

LaGrande Evening Observer

(Incorporated)
An Independent Newspaper
Phone Main 600

P. R. FINLAY Editor and Publisher
HAROLD M. FINLAY Business Manager

Published evenings, except Sunday, at 1710 Sixth street, La Grande, Oregon.
Entered at the Postoffice of La Grande, Oregon, as Second Class Mail Matter under act of March 2, 1879.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF UNION COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LA GRANDE

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to use for publication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited if published herein. All rights of republication of special dispatches in this paper and also the local news herein also are reserved.

National Advertising Representative
M. C. MOGENSEN CO., Inc.
San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Detroit, New York

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
By Carrier
Daily, one month in advance 75c
Daily, six months in advance \$4.50
Daily, single copy 5c
By Mail
Daily, per month in advance 50c
Daily, per six months in advance \$2.50
Daily, per year in advance \$5.00

ADVERTISING RATES
Display, foreign, per column inch 42c
Display, local, per column inch 40c
Time contract prices on application



Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.—Matt. 7:12.

TRANSCONTINENTAL ROADS

A wealthy New Yorker the other day suggested the construction of a new super-highway across the United States, which would cost several billion dollars and provide employment for idle workers. Of course we probably shall never have too many roads, but the one proposed by this gentleman is somewhat appalling.

His highway would be 500 feet wide, from coast to coast, with ten traffic lanes in each direction. The speed limits for the ten traffic lanes would vary from 10 to 110 miles per hour, so drivers could travel at any speed they wished without hindering faster drivers or being hindered by slower ones. The highway would be lined with hotels and tourist camps at regular intervals.

Such a road would make transcontinental motoring a swift and easy procedure. But there can be too much of a good thing. The law of diminishing returns applies to roads as well as to factories.

In the first place, what motorist in his right mind would want to travel from coast to coast at a speed of 100 miles per hour in the middle of a strip of concrete 500 feet wide? Cross country tourists even now complain of the monotony of driving hour after hour along the wide, straight roads of Nebraska and some parts of Wyoming; but this new highway would increase that monotony to an almost unbearable degree.

The joys of motoring do not arise solely from wide, smooth pavements and high speeds. Constantly increasing numbers of motorists are beginning to discover that a trip can be made much more enjoyable if the heavily-traveled main highways are dodged altogether. To stick to the back roads may require taking stretches of dirt, gravel, or worn-out macadam, and it may mean slower and less comfortable traveling; but it provides the opportunity of getting away from the crowds and seeing a variety of scenery and it makes a trip mean something more than a mere whizzing from place to place.

Already the craze for rapid travel is beginning to diminish. The novelty of the automobile has worn off, and people are realizing that the pleasure of a cross-country drive is usually in inverse ratio to its speed.

THE BRITISH TARIFF

Tariff rates being a major issue in the United States, the people and their representatives in Washington will follow with intense interest the operation of the tariff policy of the new Conservative government in England. England's success or failure may determine the future tariff policy of the United States.

The British government is wasting no time in putting its restrictive duties, some of which are as high as 100 per cent of value, into effect. Its haste may be due to the fact that foreign manufacturers have been dumping imports into the country in unprecedented volume either in anticipation of a higher tariff or because of surpluses at home.

These new duties may be called an emergency tariff for they are designed to deal with an emergency in trade. The conservative majority was not elected primarily on the issue of protection and represents no agreement in tariff policy among its membership.

In her experiments with high tariffs England will find it to its tremendous advantage that import duties can be levied, changed or lifted on short notice. They will be effective because they can be so promptly applied. And perhaps the greater the state of flux during the present emergency the more effective they will be.

Out of this emergency the British Isles may derive a settled tariff policy designed to protect British labor and British industry from foreign competition.

The man worth five thousand dollars worries because it isn't six instead of being glad it isn't four.

LENZ AND JACOBY INCREASE LEAD

(Continued From Page One)

slam of the series so far, a little one, duly contracted. The bidding would probably have been the same under either system.

To neutrals, an instance of comparative play was the fact that once Jacoby made four no trump on a game and the rubber, but Jacoby bid of three when he could have saved the rubber and all things considered, made a difference of some seven spots. The Culbertsons could have taken the first five tricks of the hand in Hearts, but failed to reach 39 and only one has been made the proper deductions as to passed out. Each won a two-handed card holdings and let Jacoby get in rubber at the second session with

the resulting 700-point bonus.

