

SHEEP CREEK ROAD NEEDED BY STOCKMEN

Forest Service Also Anxious For Development, Chamber Learns

SCENIC VALUES OF HIGH DEGREE

Ernest Johnson, L. F. Allen and Jack Wright Speak at Chamber of Commerce Meet.

The desirability of the development of the Sheep Creek road project from other angles in addition to that of opening a route to marvelous scenery, was discussed at the chamber of commerce luncheon in the Sacajawea Inn today at noon.

Three speakers—Commissioner Ernest Johnson, Representative L. F. Allen, of Wallawa, and Jack Wright, La Grande theatre manager—were on the program in addition to a number of remarks by E. J. Green, president in the absence of President Harry McKinley.

Mr. Johnson pointed out the necessity of some all-weather entrance to the country. Ordinarily there is no snow or cold weather in the inland country beyond Enterprise and Joseph toward the Snake river. It is already on occasionally, bad weather hits and hits hard, with the result that stockmen often "go broke" because of inability to bring in feed. The territory is described as one of the best winter-feeding countries in the United States three out of four years.

The desirability of the development from another standpoint was also mentioned—that of forest fire fighting. Mr. Johnson stated that much timber existed in the territory but that it was difficult for the forest service to reach some points because of lack of good roads.

Governor Interviewed
He told of a trip to Salem last week to see Governor Meier, and said that the state's chief executive promised to do what he could to help toward the development.

The thing necessary at present is to get the road work on the state highway program. Mr. Johnson said, pointing out that the state is carrying the programs of the forest service and the bureau of public roads, and that Wallawa county is eager to cooperate. If the state would include

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ELECT LONEY DIRECTOR OF BANDMASTERS

At a recent meeting of the Oregon Bandmaster's association held in Portland, Andrew Loney, director of the La Grande municipal band, was elected president of the board of directors of this organization. Other members of the board are William McDougall, W. L. Ferris, Clyde Simpson, W. L. of Portland, and Wilson White, of Medford.

The association was formed recently and has as its primary object the promotion of the art of living music. The president is supported by directors of this organization. Other members of the board are William McDougall, W. L. Ferris, Clyde Simpson, W. L. of Portland, and Wilson White, of Medford.

Howard Smith Is Speaker at Meet

The Christian Men's Brotherhood club held its regular monthly meeting at the Christian church Monday night with President J. H. Blunt in the chair.

A chicken dinner was served by the women of the church to about 50 men.

Two splendid violin pieces were played by Dorothy Higgins and Edna Turner with Ola Mae Hough at the piano. Miss Hough also played a beautiful piano selection.

Howard Smith, American Sunday School Union leader, gave the principal address of the evening on "Singing Our Religious Worship."

Other talks were given by the minister, Paul DeMortimer, Mr. Morelock, fish and game warden, J. J. Aitken and others.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the country home of Dr. McPherson, on May 18. Free transportation will be furnished to those without cars.

RAIL ISSUES LOWER

NEW YORK, Apr. 21 (AP)—The railroad issues were whittled down in today's stock market to the general level of the six-year low recorded at the bottom of the bear market last December.

Several individual issues fell to new low levels for the past several years, but the rail stocks generally appeared to meet some demand around the general level of December 17.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair but with some cloudiness in the morning, clearing to night and Wednesday warmer in the east tonight.

Dr. J. H. Gilbert Will Speak At Commencement

Graduating Class of La Grande High to Get Diplomas on Wednesday, May 27.

Cap and gown season when students of La Grande High school make their commencement into the world outside of the school room, either in business or in higher education, is approaching and commencement exercises have been set for Wednesday, May 27 at the L. D. S. tabernacle.

Dr. James H. Gilbert, dean of the college preparatory and the business department at the University of Oregon, will deliver the address, school leaders announced today.

Dean Gilbert, who is known to all alumni of the University of Oregon as "Jimmy," has through his work with college students gained an understanding of youth which makes him an ideal speaker for a commencement program. Although he is an authority on economics and well versed in the arts he has not grown beyond an appreciation of the unexcelled character of the state and speaks to them as a comrade. Dean Gilbert has been connected with the university for a number of years and is well liked because of his friendly understanding and his sense of fairness as a student advisor. He has

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Crews Accepts Position With Highway Bureau

Wren C. Crews, city manager of La Grande for six years until the change of administration, has accepted a position with the highway division offices in Pendleton and La Grande, left here yesterday morning for Salem, accompanied by Mrs. Crews.

Mr. Crews has accepted a position with the state highway department, and was to assume his duties this morning. He is an engineer of first standing in the Northwest, participating in many projects, both highway and municipal. He supervised the construction of the \$1,050,000 sewage disposal plant installed here, also the modernization of the water supply system, construction of storm sewers, pumping plants, parking lots, etc.

