

\$750,243 IS COUNTY LEVY FOR YEAR '32

Represents Reduction of \$124,204.37; Biggest in History.

VALUATIONS ALSO TAKE LARGE DROP

La Grande Tax Rate Drops From 62.4 Payable Last Year to 57.9 Payable in 1932.

The 1931 tax levy in Union county, collectible in 1932, amounts to \$750,243.10, according to announcement today by David Proctor, county assessor. This compared with total taxes of \$874,630.12 last year, a reduction in favor of 1932 of \$124,204.37. This is the biggest reduction in any single year in Union county history, it is believed.

However, to effect the reduction to some extent is an important reduction in the assessed valuation. In 1930 the figure was \$23,856,499 and last year it was set at \$22,683,641, a difference of \$1,174,808.

La Grande Tax Levy
La Grande's total tax levy payable this year amounts to 57.9 compared with 62.4 last year. The city tax is 23 mills, a gain of 8 of a mill, the school tax is 20.7 mills, a reduction of 5 of a mill, and the state and county taxes amount to 14.2 mills compared with 19 mills last year.

Valuation of the La Grande school district is placed at \$6,285,128 compared with \$6,217,834 last year, which accounts for the reduction in millage, the district not suffering from a lower assessed valuation. The valuation of the city gained from \$5,470,485 in 1930 to \$5,510,987 in 1931, a difference of \$40,502. The difference in assessed valuation of the school district totaled \$37,294.

Special taxes levied by towns of the county follow:

Valuation Rate	Tax
Union	\$520,880 33.3 \$17,345.38
Elgin	317,891 9.3 2,956.39
N. Powder	272,040 23.9 6,508.93
Cove	138,138 11.0 1,519.48
Imbler	111,757 7.6 849.35
Island City	128,599 4.7 604.42
Summerville	20,985 15.1 307.81

The special tax for last year follows (for purposes of comparison):

Valuation Rate	Tax
Union	\$512,878 33.5 \$171,841
Elgin	346,442 8.6 2,979.40
N. Powder	284,299 22.2 6,313.58
Cove	134,272 11.4 1,530.70

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TIGERS LEAVE FOR INVASION OF WALLOWA CO.

Eleven members of the Tiger basketball squad, accompanied by Coach Ira Woodie and the two managers, Howard Owsley and Charles Walnum, left about 1 o'clock last night for an invasion of the branchline territory.

Tonight the La Grande team was scheduled to play at Enterprise. Friday night will find the Tigers in Joseph and on Saturday they play at Wallowa. All three games are expected to be hard ones, particularly in view of the fact that some of the local players have been suffering from colds.

Before leaving Coach Woodie announced that a game has been scheduled with Elgin High here at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The Tigers making the trip follow: Forwards, Lyman, Stoddard, Backs, Fox, Workman, centers, Covey, Andrews, guards, Burnett, Torrence, Feuerhelm, Munsell.

Advance Orders For New Models Large

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—Large advance orders for new models were interpreted as the most favorable indication of a rapid return of buyer confidence by speakers at the Chevrolet retail dealer banquet featuring the automobile show last night.

More than 2000 retail dealers from all parts of the United States attended the banquet held at Hotel Commodore.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Rain in the west and snow in the east portion tonight and Friday.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—21 above.
Minimum: 19 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 31, minimum 19 above.
Condition: Cloudy, traces of snow, precipitation .02 of inch. Range—12 degrees.

WEATHER JAN 14, 1931
Maximum 43, minimum 28 above.
Condition: Windy, traces of snow. Range—15 degrees.

Two Marriages To One Divorce In Union County

Both, However, Show an Increase During the Last Half of 1931—More Children Affected.

Dan Cupid crooked his finger and marriage answered, keeping a firm uphand on divorce during the last six months of 1931. For every divorce more than two marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk in that period. Sixty-eight marriages and 29 divorces were shown on statistics issued by County Clerk Kenneth McCormick.

The number of marriages and the number of divorces both increased during the last six months over the number reported for the first half of the year. Sixty-eight marriages during the latter part of the year showed an increase of seven over the 61 reported for the period from Jan. 1 to June 31. Twenty-three divorces were granted during the first half and 29 during the last half of 1931.

More Children Affected
Twice as many children were affected by the divorce laws during the last half of the year, statistics reveal. Fourteen families with children were broken up by divorce, while in 15 of the matches there were no children. Eight families had one child each, two families had two children, three couples had three children, each, while one couple reported four children.