Less discussion of relative value of system was heard among the kibitzers but every argument about the rival methods of bidding had an answer. For example the 26th hand of the series, which follows.

Lenz—North
Spades—A Q 10 2
Hearts—J 5
Diamonds—A 9 5
Clubs—Q J 8 5
Culbertson—West
Spades—K J 8 7 6 4
Hearts—9 8
Diamonds—7
Clubs—K 10 6 2
Jacoby—South
Spades—9
Hearts—A K 8 2
Diamonds—K J 10 3 4
Clubs—A 9 7

Mrs. Culbertson—East (dealer)
Spades—5 3
Hearts—Q 10 7 6 4
Diamonds—Q 6 3 2
Clubs—4 3
North and south not vulnerable; east and west vulnerable.

The bidding:
East pass; south one diamond; west one spade; north two no trump; east pass; south three hearts; west pass; north three no trump, the contract.

Some Discussion
Lenz took six tricks. Culbertson followed argued that Jacoby failed to open with the two intermediary bid of the "official" system and that Lenz was misled as to his partner's strength. Lenz and Jacoby retorted that Jacoby's holdings were a bit below the requirements of the "official" system. Culbertson followers argued that under the Culbertson system a little slam contract would have been bid as follows: south one diamond; north three no trump; south five hearts; north six no trump.

It took some lead-playing and typical deduction to make six tricks. He put Culbertson in toward the end of the hand so that west had to lead away from the king, jack and eight of spades. The ace, queen and ten in Lenz's hand all took tricks.

The 53rd hand of the series gave Mrs. Culbertson a two-hand rubber of which she played both hands. She was forced to bid by two takeouts doubles, or informatory doubles and made by her husband.

HIGHER TAX FAVORED BY MR. HOOVER

(Continued from Page One)

left it to Secretary Mellon to outline the administration tax plan. Balancing the budget for the present year being out of the question, Mr. Hoover wrote:

"We should endeavor by increase of taxes and rigid curtailment of expenditures to balance the budget for the next fiscal year except to the extent of the amount required for statutory debt retirements. We should assure its balance, including statutory debt retirements, for the fiscal year following."

"I recommend that congress provide for an increase in taxation for a definite limited period and upon the general plan of legislation which existed under the revenue act of 1924 with such changes as may be appropriate in the light of altered conditions."

Would Realize \$920,000,000
"It is proposed that this increase shall be definitely terminated in two years from next July. This plan, it is estimated will realize \$920,000,000 next year and thus meet the above conditions of balancing the budget for the fiscal year 1925 except for the statutory debt retirement."

"The plan of approximately re-enacting the revenue act of 1924 has the great advantage that the government is equipped by experience with similar legislation for its systematic and economical collection. The public had paid such taxes in the past and has found them not intolerable and has found that they do not prevent increased prosperity. By providing a definite date for termination of the temporary increase it will allow taxpayers to look forward to definite relief."

"I further recommend that congress inquire into the economic effect of the provisions of the present law relating to capital gains and losses."

Under the 1924 revenue act, a head of a family had only \$2,500 exemption and a single person \$1,000. Income of \$3,500 and \$2,500 as such. There was no 25 per cent credit provision for the tax on earned income. If the presidential suggestion is adopted, normal income tax rates will be 2 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income, 4 per cent on the next \$4,000 and 6 per cent on the amount in excess of \$8,000, with surtaxes running from one per cent on net income of from \$10,000 to \$14,000 to 30 per cent on incomes in excess of \$40,000.

Corporations would be assessed 12 1/2 per cent on their income instead of 12 per cent and estate taxes will run from one per cent to 40 per cent. Admissions to any public entertainment will be taxed ten cents on a dollar, except where the charge is less than fifty cents.

No New Projects
Estimates for the 1933 fiscal year carry \$150,000,000 for construction, of which \$120,000,000 is for the public building program being carried out by the treasury but which includes no new projects.

The president called for \$644,650,000 for national defense, a decrease of \$51,000,000, \$50,000,000 for rivers and harbors; \$11,369,500 for prohibition enforcement; and \$1,072,000,000 for the veterans administration. Estimated appropriations for the shipping board showed a decrease of \$26,972,000. For the farm board \$1,880,000 was asked, a decrease of \$100,020,000 as compared with appropriations this year.