Reports are that Mr. Crews, who owns a fine home on Oak street, has rented his property here.

The shell building at city improvements. Mr. Crews was very successful and during the last few years, La Grande has been regarded throughout the Northwest as a city of exceptionally fine municipal facilities. Many larger cities have sent official delegations to La Grande to inspect local systems.

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Loss \$4000 Or More In Dunbar Fire On Y Ave.

Loss of \$4000 or more resulted from an early morning fire at 1006 Y avenue, the home of Charles Dunbar. The cause is unknown, although there is a possibility that it started in or near the attic, firemen believe. Most of the loss was covered by insurance.

The alarm was sounded at 2:50 a. m. and Mrs. Dunbar and two children were asleep at the time, but were roused from the dining room without injury. Mr. Dunbar is employed on a night shift and was not at home when the fire started.

There had been a fire in the house, because of the start the flames secured before the alarm was sounded. Some clothing was taken from the house, however.

The shell place, of five rooms, was totally destroyed.

GUARD POINTS TO TWO WEEKS AT CLATSOP

Camp Clatsop, the meeting place of the Oregon national guard for two weeks in June, is demanding the attention of Company E and practically every drill from now until the encampment will be devoted to instruction in preparation for camp.

At last night's meeting the guard received pay checks amounting to \$11,119.93, after which instruction was held.

Construction of new mess halls and bath houses is in full swing at Camp Clatsop. According to the Oregon Guardsman, national guard publication, and every unit will have its own mess hall. Another change in the camp will be setting reveille at six o'clock, and taps at 11 o'clock, with a gun replacing the bugle, the 75 mm gun which was with the Oregon field artillery in France to be used.

The National Guard association of Oregon is planning the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Senator George W. Joseph, who died at Camp Clatsop last year. Senator Joseph was a staunch friend of the national guard, and as chairman of the military affairs committee in the senate in 1921 sponsored the military code which had been operating. Unveiling of the memorial shaft will occur on the anniversary of his death.

Open Bids Today On Burns Highway

PORTLAND, April 21 (AP)—The bureau of public roads today opened bids for the surfacing of two sections on the Canyon City-Burns highway, in Eastern Oregon, which already have been graded, but which had not been adequately surfaced. Early this month bids were opened for the grading of the last three-mile section of the route.

Six bids were received for the 11-mile section, and 10 for the 16-mile stretch.

The low bidder on the two sections was C. E. Silbauch of Burns, whose bid on the short stretch was \$36,555, and for the long section, \$57,414.

MUCH HINGES ON DECISION OF MR. CURTIS

Republican Leaders Eagerly Watching For Move by Vice President

ANTI-HOOVERITES TALKING COOLIDGE

Former President, With Curtis or McNary as Running Mate, Given Consideration.

By Francis M. Stephenson
WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Republican leaders looking ahead to the 1932 presidential race are eagerly watching for the decision to be made by Vice President Curtis on seeking re-election.

If this party veteran determines to go out for his former seat in the senate at the next election, then take a chance on another four year term as Vice President, it is conceded the move will bolster Anti-Hoover Republican forces.

Curtis will announce his decision in the fall. Meanwhile he is keeping his own counsel. Friends say he is confronted with pleas from both those who would have him run again for vice president and those in Kansas who would have him campaign against Senator McGill, a Democrat.

Will Not Retire
Certain it is that Curtis has no intention of retiring from public life. While he was one of the outstanding foes of President Hoover in the presidential campaign of 1928, the Kansas man has since been administering the Hoover organization in a national election.

But there are no ties to the future beyond Curtis and Hoover. There have been rumors of other vice presidential candidates in the official family of the president. There now is speculation of whether Curtis cares to be re-elected again with the Hoover organization in a national election.

The attitude of uncertainty strengthens those who are speculating.

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BALLOTS MARKED AT HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Student Body Election Comes to a Close After Noon Hour.

James Leslie was elected president, Melvin Kavanaugh vice leader at today's vote. A second election will be held for secretary and treasurer, as no candidate received a majority.

The high school political campaign which has been the center of interest during the past few days, came to a close today when the students went to the polls at noon to elect their student body officers for next year.

The ballots contained the names of the following nominees: For president, James Leslie; for vice president, Melvin Kavanaugh; for secretary, Everett Reynolds; for treasurer, Robert Cunliffe; for secretary, Everett Reynolds; for treasurer, Robert Cunliffe; for secretary, Everett Reynolds; for treasurer, Robert Cunliffe.

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EDUCATIONAL MOVE TO BE MADE APR. 29

Board of Higher Education to Take up Consolidation Problem.

