

La Grander Approve Of New Bank

Steady Stream Of Depositors; Strong Institution Greeted

First National Bank of La Grande Granted Charter From Washington, D. C., Over Long-Distance Telephone Today.

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N. K. West Elected President — Capital Stock \$125,000 With Surplus \$25,000 — Fifty-Four Stockholders Listed.

When the new First National Bank of La Grande opened its doors at 9 o'clock this morning, after being chartered by telephone from the comptroller of currency's offices in Washington, D. C., a small gathering of people was waiting for entrance — two out of every three of them prepared to make their usual Monday morning deposits. Many of the others were seeking first hand information.

All through the morning the steady stream of depositors continued to enter the bank, with more than 95 per cent of the callers thoroughly approving of the merger of the two former banks, and confident that the step gives La Grande the strongest depository in its history. As a matter of fact, a wave of optimism was manifest in the crowds doing business in the bank — most of the business people cheered at the strengthening of the financial structure of the city through the opening of the new institution.

Over-subscribed Last Night
Officers of the First National announced this morning that the bank stock was over-subscribed by 11 o'clock last night.

The chartering of the bank by telephone was done in order that there would be no delay in opening the doors promptly at 9 o'clock this morning. A long distance call was put in to the nation's capital and the chartering business was quickly attended to, being completed about 6 o'clock this morning — about the time the first Observer extras announcing the merger appeared on the streets of La Grande.

The First National represents a merger of the La Grande National and the United States National banks of this city, giving the community an institution of exceptional strength.

The capital stock of the new bank is listed at \$125,000 with a surplus of \$25,000, and all capital stock is in cash, with the best of the assets of the two former banks combined in the new institution. The assets of the new bank have been very carefully inspected by M. G. Wilde, national bank examiner with headquarters at Portland, and C. C. Linden, national bank examiner with headquarters in Spokane.

The new bank brings to La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley an institution of exceptional financial stability with a large representation of prominent community men and women as stockholders. The stockholders held a meeting this morning at which time the following were elected to the board of directors of the First National Bank of La Grande: N. K. West, Herman Stegrist, F. L. Meyers, William Stegrist, W. C. Perkins, Fred E. Kiddle, Robert S. Eakin, Dr. Lee B. Bouvy and Clyde Bunting.

These directors elected N. K. West as president of the institution, Herman Stegrist as vice president, F. L. Meyers as cashier and H. A. Zurbrick as assistant cashier.

The list of 54 stockholders, representative as it is of the La Grande community, shows the faith and confidence dis-

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TALBOTT HURT SATURDAY BY HIT - RUN CAR

Herabel Talbott, of La Grande, reported to the police Saturday night that some one driving a light coupe collided with him on Fourth street near the high school about 7:30 p. m., the crash injuring his head and shoulder. The driver failed to stop. Police and state men have been unable to find the identity of the hit-and-run driver responsible.

A minor accident occurred Saturday at Oak and Adams about 3 p. m. when cars driven by Frank Chenoweth and W. L. Hoyt collided. No one was reported as injured.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably rain in the west; moderate temperatures; increasing southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—34 above.
Minimum: 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 46, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range—13 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 7, 1931
Maximum 49, minimum 22 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—27 degrees.

Elmer Bingham Dies At Hot Lake Today

By Mrs. L. Z. Terral (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore., Mar. 7 (Special) — Elmer Bingham, who became ill suddenly last night at his home here about 10 o'clock, was rushed to Hot Lake and underwent an emergency operation, but it was too late to prevent death. Mr. Bingham died at 5 o'clock this morning of peritonitis. Funeral services probably will be held Wednesday afternoon at the L. D. S. church.

Mud Slides Delay Trains on Sunday

After being held up for 12 hours by mud slides on the railroad tracks, trains were going through the Blue Mountains between Gibbon and Duncan yesterday afternoon shortly after 12 o'clock. Heavy rains in the mountains caused the slides.

PEANUTS AND POP BANNED

COLUMBUS, O. (AP) — Spectators at football games in Ohio State university stadium will have to enjoy the sport without the aid of pop and peanuts. Pop was banned because of the danger of broken glass and peanut hulls clogged the drains.

Bulldogs Take Cage Title For The Third Year

La Grande Beaten 26 to 13 in Finals at Union Saturday — Close Games in Afternoon.

Baker high school's Bulldogs won the district basketball championship for the third consecutive year Saturday night at Union when they defeated La Grande 26 to 13 in the final contest.