The department of justice was allotted \$53,900,000, an increase of \$2,671,163 over current appropriations. The treasury would get \$293,735,837, an increase of \$24,000,000. All other departments showed decreases as compared with present year appropriations.

Must Maintain Integrity
In conclusion, Mr. Hoover said: "The welfare of the country demands that the financial integrity of the federal government be maintained. This is a necessary factor in the rebuilding of a sound national prosperity. This budget, with

its recommended reductions in appropriations and increases in revenues, presents a definite program to this end involving three steps—first, a material reduction in the anticipated deficit for the current fiscal year; second, a relation between receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1933 which will avoid a further increase in the public debt during that year; and third, a balanced budget for 1934.

"To carry out this program it is important to emphasize the fact that we are now in a period where federal finances will not permit of the assumption of any obligations which will enlarge the expenditures to be met from the ordinary receipts of the government."

"I am confident that the congress realizes this situation and will give full consideration in passing matters which may contemplate any such additions to our spending program."

JAPAN READY TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION

(Continued from Page One)

Chinchow yesterday, not more than 30 feet above the house tops. Twenty-one bombs struck Chung Chia-Tun, a village to the southwest of Tawa station on a branch railway between Kao-Fangtze and Yingkow this morning, the communiques said, and seven bombs were dropped in Tawa which also was raked by machine gun fire.

CHANG STARTING DRIVE
TOKYO, Dec. 9 (AP)—An unconfirmed Rengo (Japanese) news agency dispatch from Mukden today said the Chinese General Chang Hsueh-Liang had ordered all his troops in the Chinchow district to start a drive eastward.

At the same time reports from the Japanese military intelligence division said Chang was encouraging his "irregular" troops to continue their stays in the Mukden region and in the South Manchurian railway zone.

If these reports should prove correct, Japanese authorities said, it would mean only that a serious clash was imminent, for the Japanese are well prepared for such an emergency.

Self-Inflating Tires

Bicycle tires are kept at a constant pressure by a small pump built into each wheel. A German inventor has demonstrated that this device, which is driven by a cam on the hub of each wheel, automatically goes into action when the tire pressure goes below normal and stops when proper inflation is reached.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Rhododendrons

While rhododendrons are most numerous in eastern Asia, there are seven species indigenous to America. Among the American species the great laurel is the largest. It is indigenous from Nova Scotia to Michigan, and southward in the mountains to Georgia. The species *R. catawbiense*, which has lilac-purple flowers, is common in the mountains from Virginia to Georgia, and is hardly in New England.

The Indian on the Nickel

According to the Treasury department, no particular Indian posed for the design on the 5-cent piece which was first issued in 1913. The same statement is made by the sculptor who designed it, James Earle Fraser. The head is the composite of several models and is the artist's ideal of an American aborigine.

Hannibal's Proud Boat

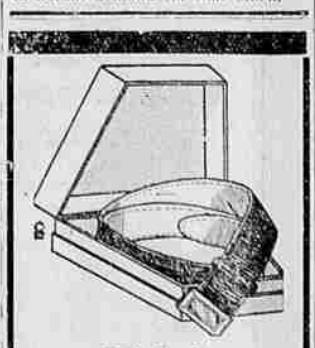
The expression, "I will find a way or make one," is accredited to Hannibal. When his plan for taking his army across the Alps into Italy was questioned, he said that he would find a way or make one. He accomplished the feat, appearing on the plains of Italy with 20,000 men—half the army with which he had started.

Children's Speech Defects

The more common forms of speech defects in children include retarded speech, imperfect speech associated with partial deafness, imperfect speech caused by certain malformations of the organs of speech, and the nervous speech disorders, such as stammering, stuttering and nervous hesitation.

Sharp Practice

A "matched order," in the Wall Street vernacular, is an order to buy given simultaneously with an order to sell a similar number of shares of the same stock. Such an order really amounts to a fictitious sale and gives the appearance of activity in a stock that has no basis in actual demand for that stock.



