instrumental events, with the exception of the piano event. J. A. Wintner, supervisor of music at Nampa, extended the invitation to Mr. Loney, recalling his excellent work at the state music contest at Boise two years ago.

Mrs. William Ash Dead In Portland

Mrs. William Ash, former resident of La Grande, passed away at Portland yesterday morning following an operation, according to word received here today. Funeral services will be held in Portland tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, it is announced. Mrs. Ash leaves a large circle of friends here who mourn her passing. She was in La Grande only a short time ago on a visit. She moved away from La Grande several years ago, following a long period of residence here when her husband operated a men's clothing store. One of her sons, Julian Ash, now of La Grande, left for Portland Friday and was with her at the time of death.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday except unsettled with rains late tonight or Tuesday in the northwest portion. Cooler in the south and east portions tonight with local frosts. Moderate west and northwest winds offshore, backing to southerly Tuesday.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—40 above.
Minimum: 36 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 63, minimum 28 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, rain 14 of inch.

WEATHER APRIL 13, 1930

Maximum 59, minimum 49 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain 15 of inch.

Easter Cantata Is Presented At Church Sunday

Musical Program, Postponed a Week, Given Last Evening by First Methodist Choir.

Before a packed house, the choir of the Methodist Episcopal church presented in a convincing manner the redemption story in the Easter cantata, "The Living Christ." The cantata, which is one of the most effective compositions of the composer, Wildberger, was postponed from Easter because of the absence of the director, Mr. Nussbaum, who accompanied the high school band to Corvallis.

The cantata started with the "Night of Sorrows," sung by the choir, continued through the resurrection of Christ, through the beautiful and inspiring story of the redemption. The choir carried the difficult choruses with precision, and Mr. Nussbaum was ably assisted by his accompanist, Miss Helen Williams, at the organ.

Paul Knautz, soloist, and one of (Continued on Page Five)

Reynolds, Kinzel Top Qualifiers At Country Club

One of the biggest crowds in the history of the La Grande country club participated in yesterday's play on the golf course during a sweepstakes tournament and qualifying rounds for the latter tournament. Charles Reynolds, club champion, led the field with an 82 yesterday for his 18 holes and as a result, found his supremacy threatened by L. K. Kinzel, who posted an 82-card. Dr. R. E. Cate was close behind with an 83 and W. J. Murphy with a net of 73. Mr. Reynolds and Dr. R. E. Murphy tied for third, each carding a net of 76. Mr. Reynolds' handicap is six and Dr. Murphy's is 11.

Other scores posted follow: Dr. Murphy 87, C. W. Blinger 89, N. W. Fries 90, F. E. Lanzer 92, Jack Murphy and H. E. Dixon 93, C. M. Bohlenkamp, H. M. Day and D. Tanner 94, L. D. McCoy and John Thelens 95, W. Nelson 98, Sherwood Williams, Paul Mey, and William Nelson 100, Buddy Reynolds 100, Dr. W. K. Ross and J. V. Rosenbaum 101, H. Bohnenkamp, H. Zurbriek and W. V. Gustison 102, H. Sieg and P. W. Meyers 103, C. M. Seitz 107, M. L. Nelson 108, E. McManus and John Larson 110, Fred Spaeth 111, Harold Boone 113, O. W. Warnock 114, Doyle Zimmerman 115, P. E. Rasmussen 116, J. W. C. Smith 116, McKinlay 118, James McNamee 120 and Chet Thompson 127.

Pondosa Plant At Elgin Will Be Opened Soon

By Mrs. L. E. Hill (Observer Correspondent)
ELGIN, Ore. (Special)—The new large manufacturing plant of the Pondosa Lumber Co., built to replace the one destroyed by fire last October, was completed last week, and installation of machinery is being rushed with all possible speed in an endeavor to have the plant in operation by May 1.

Osborne Funeral Services Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. C. J. Osborne, who passed away Saturday at the home of her son in San Francisco, will be held Tuesday forenoon in the Portland crematorium, it was learned here today.

Mr. Osborne, who has lived in the Grande Ronde valley for many years, was visiting in California when death came. She was born in England where one sister survives her. Other survivors include three sons: R. H. Osborne, of Elgin; Lawrence Osborne, of San Francisco, and Hastings Osborne, of Haines; and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Osborne was more than 75 years old, and despite her advanced age, was active in the Episcopal church.

She was in San Francisco from Jan. 20 to the day of her death.

Whooping Cough Fatal to Infant

Whooping cough proved fatal to little Ona Marie Burke, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max W. Burke, of 902 K. avenue, yesterday. The child, born Mar. 7, lived only a month and four days.