La Grande, although it put up a courageous fight, was unable to match the sharp-shooting offensive displayed by the team from Baker, led by the tall center, York, who accounted for 12 points of his quintet's total.

The Tigers were defeated by Baker 21 to 20 Friday night in the first meeting of the two teams at Union, but after the gruelling games Saturday afternoon, the Tigers did not seem as strong as the southerners.

In an extra game played Saturday night, North Powder and Union attempted to decide third place in the tournament, but the score wound

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DRUNKEN BRAWL COSTS HIS LIFE

Milton Hopkins, 35, Fatally Shot in Baker Early Sunday Morning.

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—Milton Hopkins, 35, Baker, was shot in what police termed a drunken brawl at the home of Ward Holden, Baker, early Sunday. Holden, to whom police attributed the shooting, was in a hospital here with a scalp wound he inflicted when he turned his gun on himself. His condition was reported not critical.

Police said they were told the men quarreled at a party at Ray Conklin's home here, and Holden left with Mrs. Hopkins followed by Hopkins

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TRAPSHOOTERS WIN TWO, LOSE ONE SUNDAY

La Grande Gun club shooters won two matches, lost one and have no report from the fourth in the opening day of the Oregonian telegraphic trapshoot yesterday at Lone Tree. The local shooters scored a 72 which was higher than Corvallis' 71 and Burns' 71. Douglas county shot a 75 and no report was printed today from Needy, the fourth opponent.

The three men whose scores figured in the Oregonian shot follow: A. McAllister, 24; C. Anderson, 24; Jim Garity, 24.

Nate Zweifel won the first leg of the trophy, shooting a 24 from the 21-yard line.

Scores follow:
A. McAllister 24 16
C. Anderson 24
J. Garity 24
C. Mackey 24 20
Dr. Ennes 20
R. Forrester 20 17
J. Garity 20
L. Gower 21 22
T. Hollister 22 16
E. B. Head 19
F. Lanning 22 18
J. Stalcup 21 19
C. Woods 19 16
N. Zweifel 20 24

Soloists Featured in Midland Choir To Give Concert Here on March 14

Rollin W. Butts, tenor; Mary Martin, alto, and Melba Ostby and Charlotte Byars, sopranos, are the featured soloists who will appear with the Midland College A Cappella choir of

Nebraska's best known amateur singers. She won first place among the women singers entered in the 1929 Atwater Kent contest for Northeast Nebraska and placed fourth among the 20 singers in the state contest. In 1931 she again won the Northeast Nebraska contest and was third in the state event. She has also had wide experience in radio singing.

Miss Ostby, Miss Byars and Miss Martin compose the Midland trio which presents a program from station WOW, Omaha, on the first Wednesday of each month.

BRIAND, MAN OF LOCARNO, DEAD TODAY

Veteran French Statesman and "Apostle of Peace" Passes in Paris

ACTIVE CAREER COMES TO CLOSE

Retired to Country Place at Cocherel Early This Year Because of Heart Disease.

PARIS, March 7 (AP) — Aristide Briand, veteran French statesman and "Apostle of Peace," died at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. He was 69 years old.

It was the end of one of the most active careers in modern French political history.

The bent, shaggy-haired old statesman had occupied the post of foreign minister in one cabinet after another for so long that he has made the office almost his own.

It was in that capacity that he participated in the Briand-Kellogg pact outlawing war as an instrument of national policy.

"Man of Locarno" It was from that office that he played so important a part in the making of the Locarno pact that he

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Woman Teacher Beaten By Two Japanese, Report

SHANGHAI, March 7 (AP) — Edwin S. Cunningham, United States consul general, was still awaiting a reply today from Japanese authorities to whom he protested against the beating of Miss Rose Marlowe, American mission teacher, by two Japanese in civilian clothes Friday.

Miss Marlowe was pummeled by the Japanese when she entered the compound of the school where she had taught to inspect the damage caused by the hostilities.

H. D. Robinson, United States trade commissioner, whose home is in Salt Lake City, said today the incident Saturday in which he was beaten by armed Japanese civilians was "trivial." He said he reported

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Unemployed Fight Dearborn Police

DETROIT, March 7 (AP)—Three persons were reported dead and more than score injured today when police clashed with 3000 unemployed marchers who attempted to enter the employment offices of the Ford Motor company at River Rouge.

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Offensive Aimed To End Hoarding Launched Today

President Hoover Opens Drive With Address — Urges All Citizens to Aid in Recovery.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP) — The great, war-like offensive against hoarding swung into action today, signalled by President Hoover himself in a stirring appeal for a demonstration of the people's faith in their country.