Hickok Belt Sets
\$2.00 to \$3.00

Trotter's
QUALITY CLOTHES SHOP
314 The Times Building, Chicago

Public Library At Union Shows More Borrowers

By Mrs. L. Z. TERRALL
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—Increased interest in reading seems to be one of the outgrowths of the present business situation. With time on their hands, more people, especially men, seem to be turning to the library for entertainment, according to the local librarian, Mrs. Minnie Baird, whose report for November shows the largest circulation for any single month since the library came under city management. In order to keep pace with the demands for reading material the library committee has been unusually busy putting out new and donated books. As a result of the campaign for books during national book week, many donations have been made to the library, and several new books for children as well as adults have been added to the reading list. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seibird donated 12 Zane Grey books, whose popularity was shown by the fact that the first day they were put out every single book was borrowed. Mrs. S. E. Miller donated a large collection of boys' magazines that have helped to supply the demand for adventure and out-of-door reading material. Among other donors are: Mrs. Merton Davis, Mrs. Donald Gale, Mrs. Mabel Gale, Mrs. E. A. Seibird, Marie Spain, Mrs. J. E. Allen and the American Legion.

The following report was submitted by the librarian at the regular monthly meeting of the library board, Monday afternoon:

Number of adult fiction books loaned	731
Number of adult non-fiction books loaned	118
Number of juvenile fiction books loaned	416
Number of juvenile non-fiction books loaned	82
Total books loaned	1227
(Total circulation for October)	806
Number of new books received	22
Number of magazines received	148
Number of newspapers received	10
Number of books borrowed from state library	11
Number of new borrowers	69
Number of books donated	52
Number of books repaired	50
Rents and fines	\$4.28

Dr. T. M. Gilmore and Ralph Hutchinson returned Monday night from Portland having gone down Saturday to take Robert Withcombe to the hospital. He has been in rather a serious condition but is slightly improved and will remain at Dr. Jones clinic until his case has been thoroughly diagnosed.

Rev. Chas Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, of Cove, attended services at the Methodist church Sunday morning, the former occupying the pulpit for Rev. R. C. Lee. Next Sunday evening Mr. Harris will give his promised talk to the members of the Epworth League, the service beginning at seven o'clock. He will not repeat the experiences he gave at Hot Lake but will give other sidelights on his service as a member of "The Lost Battalion."

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will continue its bazaar from last Saturday as the members had a lot of unsold articles left. They had a fine display of articles that would make acceptable Christmas gifts and the opportunity will still be open to secure some of them.

The Eastern Star will have a social meeting following the election of officers this evening at the Masonic hall. The refreshment committee will serve a light lunch.

Mrs. Ellis Hess went to Hot Lake Monday for medical attention. Mrs. Roy Conklin is reminding members of the Women's Club that she would like to see more than the usual number out to the all-day meeting that is to be held at the clubhouse on Friday. This is a club institute and members will be present from Baker and Union counties. There will be a no-hostess luncheon at the Union hotel at noon and the sessions at the club will start at ten o'clock.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Curly) Gilmore, of Redding, Cal., last week. The son, named John Carl, was born at Corvallis.

Mrs. Cora Bloom came over from Cove Sunday to spend a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Donald Gale.

Eldridge Huffman was over from La Grande Monday to visit his father Marshall Huffman, who has been quite ill at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kennedy. Mr. Huffman was taken to Hot Lake in the ambulance in the afternoon.

Mrs. Vernon Underwood underwent a tonsil operation at Hot Lake on Monday.

Walter Cook has made a most remarkable recovery after he began to improve from an operation a few weeks back. He came home from the

hospital on Monday, and is in fine spirits.

A very enjoyable dinner party was held by the members of the Business Women's club at Shanks' Monday evening, with 19 members present. Four of these were new members who were properly initiated before they were permitted to enjoy the full privileges of the club. They were Mrs. Roy Conklin, Vertie Feiser, Doris Busick and Mildred Gauthier. Following a short business session the evening was spent in parchesi and cards.

Those who attended the Normal school play "The Rivals" in La Grande Friday night pronounced it a real treat. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Orr Cline and Lois, Sylvia Jones, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Terrall, and the Misses Lorna Gemmell and Helen Schaper. Miss Alice Margarat, county health nurse, was a business visitor in Union on Monday.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON—No budding short story writer preparing his first manuscript perhaps takes greater pains with his product than does President Hoover in the role of author.

He has a reputation of being one of the most careful and precise of writers. No speech, lecture or book he has written leaves his hand until he has satisfied himself that he has expressed himself exactly as he intended.