An interesting feature of the divorce records for the past six months show that desertion as a cause for divorce is more recurrent than formerly. Whereas in the past only one or two separations a year were granted for desertion, six divorces resulted between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1931.

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Enforcing Of The Prohi Law Given Blame By Judge

SALEM, Jan. 14 (AP)—Enforcement of the prohibition law was given as one of the reasons why counties are hard pressed at this time to take care of the unemployed, and such enforcement was declared to become "more disgusting every day," by County Judge U. G. Couch, of Union county. His statements were contained in a letter of unemployment conditions in the county written to J. M. Devers, attorney for the highway commission and in charge of unemployed activities in the state. In commenting upon prohibition, Judge Couch said he may be off the

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E. O. N. Rallies To Down Baker Quintet, 29 - 21

Although the Mountaineers started slowly and were trailing by two points at half-time, they found the basket with more regularity in the last two periods at Baker last night to defeat the Antlers 29 to 21 in the second pre-league season game.

Friday night at 8 o'clock the E. O. N. team will play the Pendleton Elks in La Grande, following a preliminary game starting at 7 o'clock between the faculty and the E. O. N. gym class quintet.

Saturday night the Mountaineers expect to meet some of the stiffest opposition of the season in the Peninsula Aca, of Portland, and their point-scoring star, Rakke. This game is to begin at 8:30, following a contest at 7:30 between the Cove High school and the E. O. N. quintet.

At Baker last night Medcalf led the

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A. R. Shumway To Speak at Luncheon

A. R. Shumway, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers association, and A. C. Adams, manager, will be in La Grande Tuesday when they will attend the monthly luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce, at 12:05 o'clock at the La Grande hotel. Mr. Shumway will be the principal speaker.

Burt Kall, local producer of small fruits and vegetables, will speak on the need of a market in La Grande. Appointment of committees for election and the annual banquet will be made also.

Auditing Company Reports To City

A reduction of \$41,000 has been made in the bonds of the city of La Grande during the year 1931, leaving a bonded indebtedness of \$771,791.87 on Jan. 1, 1931, according to the report of the monthly audit of the city books by the Conda J. Ham Co. of Portland, made at the weekly meeting of the city commission last night at 7:30 at the city hall.

The affairs of the city have been receiving careful and conscientious attention," the report stated.

During the past week A. McAllister, city manager, has spent considerable time inspecting dairies to see that they comply with the city ordinance and state law.

Mr. McAllister also reported that gravel is being hauled with men employed by the relief fund getting out from 50 to 60 loads a day. They are working on U avenue at present.

ATTEMPTS TO LINK MELLON WITH "FAVOR"

Name of Secretary Linked With Granting of Oil Concession.

PATMAN CHARGES INFLUENCE USED

Johnson, of California, Demands Documents Concerning Transaction in Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Secretary Lamont of the commerce department denied today in a letter to the senate finance committee that the department had received warnings from its representative in Lima against loans to that country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The state department today refused to furnish the senate finance committee with correspondence relating to the \$2,000,000 Harco oil concession.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The name of Secretary Mellon was linked today with testimony involving the granting of an oil concession by Colombia to an American concern immediately before a large loan had been made by American bankers to that country.

While the senate finance committee was seeking information from the state department which might tie the two transactions together, Representative Patman in his impeachment efforts was charging that Secretary Mellon had a hand in influencing the loan.

Testimony before the senate committee already has brought out that the state department sought to influence American bankers to make

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MUSICAL COMEDY CAST SELECTED

La Grande High to Present "Sonia, The Girl From Russia."

Among a riot of Russian dances, Bolshoi, in flowing beards and with black bombs, Sonia, the heroine of "Sonia, The Girl From Russia," a musical comedy in three acts, rescues her father from the clutches of the Russians. The cast for the musical comedy, which is being presented by the La Grande High school, was selected yesterday by W. W. Nass, director of music, and Miss Catherine Sartin, dramatic coach.

Sonia Markova, portrayed by Virginia Bramwell, attends an American college and is of noble Russian birth, but has never seen her father, who is imprisoned in Siberia. Pat Dunn, the popular hero and football player at college, played by Cecil Black, is in love with Sonia and accompanies her to Russia along with a group of her college chums. Then a revolution breaks out and the fun begins in their rollicking musical comedy, which is filled with action and excitement.

The date will be set later.