NEW CRISIS LOOMING IN SPAIN TODAY

Republicans Score Sweeping Victory Over Opponents in Elections.

THRONE OF KING IN GRAVE MENACE

Three Ministers Resign But Alfonso Does Not Accept—Monarchists Planning Move.

MADRID, Apr. 13 (AP)—Flushed with victory over the monarchists in yesterday's elections, Don Niceto Alcalá Zamora and the group of Republican leaders who proclaimed a revolution in Spain last December, led this afternoon formally demanded that King Alfonso recognize the Spanish republic.

MADRID, Apr. 13 (AP)—The crisis in Spanish affairs, with a grave threat against the monarchy, forecast by the sweeping victory of Republicans in yesterday's elections, was brought to a head today by the resignation of three ministers of the present cabinet. The three ministers, Count Cande D. Romanones, minister of state, the Marquis De Alhucemas, minister of justice and minister of education, Gascon Marin, handed their resignations to King Alfonso, declaring they could no longer serve in the government.

The king received the resignations but did not accept them. "Views Win as 'Disastrous,'" Count Romanones told the king that the Republican victory was "disastrous" and that he could no longer continue in the cabinet. He added "I will not serve in a government of fact."

This declaration was construed to mean that monarchists are considering the establishment of a military dictatorship which Romanones refused to approve. A report that Premier Aznar has also offered his resignation could not be confirmed. It was said that efforts were being made to hold up all efforts.

APRICOT TREE IN VALLEY BLOSSOMS

First Bloom of Season Reported; Spring Established in Lower Areas.

There's a current saying that when the fruit trees bloom, then spring is really here. According to that, spring has arrived in the Grande Ronde valley. Driving over the valley yesterday, an Observer reporter saw an apricot tree in bloom in the valley. The tree will be placed in a savings bank and, when only four veterans remain, they will divide the pot.

The South Dakota's crew during the war recruited largely from Oregon and Washington naval reservists.

McIntyre Buys Modern Laundry

G. A. McIntyre, a resident of Baker, has purchased the modern laundry at Los Angeles for the last eight years, will become manager of the Modern Laundry, which he and his associates have purchased. Mr. McIntyre and his family will move to La Grande to make their home.

Plans Are Being Made For Music Week, To Be Observed May 3-9

The eighth annual Music Week will be locally as well as nationally observed the week of May 3 to 9, inclusive. It was announced today. "The community-wide observance is again being planned with details again beginning to be rounded into definite form," Mrs. A. L. Gralapp, local chairman, said today.

Walker Throws Challenge To His Opponents

Follows Statement With Usual Wise-Cracks—Investigation to Begin at Later Date.

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—Mayor Walker, whose administration has become the subject of an investigation by the state legislature, threw out a challenge to his opponents last night.

"I come to you with no apology for my public life," he said at a dinner of the Jewish Theatrical Guild. "I come to you without propaganda and without feeling to any individual in this city. I am, if I may say so in your presence, guilty of many shortcomings as men in public life go. But when that list shall have been completed there will not be included special political ambition that ever would permit me to trample upon another in the hope of elevating myself."

In a lighter vein the mayor suggested possible reasons for opposition to him. If others dislike his clothes, he said, "I find some personal consolation in that I am up to date with my tailor." And, he added, "I may not grouch quite as much as the plans and specifications for the proverbial statesman require."

It was the first social gathering which the mayor has attended since his return from California. Newspapers attached importance to his address because his audience included a score of political figures, among them John F. Curry, leader of Tammany Hall, and John H. McCooey, leader of Brooklyn.

Today State Senator Samuel H. Hofstadter, chairman of the legislative committee, had an appointment with Samuel Seabury, the committee's counsel, to plan the investigation into the municipal affairs of New York. It is expected that the inquiry will begin for some time.

WAR VETERANS PLAN BANQUET FOR 'LAST 4'

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13 (AP)—When but four old men remain on the 2000 or 3000 World War sailors on the U. S. S. South Dakota, those four will be the "last four." On the table will be a fat money bag. Before the four men separate, dissolving the U. S. S. South Dakota Veterans association, they will divide the contents of the bag equally. Each will carry away enough money to carry him through his few remaining years.

The "last quartet fund" was started by contributions of 25 cents for each of the 100 members who attended the tenth annual reunion of the association here Saturday night. The plan is for each member to add 25 cents a year to the pot. The money will be placed in a savings bank and, when only four veterans remain, they will divide the pot.