At the "zero hour" late last night, the chief executive faced a battery of microphones in the White House cabinet room to tell his nation-wide radio audience that it was time for every citizen to step out against the harmful economic forces that have hampered recovery, with releasing hoarded money the big objective.

Supporting him were Colonel Frank Knox, the director of the anti-hoarding citizens organization, who introduced the president from a microphone at his Chicago headquarters; Secretary Mills of the treasury; Senator Joseph T. Robinson, leader of the Democrats; and Charles G. Dawes, head of the reconstruction corporation, who spoke from a Washington

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ALFALFA BILL TO GIVE TALKS IN THIS STATE

BURNS, Ore., March 7 (AP)—Alfalfa Bill Murray, of Oklahoma, is to make a personal appearance in Oregon. This assurance has been received from the Oklahoma governor by Clyde B. Cornell, of Burns, who recently filed Murray's declaration of candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in Oregon, and who says he represents Murray in this state.

The governor will come to Oregon, Cornell said, for an intensive three-day campaign prior to the May primaries. He said Murray will deliver three speeches daily on each of his three days in Oregon.

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Benton County Legislator Dies

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 7 (AP)—Burtus W. Johnson, state senator from Benton county, died at his home in Monroe Sunday from a heart attack. He was 68 years old, and was born in Coudersport, Penn., coming to Benton county with his parents in 1879. His father was an attorney here for many years.

Johnson operated the Gaco orchards near Monroe, said to be the largest apple orchard in the state. He was at one time editor of the Gazette in Corvallis. He served one term in the legislature and was serving the last half of his four-year term in the senate. The funeral will be held here Tuesday.

Wallowa Lambs Are First On Market

PORTLAND, Mar. 7 (AP)—Two spring lambs, the first of the season, appeared at the North Portland yards today, and started the year's price at the lowest mark in many years. The first pair sold at \$10 each. The high price in the past ten years was in 1929 when the first arrivals on March 25 brought \$18.

Last year's first lambs, arriving Mar. 23, brought \$11. In 1930, on Mar. 4 the price was \$13.

The initial supply was shipped by A. E. Davis and sent to Portland by the Wallowa county marketing association from Enterprise. They were received here and sold to a Clark county, Washington market.

TAX BILL IS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

Measure, Designed to Raise Over One Billion, Features New Levies.

HOUSE LIKELY TO GIVE IT APPROVAL

Fate of Measure in the Senate Uncertain; None of the New Taxes Are Retroactive.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP) — The hunky new revenue bill, designed to bring \$1,096,000,000 into the depleted treasury in the fiscal year beginning June 30, was introduced today in the house.

Framed by the ways and means committee, it embarks the government on a new course of levies through its broad manufactures sales tax of 2 1/2 per cent from which \$555,000,000 is expected to be returned.

Consideration is slated to begin late in the week, with passage expected next week.

Efforts to amend the bill are to be made in the house.

SOUSA'S BODY IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Famous Bandmaster and March Composer Stricken in Reading Sunday

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) — A snow-bushed capital sheltered today the body of John Philip Sousa, the great, march king, whose career as a bandmaster over 40 years led him to the pinnacle of international acclaim.

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Local "Kitchen Chautauqua" To Begin Tomorrow

Miss Hester Heath Arrives in La Grande to Conduct Observer's Cooking School.

Tomorrow will be "Women's Day" for La Grande. It marks the opening of the long-awaited FREE cooking school in the Sacajawea ballroom—2 to 4 p. m. Housewives of La Grande and surrounding territory have awaited the opening program of the "Kitchen Chautauqua"—for that is what this

year's cooking school theme is to be—for weeks, ever since the dates and place were first announced in this newspaper.

The "Kitchen Chautauqua" will be under the direction of Miss Hester Heath, home management expert, who talks annually with thousands of housewives in scores of cities throughout the West.

Miss Heath brings to La Grande

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Icy Winter Hits Northern Part Of The Nation

CHICAGO, March 7 (AP) — Winter, which is supposed to be tottering toward its seasonable grave, has come back with an icy punch that sent remnants of many sections scurrying to cover.

Midwestern states which have been boasting of spring flowers, butterflies, and found themselves in the grip of near or below zero temperatures which threatened their fruit. Snow, whipped by high winds, covered the highways in some parts and there was no immediate relief in sight.