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MR. ROOSEVELT CALLS RUMOR CARRIER 'LIAR'

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 14 (AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York and potential Democratic presidential nominee, labeled as a "contemptible liar" the person circulating a report that he called his Democratic predecessor, Alfred E. Smith, a "rotten governor."

The remark is attributed to Roosevelt in a current issue of a weekly magazine by an anonymous author, who carried the remark as an unsubstantiated rumor.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 14 (AP)—A resolution proposing Harry Flood Byrd, governor of Virginia as the Democratic nominee for president of the United States was adopted in the Virginia senate today.

More Snow Falling Over Oregon; Strong Winds Sweep Some of State

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—Snow sifted down on the Mid-Columbia and Northwestern Oregon country today while rain and increasing temperatures were reported from the coast and in Southern Oregon.

Southeast storm warnings were ordered up by the weather bureau at all coast stations from Marshfield to Tatoosh for strong southerly winds and occasional gales this afternoon and tonight.

In the Columbia Gorge arway snow was falling from Portland to Hood River, at Pasco and in the Blue mountains.

It was snowing at Eugene and some snow fell at Salem last night. Transport planes in and out of Swan Island were keeping schedules.

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Hagenbarth Is Re-elected By U. S. Sheepmen

Idaho Man Begins 19th Term as President—Portland, Ore. Chosen As 1933 Meeting Place.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 14 (AP)—The sixty-seventh annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association came to a close last night with the re-election of Frank J. Hagenbarth, of Spencer, Ida., president for the 19th term and selection of Portland, Ore., as the 1933 meeting place.

A controversy between the sheepmen and A. B. Swift, vice president of Swift and Co., Chicago, over charges against packers, commission men and livestock yard operators and disagreement among western state delegates over recommendations for solution of the public land problem marked the closing session.

L. A. Ellenwood, California, and A. A. Johns, Arizona, were re-elected vice presidents and T. A. Kincaid, Ozone, Tex., was named vice president to succeed L. B. Palmer, Pataskala, Ohio.

The executive committee re-elected I. E. Marshall, of Salt Lake City, secretary-treasurer and selected the next meeting place.

Alignment Suspected
Charles Redd, of La Sal, Utah, chairman of the lamb marketing committee, before submitting his report to the convention, declared "the lamb markets have been noticeably free from competition," and he suspected there had been an alignment between the big packers and the commission men to keep prices down.

Swift denied any such alignment existed and said the low price of lamb was due to increasing production together with decreasing purchasing power, brought about by widespread unemployment.

The committee report was adopted without opposition and called for an investigation of lamb marketing, a voluntary reduction by commission firms in selling service charges and reductions in charges by stockyards.

Public Lands Report Made
The report on public lands, recommending in general the provisions of the Evans bill embodying the report of the Hoover commission on conservation and administration of the public domain was approved after several western states entered strong opposition.

The report recommended congress take some immediate action to the end that some form of control may

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HOUSE VOTES TO LOAN FARM OWNERS MONEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The house voted today that \$200,000,000 of the \$2,000,000,000 provided by the reconstruction finance corporation measure should be set aside for loans to farmers.

The report was put into the bill at the request of agricultural groups of both parties. The senate had voted \$50,000,000 for this purpose.

A vote on the measure will be taken tomorrow and President Hoover hopes to sign it early next week.

The house rejected an amendment to prevent Governor Meyer of the federal reserve board becoming a director of the proposed reconstruction corporation.

VOTE DUE TOMORROW
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The house agreed today to vote tomorrow on the \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation bill already approved by the senate.

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Costs You More To Thumb Than Strike!

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—On the basis of the records it will cost you \$2.50 to thumb your nose at a Portland cop, but you can "hang one on his chin" for nothing—if you apologize.

Last week a woman was fined \$2.50 for wagging her finger at a policeman while holding her thumb to the nose. Yesterday Ralph B. Moore received a continued sentence after he apologized to an officer whom he had struck on the chin. The altercation occurred when the policeman went to Moore's house to serve a warrant for overtime parking.

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MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AID IN MANHUNT

Search For Murderer of Two Women Centers in Washington, D. C.

MITCHELL AMONG THE MOST ACTIVE

Police Are Seeking Ex-Convict, George Crawford; Stolen Car Found Near Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The search for the murderer of Mrs. Agnes Boeing Isley, wealthy Middleburg, Virginia, sportsman, and her maid, Mrs. Mina Buckner, today centered in Washington.