HALL AND KERR WILL CO-OPERATE

Merger of All Institutions Under One Head is Considered as a Strong Possibility.

SALEM, April 21 (AP)—The first action of the state board of higher education relative to the consolidation of departments and reduction of expenditures to take care of some \$1,500,000 unavailable as a result of executive veto and referendum action on the legislative appropriation for higher institutions of learning, will be taken at the next session of the board set for April 29.

The meeting is expected to continue for two days or longer and will be held in Portland.

It was the decision of the board last night after meeting here yesterday to hear recommendations of Governor Julius L. Meier and formal briefs submitted by President Arthur Bennett Hall of the state university, and W. J. Kerr, of the State college, relating to the survey commission report. The members of the board listened to the presentation of these briefs until a late hour yesterday.

Consideration will be given them along with a suggested reduction of budgets which will be submitted by the heads of the institutions the end of this week.

Willing to Co-operate
Both Hall and Kerr expressed willingness to co-operate in the elimination of overlapping departments.

DEATH TAKES MRS. LITREAL EARLY TODAY

Mary L. Litreal, wife of I. W. Litreal, passed away at her home in Summerville this morning at the age of 66 years, four months and 10 days. She was the daughter of R. T. and Liza Childers, a pioneer family of Union county and was born Dec. 2, 1864 near Summerville.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Guy Hobson, of Summerville, and Ira Hobson, of Valley, Cal.; and two daughters, Bertie Slack, Mrs. Mary McFae, of La Grande; Mrs. Maggie Golden, Portland; Mrs. Hattie Wise and Mrs. Ruth Rollins, of Imbler and Mrs. Ardra Behrens, Summerville, one brother, J. H. Childers, Hermiston, and ten grandchildren. She also leaves a half sister, Mrs. Florence Irwin, of Island City, an aunt, Mrs. Jeanette Tuttle, Summerville, and two uncles, B. F. Myers, Lewiston, Idaho, and George Childers, Woodland, Cal.

Mrs. Litreal was an active member of Jewel Rebekah Lodge, No. 99, I. O. O. F. Summerville, Cal. Her funeral will take place at the Summerville cemetery, Thursday, April 23 at 2:30. Services will be held at the chapel with Spodgrass and Zimmerman in charge of arrangements.

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A reasonable measure of regulation of building permits in some of the smaller cities has been noted.

THESE WOMEN RULE IN ARKANSAS TOWN



Yes, it's true. In the little village of Mt. Ida, Ark., just west of Hot Springs national park, the men are bossed by the women. It's what they wanted—they put the women's names on the ballot and helped elect them. In the front row, left to right, are Mrs. Harold Watkins, recollectory Mrs. E. M. McLane, mayor, and Mrs. Ed Benson, alderman. Back row: Mrs. Morris Elder, left, Mrs. J. H. Freeman, Mrs. Jerry Witt and Mrs. H. C. Herndon, aldermen. The town of Yellville, Ark., also has a women's administration.

Igloo, Famous Byrd Dog, Dead In Boston

BOSTON, Apr. 21 (AP)—The death today of Igloo, Rear Admiral Byrd's famous little white fox terrier, plunged the home of the explorer into grief.

The soft ways of civilization did not agree too well with Igloo, who had lived so much of his six years span in cold and hardship, the inseparable companion of his explorer master. He was a puppy in those perilous days at Spitzbergen when Byrd and Floyd Bennett flew over the North Pole.

When Admiral Byrd started on his lecture trip recently, Igloo was left at home in Boston where he became the playmate of the Byrd children. Illness overtook the little dog Sunday, nearly 1,000 miles away, cancelled lecture engagements and rushed to Chicago to charter a plane. Igloo died this morning.

Board To Sell Wheat, Chairman Stone Declares

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Chairman Stone of the farm board said today that the board's decision of several months ago to sell 35,000,000 bushels of wheat abroad and to refrain from making stabilization purchases from the 1931 crop was unchanged.

"The board has made no decisions in regard to future wheat stabilization operations except those previously announced," he said.

"These are (1) that an effort will be made to sell abroad by July 30, 1931, 35,000,000 bushels of wheat stored at Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Northwest seaports, and (2) that stabilization purchases will not be made from the 1931 crop."

"Any statement that the farm board at this time contemplates any other action is erroneous."

Stone said yesterday that between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 bushels of the 35,000,000 bushels had been sold abroad at a price slightly above the world level.

Gold of Hannibal's Time Is Discovered

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Baseball Today

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Boston 5 9 0
Dunobue, Schumacher and O'Farrell; Brandt and Spohrer.

ST. LOUIS at Chicago, postponed, cold and wet grounds.