Robert Graham, 16, Wins At Ontario

Robert Graham, 16-year-old junior in the Ontario High school, speaking on "The Constitution—Our Sacred Heritage," took first place in the district finals in the national oratorical contest for high school boys held here Friday night. Robert is in company with winners in seven other districts in Oregon, will participate in the state finals in Portland Apr. 24.

Wranglers Play At Lions Meeting

The Blue Mountain Wranglers, headed by Claude L. Berry, furnished an excellent musical program at today's Lions club luncheon in the Sacajawea Inn. The Wrangler consist of Mr. Berry, Ray Williams, Bert Cantrell, Marion Spencer, Bert and Dell Brown, E. M. Mason and Ira Howell. Three harmonicas, four stringed instruments and the bones make up the instrumentation. The club applauded each number with much enthusiasm.

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HE'LL BE PRESIDENT'S GUEST



Bryan Untiedt, 13-year-old boy here of the Towner, Colo., blizzard, has been invited to visit President Hoover. Above he is shown in the hospital bed at Lamar, Colo., and picture below (copyrighted by Denver Post) shows him after he was rescued from the stalled bus in which five children were frozen to death.

Aviatrix Drives Plane At 210.6 Miles Per Hour

DETROIT, Apr. 13 (AP)—Ruth Nichols, Rye, N. Y., aviatrix, set a new speed record for women over a three kilometer course here this morning, with a speed of 210.65 miles per hour. Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam held the previous record of 181.157 miles an hour.

Taking off from the Grosse Ile airport at 6:50 a. m. to avoid crosswinds forecast for later in the day, Miss Nichols, flying the Lockheed-Vega plane in which she set the women's altitude record last month, sped over an official course laid out near the flying field.

Gov. Emmerson Vetoes Measure Against Dry Law

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 13 (AP)—Governor Louis L. Emmerson today vetoed the bill for the repeal of the Illinois search and seizure laws. The measure, which would have placed Illinois sixth in the column of states repealing their prohibition enforcement acts, had been enacted by the state senate by only a two-vote margin, 32 to 24. For more than two decades the state senate has been traditionally dry, while the house has twice passed repeal bills.

Jack Dempsey To Sue For Divorce

RENO, Nev., April 13 (AP)—Jack Dempsey, former champion heavyweight pugilist, admitted today through his manager that he is in Reno for a divorce and that he was sent here by his wife, Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress.

Lumber Interests Receive Warning

PORTLAND, Apr. 13 (AP)—Lumber interests today were contemplating the warning given by Governor Julius L. Meier before the Oregon industrial safety conference here Saturday night, that logging accidents are "far too numerous."

USUAL WEEKEND DEATHS LISTED

Airplane Accidents Fatal to Seven Sunday—Auto Crashes Take Toll.

Airplane accidents caused the deaths of seven pilots or their passengers Sunday.

George Weir, chief pilot for the Curtis Wright airport at Milwaukee, and his mechanic, Carl Jantz, were killed when control wires snapped on their plane and sent them crashing 300 feet to the ground.

The right wing of the craft piloted by Captain Gertrude A. Munson, 30, buckled as a left bank was attempted, and Munson and W. H. Portman, 24, were killed at Houston, Texas.

At Dallas, N. Y., Hugh Shipley, Putneyville farmer, and Homer Potwine, garage employe, riding in a plane piloted by Robert Loope, were killed in a crash from an altitude of 100 feet. Loope was uninjured, but so nervous following the fall that he could not give a coherent account of the fatal dive.

MARKSMAN DROPS TWO BANDITS IN CHICAGO HOLDUP

CHICAGO, April 13 (AP)—Three robbery suspects were killed yesterday by a marksman who dropped two bandits in a Chicago holdup.

More than 200 persons were in the cafe at the time and dozens of men stood helplessly while Abler proceeded to give a demonstration of his expert marksmanship. One of the bandits was killed in the chest, another in the head. The slain men were identified as James Hirsch, 34, brother of a Chicago physician, and Charles E. Nelson, 26.

Abler killed one of the two in an exchange of shots with the robber as he stood leaning over a money counter with a pistol which he was pointing at the cashier, Mme. Augustine Andre. Abler exhausted his ammunition in this fight but ran to the basement for more, returning to engage the other two robbers who had lined up the guests. He fired twice, killing one of them and wounding the second victim of his marksmanship. The other fled, possibly wounded, and escaped with a fourth man who remained outside in an automobile.