He regards thoroughness in editing and revising as essential, whether it be a statement or a book. He has been known to revise as many as five or six times before turning out the finished product.

Usually he writes his first draft in longhand, then gives it to a stenographer with instructions that it be copied, leaving wide spaces between each line. Then he edits the copy. At other times he dictates from penciled notes. But the process of editing and revision is always the same.

Gathers Material Carefully

The president is as careful in gathering his material as he is in the actual writing. He makes an exhaustive search for material on every topic he writes on. He calls for special reports. He holds conferences. No source is overlooked.

Of course, now all his writing is concerned with governmental topics. But he has done other things, too.

His first book, published many years ago, has the title of "Underground Mining." This volume is a compilation of lectures which the president gave from 1908 to 1910 as a non-resident professor of engineering at Columbia university.

Another book to his credit is "De Re Metallica" on which Mrs. Hoover collaborated. This book, probably his most ambitious undertaking, was written for friends with no idea of general circulation.

"De Re Metallica" today has increased greatly in value. It sells today at a "book collector's price."

Not Fond Of Writing

The president's most recent book is "American Individualism." This, too, is a compilation of addresses which he has made from time to time. Friends urged him to publish the addresses in book form.

Mr. Hoover can't be said to be fond of writing. He does not write for the sheer joy of creating, but rather because he regards it the best way of self expression.

He is careful and painstaking, however, in everything he composes. The length of time spent usually depends on the importance of the occasion.

Keep Rug Flat

Persian and other lightweight rugs can be made to lie flat in the following way: Buy two strips of sheet lead, each about one inch wide and as long as the width of the rug. Fasten these to the underside of the rug, one at each end by sewing two lengths of unholstered braid over them to keep them in position. With this simple addition the life of a rug will be prolonged, as there will then be no creasing.

"Black Fridays"

In English history the name "Black Friday" is given to Easter Monday, April 14, 1360, when many soldiers of Edward III died from cold before the city of Paris. English schoolboys give the name to the first Monday of school after the long vacation, and it is also applied to Monday, March 30, 1320, when the Irish attacked the English settlers in Ulster and put some thousands to the sword.

It's Christmas Time at

FALK'S

COATS REDUCED

EVERY LADIES' AND CHILD'S

Coat

IN THE STORE NOW REDUCED

33 1/3%

Finest fashionable Coats — Rothmoor, Redfern and Miller half sizes — the season's most successful coat fashions . . . the smartest coat of your career at a price you'd expect to pay for just an ordinary one.

STYLES AND SIZES FOR EVERY FIGURE!

Think It Over
The most important thing in life is living.

HOOP SEASON TO OPEN SATURDAY

(Continued from Page One)

School Athletic association board of control, announce a meeting to be held in Portland Wednesday, Dec. 30 to elect one member of the board (Mr. Landreth's term expires) and to take a vote on the matter of providing for examination and registration of officials, also the question of fixing a uniform for officials. There are 248 member schools in the association out of approximately 280 in Oregon.

A basketball rules meeting was held here last Saturday, with Bob Quinn, E. O. N. coach, giving a talk on the 1931-32 rules. Suggestions were made also that an occasional rules meeting between coaches and strong running attack to defeat Princeton, 13 to 0 in the first game of today's charity football tournament here.

SCORES TWO TOUCHDOWNS
YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Dec. 9 (AP)—Defying a muddy field, the Columbia Lions unleashed a strong running attack to defeat Princeton, 13 to 0 in the first game of today's charity football tournament here.

HUGHES FRANKLIN
LIBERTY
CONTINUOUS SHOWS — ONE 'TIL ELEVEN

NOW PLAYING TODAY AND TOMORROW

"TOUCHDOWN!"

with
RICHARD ARLEN
JACK OAKIE
PEGGY SHANNON

THRILLING STORY of Real Football!
Grandstand Thrills from your Theatre Seat!

Also.....
LAUREL and HARDY
—in—
"COME CLEAN"
A 2-Reel Riot with the Stars of "Pardon Us."

Last Day, Thursday:
1 'til 2—25c

Coming.....
"GUILTY HANDS"
Lionel Barrymore --- Kay Francis

Observer

"WANT ADS"

Get Quick Results

phone Main 600