Texas Has Snow

Sweeping down from the north, the cold wave covered the northern section of the nation, and in some parts extended below the Mason and Dixon line. The Texas Panhandle began feeling the effects of the disturbance last night, with snow flurries and temperatures that were dropping rapidly.

The Rocky Mountain region reported temperatures as low as 12 below zero, while from the east also came reports of chilly winds and snowstorms. Traffic was tied up and communication hindered in parts of Pennsylvania and Western Virginia.

Washington, D. C., was swept by high winds and snow.

North Dakota Chilly

Up in Williston, N. D., the mercury got down to 18 below. Even as far south as Louisville, Ky., there was below freezing temperatures, with the Kentucky metropolis reporting the first snow of the season.

Chicago's two-year-old record of no-zero weather was being threatened.

WEATHER MODERATING

In La Grande and Eastern Oregon the weather moderated over the weekend after a touch of winter last week. The maximum yesterday was 40 above and the minimum 33. This morning the minimum was 34 above.

No new rain fell over the weekend in La Grande, although the rainfall and snow the last of the week was quite heavy.

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RANSOM NOTE DENIED TODAY BY OFFICERS

Statement Contradicts Earlier Information in Lindbergh Baby Case.

NO DEVELOPMENTS POLICEMEN STATE

Questioning of Johnson, Not Completed — Recovery of Baby Uppermost Thought.

HOPEWELL, N. J., Mar. 7 (AP) — Gov. A. Harry Moore announced today that he would withdraw all police from the Lindbergh estate, to leave the road open for return of the Lindbergh baby by the kidnapers. If Col. Lindbergh should request such action, but Col. Lindbergh refused to say whether he was considering such a plan.

Governor Moore made his statement at his office in Trenton.

He was asked whether there was any basis for the police belief that the baby was alive, expressed at Hopewell today by Police Capt. J. J. Lamb.

"We have no tangible evidence that the child is alive," he replied. "We are watching the case every minute, and there are no new developments. We are cooperating with the Lindberghs all the time."

"My idea is to put every resource of the state and nation in the case. The forces of the secret service are working throughout the country."

SOLD MILK TO COUPLE

NORFOLK, Conn., Mar. 7 (AP) — Jimmy Heston, owner of a restaurant on the Boston post road between Stamford and Norfolk, reported to Norfolk police today he had sold a bottle of milk at 11:30 p. m. Tuesday to a man accompanied by a woman and baby.

Heston told police the man, who was riding in a green (Chrysler) coupe, answered newspaper descriptions of Henry (Red) Johnson of Englewood, N. J., detained in Newark, N. J., for questioning in the kid-

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REVOLT ENDS WITH FAILURE IN FINLAND

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Mar. 7 (AP) — Finland's fascist revolt was ended today, the government said, and all of the leaders were under arrest.

The leaders, including General Marti Malmberg, were brought here by General Malmberg, commander of the civil guard, and handed over to Helsingfors police. They had held out at Mantasala, a town 25 miles from the capital, since the beginning of the revolt a week ago.

They had threatened to march on the capital from there, and to occupy Helsingfors unless Marxists and communists were forever barred from occupying posts in the government.

Political Fights Occur In Berlin

BERLIN, Mar. 7 (AP)—One person was killed and eleven wounded in political fights that kept police on the jump in all parts of Berlin in the last weekend before election day.

One member of Adolf Hitler's national socialist party was shot dead and four seriously wounded in one fray. Six Republican reichsbanner men were hurt in conflicts after the largest single demonstration of the campaign in which 50,000 republicans, representing the anti-fascist "iron-front," thronged the Lustgarten while half a dozen airplanes with President Von Hindenburg's name painted on their wings, roared overhead.

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 7 (AP) — Wheat prices underwent a decided setback late today after announcement the United States visible supply showed 4,977,000 bushels increase for the week.

On a preceding bulge, September delivery of wheat equalled the season's top quotations. Apprehension of crop damage by the cold wave was largely responsible, together with sterling at a new high for the year.

Wheat closed yesterday 1/8 @ 1/2 lower than Saturday's finish. Corn 1/4 @ 1/2 down, oats 1/4 @ 1/2 off and provisions varying from 2 cents decline to an equal gain.

PORTLAND, Mar. 7 (AP) — A huge increase in the American visible supply, caused weakness and price loss in the domestic wheat trade after a bullish opening. On the Portland futures market, May closed with a loss of 1/4 as did September but July was unchanged. There was no trading.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat let 1/4 bu.