Domestic Trouble Leads to Shooting

OREGON CITY, Apr. 13 (AP)—Gunnplay in a home near Conica early today resulted in Clifford L. Driscoll, 23, being taken to a hospital here with a bullet in his left shoulder. Officers who questioned him attributed the shooting to domestic troubles, but were unable to get any information from Driscoll, who insisted on taking the blame, exonerating Donald Critser who fired the shot.

Game Commission Organizing Today

SALEM, Apr. 13 (AP)—The new state game commission, appointed by Governor Julius L. Meier, will convene in Salem late today to organize, and it is expected some new appointments in warden positions will be made.

Hoover Praises Red Cross Work In Drouth Area

Recalls Recent Controversy and Congratulates Organization For Action Taken.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (AP)—In a speech recalling the recent drouth relief controversy, President Hoover today congratulated the Red Cross for its work in the disaster and its dependence upon voluntary assistance exclusive of federal charity.

Mr. Hoover, who is president of the relief organization, declared it "has again been a severe test 'not only as to practical ability to meet national disasters but a test involving its whole moral and spiritual purpose.'"

Avoid "Step" Toward Doles
The Red Cross would have been rendered impotent in the face of every future national emergency, the president said, if it had yielded to demands of Democrats and Republican independents in the senate for a \$25,000,000 federal appropriation to be administered by it.

"It would have been a step on the pathway of government doles," and would have destroyed the spirit of voluntary service upon which the Red Cross was founded, he said. James L. Feisler, vice chairman in charge of domestic operations, said almost 800,000 families had received help from the Red Cross during the drouth and that "more than two-thirds of these have been restored to independence through farm loans or intermediate crop action."

Again Tilling Soil
"The drouth victims are again tilling the soil," he added, "and the country is again being cultivated and will play an important part in the reestablishment of national prosperity," he said.

Feisler added the recent congressional discussion "has given us something that we have needed for a long time."

"We have accepted the Red Cross with confidence and dignity, much as we would a piece of furniture," he said. "A little argumentation between friends is a good thing. In this instance it has stirred our patriotic feelings and has given us something clearly emerged as something to fight for as it stands alongside Old Glory."

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 13 (AP)—Drouth reports from the northwest and lively export demand hoisted wheat today to a new high price record for the season, 53 1/2 cents for December delivery. On passage stocks of wheat were shown to have decreased 13,000,000 bushels in the last month, compared with an increase of 2,800,000 bushels during the same period last year. No. 1 northern wheat went to a premium over May for the first time in months.

FOREST FIRE RACING OVER TWO STATES

Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Fighting Red Menace.

WALLACE VISITED BY DEVASTATION

Oconto and Lena, Wis. Among Cities Which Suffered From Flames—Some Fires Controlled.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 13 (AP)—Forty forest and grass fires in Western Michigan were under control today after burning over nearly 2,000 acres of land, 1400 in Newaygo county. There was no loss to private property but rich game cover was ruined with possible loss of wild life.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 13 (AP)—Forest fires, the scourge of timber lands and settlements, smoldered and flared menacingly today in sections of Northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

Flames which devastated the village of Wallace, Mich., and razed countless segregated farm buildings had abated with the dying breath of a strong, veering wind. Hundreds of acres of ash-covered soil, the debris of homes, and the smoke-filled atmosphere remained however, as an incentive for vigilance.

Pressed into service at the first onslaught of the flames, forest guards and volunteer firemen battled the fire infested area which extended over part of what was once Wisconsin's forestry domain.

Timber slashings, made highly inflammable by under drouth, occasioned by lack of snow and spring rains, furnished the fuel which carried the fires in all directions.

In Wallace, three buildings remained standing. North of Wallace the village of Ingalls was isolated when communication lines were destroyed. Oconto and Lena, Wis., were among cities which suffered from the fire that razed Wallace. One dwelling in Oconto was burned and at Lena the night with ambulances and three other buildings were destroyed. Pabliko, hemmed in for a time, escaped a repetition of the forest fire disaster of 1871 when 3,000 persons lost their lives.

U. S. MARINES SLAIN IN MIX WITH BANDITS

PANAMA CITY, Apr. 13 (AP)—Reports reaching Panama City today that 100 United States Marines, members of the Nicaragua national guard, and some others were killed at Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, in a battle with bandits who captured a train.

TRICE AT AN END MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, APRIL 13

The truce which has prevailed between United States marines and insurgents since the earthquake of a fortnight ago was ended Saturday night with ambush of a marine patrol and death of its officer.

Captain Harlan Peffer, U. S. M. C., was killed as he stepped into a house at Logtown, railroad of the Bragema-Buff Lumber company near Puerto Cabezas, and a corporal named Morals was wounded.