A small automobile, apparently stolen after Mrs. Isley and her servant were beaten to death in Middleburg early yesterday morning, was found abandoned near a bridge to the capital.

Police, searching for George Crawford, negro, former employe of Mrs. Isley, arrested a negro soon afterwards but later said he was not the man sought.

Members of the socially prominent set of Middleburg aided police in an intensive search of the Virginia

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Mounted Police Held At Bay By Hermit Trapper

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 14 (AP)—Beyond the arctic circle, near the mouth of the broad Mackenzie, mounted police planned anew today attempts to capture a hermit trapper, accused of shooting a constable several years ago.

With one expedition to his lonely cabin up the old Yukon trail from Aklavik, N. W. T., thwarted when the trapper, Albert Johnson, greeted it with rifle fire, and held a posse of eight men off for 15 hours until they withdrew, another patrol was believed making the 80-mile trip today.

The first posse retired when their food supply became low, a report to mounted police headquarters here said. The second patrol was to work from a new base at the mouth of the Rat river, 20 miles below Johnson's cabin.

Sixty isolated cabin, set on a brush-covered promontory, Johnson, believed to be demented, defied the officers to arrest him and greeted them with a shower of bullets. Hastily-constructed bombs were thrown at the cabin, wrecking the door, and Johnson then moved into a tunnel beneath the floor and continued his fire.

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Arthur Fletcher Passes in Boise

Arthur Fletcher, one of three brothers who own the Fletcher Oil company, which has a branch in La Grande, died of apoplexy in Boise Tuesday evening, according to word received in La Grande by his sister, Mrs. B. W. Tiltonson. Mr. and Mrs. Tiltonson left yesterday for the Idaho city.

Mr. Fletcher, who was about 30 years old, was the youngest of the Fletcher brothers, whose oil holdings are estimated at several millions of dollars.

Sister and Frank Fletcher were in California looking after business interests at the time of their brother's death. Mr. Fletcher is said to have parked his automobile on a street in East Boise, apparently when he felt ill, and his body was discovered there about an hour later by one of the residents of the street, who had become curious about the car and its occupant.

Funeral services will be held at Boise tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. All Fletcher stations are to close at noon tomorrow.

Jay S. Moltzner Is Found Guilty

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—The jury in the case of Jay S. Moltzner, managing director of the Guardian Building and Loan association and the Mortgage Investment company, holding company for the Guardian, returned a verdict of guilty today after one hour of deliberation. Circuit Judge Walker announced sentence would be pronounced Friday at 2 p. m.

The crime is punishable by a sentence of not more than two years in the state penitentiary or not more than one year in the county jail, or by a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1000.

WAGE MEETING POSTPONED
CHICAGO, Jan. 14 (AP)—Deliberations of the railway brotherhoods and a committee of nine railroad presidents were deferred until tomorrow when Daniel Willard, chairman of the executives, announced that a question of the authority vested in some of the railway presidents had arisen.

DRY SUPPORT



When prohibition supporters rally at Washington January 15 to 19, F. Scott McElrhee (below), general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, will be one of the keynotes. Bishop W. N. Alsworth of Birmingham Ala., (above), is one of the leading speakers.



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Western Judge May Be Called To High Court

President Scanning Lists of Available Names For Successor to Oliver Wendell Holmes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Advisers of President Hoover are scanning the lists of available names for a successor to Oliver Wendell Holmes on the supreme court, and present speculation points to a choice from the southwest.

This section of the country now is unrepresented on the high tribunal. Neither President Hoover nor any of his aides have indicated any choice in this direction yet, but it is understood the subject has been discussed with Postmaster General Brown, intimate of the president.

Calling at the capitol yesterday he talked to senate Republican leaders including Watson, of Indiana, and Moses, of New Hampshire. They are understood to have recommended Senator Walsh, of Montana, in case the president should determine to pick a Democrat. Also they endorsed Senator Bratton, of New Mexico.

The two staked out among the Democratic possibilities, but the names of two circuit court judges, George T. McDermott, of Topeka, Kan., and Arba S. Van Valkenburgh,

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Kaiser's Sister, Queen Sophie, Is Dead in Germany

FRANKFORD-ON-MAIN, Germany, Jan. 14 (AP)—Former Queen Sophie of Greece, sister of former Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, who died here last night at the age of 61, will be buried at Florence, Italy, beside her husband, the late King Constantine.

The former queen, who was married to King Constantine in Athens in 1889, had been ill for a long time but on last Monday she suddenly grew worse.