Admiral Ingersoll Dead In Laporte

LAPORTE, Ind., Apr. 21 (AP)—Rear Admiral Rodney Ingersoll, 83, U. S. N., retired, died today at his home here after a brief illness.

Mrs. Ingersoll and his son, Captain Royal Eason Ingersoll, U. S. N., were with him.

FOREIGNERS IN HONDURAS SAFE

Taken Aboard Ships in Tela and Trujillo Harbors, Dispatches Say.

By Vicente Mejia Collares,
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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, April 21 (AP)—Groups of revolutionaries attacked Sonaguera, Sava, Tela and were destroyed. I hope soon to re-establish tranquility. The people of Honduras without distinction of political color support the government.

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MRS. STOFFER PASSES AWAY LATE MONDAY

Mrs. Martha May Loucen Stoffer passed away at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Oliver, 809 Second street, late Monday evening, leaving a great loss to her family.

She is survived by her husband, Dale Stoffer, who was in Oakland, Cal., and who left immediately for La Grande; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Oliver; and by one sister, Mrs. Joe E. Bean, of Seattle, Wash.; and by six brothers, Charles Edgar, of Walla Walla, Wash.; Mark T. of Baker, Ore.; and George Dewey, Ahol, Arnold and Vernon Castle, all of La Grande.

Mrs. Stoffer was a resident of La Grande most of her life. She was a graduate of the La Grande High school.

The body is at Walkers Funeral Home and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Man Burned Under Flaming Vehicle

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21 (AP)—Pinned beneath his flaming, overturned truck, Harry McGuire, 21, was burned to death during the night. The charred truck, its metal too hot to touch, was found beyond the edge of a steep embankment on the highway north of the city. From the blackened debris motorists saw the protruding feet of the victim.

McGuire's truck had crashed through the protecting rail guarding the highway. He is survived by his parents.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, April 21 (AP)—Late upturn in wheat prices today more than overtook early losses. Speculative selling during transient uncertainty over rumors about alleged changes in farm board export plans was overcome. Subsequent re-purchase of wheat closed irregular, 3/4c lower to relatively bare of offerings. Rallies were promoted also by fears of crop damage by low temperatures.

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PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE REST TODAY

Action Taken by Carson Surprises Audience at Prison Hearing.

GOVERNOR MEIER BLOCKED TWICE

Unrest Situation at State Penitentiary Figures in Statements During Morning.

SALEM, Ore., April 21 (AP)—Without a vote being taken, the investigation into the administration of the Oregon state prison was concluded here today. At the request of Tom Kay, state treasurer, seconded by Hal Hoss, secretary of state, Governor Julius L. Meier's request that the superintendent of the prison, Henry W. Meyers, be dismissed, was held over for further consideration.

Hoss said he wanted more time to consider the evidence brought out at the hearing.

Governor Meier had charged Meyers with inefficiency.

SALEM, Apr. 21 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier was blocked twice on his resolutions to oust Superintendent Henry Meyers and to request the dismissal of Colonel W. B. Bartram by the board of control today, when the governor completed his case against Meyers and the competency charges against the penitentiary superintendent.

In the first resolution the governor asked the dismissal of Meyers after he had summarized the testimony against the superintendent. Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss asked the governor if he thought it fair to demand Meyers' dismissal without giving the defense an opportunity to be heard. The governor refused to voice his opinion. Hoss declared he thought it unfair for the governor to present such a resolution before the board without hearing the other side of the issue.

Upon motion of Treasurer Tom Kay and seconded by Hoss, the resolution to dismiss Meyers was deferred until the defense submitted its testimony. The second resolution to oust Colonel Bartram before May 1, the date of his dismissal, was lost because Kay's motion to defer it failed for want of a second. Hoss refused to vote in this issue.

Kay in a statement declared he could not vote for the resolution to dismiss Bartram as once as he considered it unfair for the governor to present such a resolution before the board without hearing the other side of the issue.

Butler has no comment. Friends of Butler recently said he planned to resign today but had not been informed of the proposal by Governor Meier of Oregon to have him head that state's police organization.

"I would not care to comment about it," he said, "until I knew all the details of the proposition."

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"I am still considering whether or not I shall enter that contest," Butler said.

Oregon "Alcohol Baron" Taken By State Officers

EUGENE, Ore., April 21 (AP)—Declared by Lane county officers to be one of the leading "alcohol barons" in the state, R. J. Stow, 41, of Eugene, and Arthur Cornelius, 41, of Portland, were arrested by state traffic officers here last night. Officers said an elaborate layout of alcohol bottles, coolers, filter material and labels was seized.

Deputy Sheriff John Carlisle said Stow was the head of the alcohol business in Eugene. Cornelius, the