Members of the Greek royal family who were at her bedside when she died included her children, former King George II, former Queen Helen of Rumania, Prince Paul and Princess Irene and Catherine.

After the death of King Constantine at Palermo in 1923 Queen Sophie took up her residence at Florence where she remained until last November when she came here to consult a specialist.

The former kaiser telegraphed his condolences today, adding that he had appointed his second son, Etzel Friedrich, to represent him at the funeral. The services will be held next Sunday at Friedrichshof castle, after which the body will be taken to Florence for burial.

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EX-SECRETARY OF NAVY HURT IN CAR WRECK

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 14 (AP)—Joseph Daniels, world war secretary of the navy, was in a hospital here today with a fractured wrist, a three-inch cut on the forehead and minor injuries received in an automobile accident yesterday.

Mr. Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer, was returning with Robert C. Altoun, Atlanta lawyer, from a celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Berry schools at Mount Berry, Ga., when their car was sideswiped by another and forced down an embankment into a tree.

Dr. Levy Childs, who examined Mr. Daniels, said his injuries were not serious. Dr. Childs said it would be necessary for Mr. Daniels to remain there several days.

Helen Joy Morgan Convicted by Jury

PLINT, Mich., Jan. 14 (AP)—Miss Helen Joy Morgan, 27-year-old heirless, today was convicted of second degree murder in the slaying last April 23 of Leslie Castello, her sweetheart garage mechanic.

Miss Morgan had insisted that Castello took a pistol to the trial, and that she wrested it from him when he threatened her.

Miss Morgan immediately was sentenced to serve from 20 to 25 years in prison. A circuit court jury of 12 retired farmers and business men returned the verdict after nearly five hours of deliberation.

Burns Are Fatal To Salem Woman

SALEM, Jan. 14 (AP)—Burns received when her dress caught fire while she was working over a cook stove early yesterday proved fatal to Mrs. Aggie Cave, 79, who died last night at a hospital here. Most of the woman's clothes were burned off before assistance arrived to extinguish the flames.

The woman lived alone here. She is survived by a daughter, Myrtle Cramer, Portland and a brother, Saul Cox, Independence.

Herbert Hoover III Goes Under Knife

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 14 (AP)—Although his condition showed a slight improvement, Herbert Hoover, 3rd, grandson of the president, was "not out of danger," according to a bulletin issued by physicians. The child underwent a sinus operation last Saturday.

REV. H. J. JOHNSON DIES
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—Rev. Henry J. Johnson, 52, president of the Columbia conference of the Augustana Lutheran synod, and editor of a national publication for Swedish ministers, died at his home here today. He had been pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church here since 1927, and was on the board of trustees of Emanuel hospital.

KILLED BY BOULDER
OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—Simeon Slapkauskas, 46, was crushed to death by a huge boulder while working on a tunnel on the Clackamas river near Estacada late yesterday. Word of the accident was received here today.

The boulder fell from an upper still in the tunnel. Slapkauskas was killed instantly.

HOOVER WILL MAKE BID FOR RENOMINATION

Postmaster General Brown Makes Announcement in Washington.

ANTI-HOOVERITE FORCES ARE BUSY

Decision Today Puts Mr. Hoover Into the Field Alone, Giving Him "Jump" on Others.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Postmaster General Brown announced today that President Hoover was a candidate for renomination on the republican ticket.

The postmaster general, who in political circles is considered the most likely successor to Senator Fess as chairman of the Republican national committee, said that local conditions would be met in each state as to methods of entering the president's name in the races for delegates.

"The only way President Hoover can be renominated," he said, "is to get delegates to the convention. There are about 20 or 30 different methods by which these delegates are selected and the president's friends will conform to these methods in the different states."

He said no decision had been reached as to whether Mr. Hoover's name would be entered in the North Dakota primary race on March 15.

"No decision will be reached in these matters until the time comes for action," he said. "When that time comes prompt action will be taken."

Anti-Hooverites Busy
Meanwhile the Anti-Hoover forces are busy. The Republican independents in the senate are still confident Hiram Johnson, of California, will get into the race.

Senators Nye and Franier, of North Dakota, have invited Johnson to run in the March 15 primary of that state.

One worry of the Anti-Hoover group is the fact that the delegates to be chosen by primaries are far short of a majority of the convention. It is estimated that only between 200 and 300 of the 1100 delegates are chosen in primaries.

Thus, if a candidate in opposition to the president should carry every primary he would still have to have

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