

COMMISSION ASKS BIDS ON WALLULA ROAD

Will Connect Old Oregon Trail With Walla Walla Country

15 DELEGATIONS AT MEET TODAY

Bids Opened on Several Projects—Receive Offers on Bond Issue This Afternoon

PORTLAND, Mar. 16 (AP)—A survey program for 1932, in addition to surveys now in progress, covering 117 miles at a cost of \$175,000, was ordered by the state highway commission today just prior to the opening of bids for approximately \$250,000 work on highways and bridges in Oregon.

The new surveys were in addition to the high-line route to complete the Wallula-Walla cut-off, for which bids will be called early in May. The commission announced that bids will be called for completion of the Wallula cut-off highway, connecting the Old Oregon Trail with the Walla Walla country, at the first meeting of the commission in May.

A survey of a high-line route 325 feet above sea level was ordered. This route would run the road above the water line of any of the dams which are proposed for the Columbia river. The part to be completed is an eight-mile stretch from Sand station to the Washington state line. Its estimated cost is \$245,000, which is about \$50,000 more than if the road had been constructed on the original low-line survey.

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SARVIS GOES NORTH; MADILL NEW MANAGER

Mr. and Mrs. Max R. Sarvis and their small daughter left La Grande yesterday afternoon for Boise. He will spend a few days there before going on to Winnie, Minn., where he will make his home. Mrs. Sarvis and their daughter will remain at Boise until the school year is ended. Mr. Sarvis has been district manager of the MacMarr stores in La Grande for the last few years and also took a prominent part in local activities. He was president of the Lions club.

B. C. Madill, formerly of San Diego, Cal., where he was with the Western States grocery, has come to La Grande to take Mr. Sarvis' place here. Mr. Madill will be joined by his wife and son after the first of June.

Berry Discusses Market Problems

At the regular meeting of the Rotary club today Claude Berry spoke on the problems and possibilities of a public farmers' market in La Grande, emphasizing the fact that the success of the plan depends entirely upon the degree to which the producers and consumers are willing to co-operate.

Mr. Berry pointed out several of the problems which must be solved, such as orderly and attractive display of the produce, and education of consumers to the use of local products when they are in season. He asserted that the soil of the Grande Ronde valley raises vegetables and small fruits much superior in flavor and quality to those of any other locality, and that our people would much prefer local produce if a convenient market could be established.

Rev. Paul Mortimore, chairman of the program, agreed with Mr. Berry's statements and added further evidence of the need of a public market here, and the benefits to be derived from it. A first class entertainment feature of the program this noon was the singing of little Bennie Lyon, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lyon, of 605 M avenue. This young lad sang three songs, without accompaniment, and delighted the Rotarians with his capable and enthusiastic performance.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Probably occasional rains tonight and Thursday, clearing in the east portion Thursday; moderate temperature; moderate southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—36 above.
Minimum: 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 53, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, rain 56 of inch. Range—20 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 16, 1931
Maximum 57, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—23 degrees.

Annual Spring Opening To Be Tuesday, Mar. 22

Wearing Apparel And Home Furnishings to Be Displayed—Band Will Play Concert

Merchants of La Grande announced today that the annual Spring Opening would be held next Tuesday night, Mar. 22, from 7:30 to 9 p. m. Elaborate plans are being made this week for display of the new spring fashions in both men's and women's wearing apparel and home furnishings as well as in other lines that will be represented in the attractively dressed show windows which will be revealed the evening of the Spring Opening.

Reports coming to the Observer indicate that the new styles not only are very attractive this season but from a price standpoint, represent unusual values.

It is customary each spring and autumn for the La Grande merchants to hold a style show, officially opening the season, and invariably the event attracts thousands of people from this city and nearby points to the business section for a glimpse of the latest creations.

Band Will Play Announcement also was made today that the La Grande band, directed by Andrew Loney Jr., has consented to furnish music for the event. The band will play a concert in the business section, with further details to be made available later.

In order to provide the pedestrians with an opportunity to view the windows and displays without traffic interruptions, the city manager has consented to close Adams avenue from Chestnut street to Greenwood street during the Spring Opening, and all motor traffic will be routed through the business section on Jefferson and Washington avenues.

National Guard Company Praised By Major Byrom

Major James E. Byrom, who has had a colorful career in the United States army during the past 23 years, declared this morning that Company E, 19th Infantry, Oregon national guard, stationed at La Grande, is far above the average maintained by companies throughout the state. The company has shown a steady improvement during the past four years since Major Byrom has been coming here as a representative of headquarters. Yesterday he completed a two-day preliminary inspection of Company E.

The officer graduated from the United States military academy at West Point, from the infantry school at Fort Benning, and from the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, and since that time he has been stationed in Alaska, Mexico, France and many places in the United States.

The improvement in the company due to the higher type of personnel which brings about more conscientious training, and also to the work of the officers. With the enlistment of a higher type of young men during the last year the attendance the past winter is the highest that Company E has ever had.

Major Byrom congratulated Company E.

Services During Holy Week Will Begin Monday

Beginning with a union service Monday evening in the Central Church of Christ and closing with a Friday evening service at the First Baptist church, Wednesday evening Rev. A. J. Starnier in the Presbyterian church; Thursday evening (two meetings), Rev. W. H. Herzog in the Methodist Church South and Rev. Paul Mortimore in the Lutheran church; Friday evening, Rev. J. George Walz, First Methodist church.

Ministers of La Grande regard Holy week as one that should be conscientiously observed by all Christians and are urging that all attend the services. "All amusements should be at least curtailed as much as possible and unnecessary tasks set aside, so as to give time for meditation," a member of the association stated today.

Transfer Killiam To Pocatello, Ida.

J. D. Killiam, who since January has been foreman at the shops at the Union Pacific railway yards here, was transferred to Pocatello, Ida., yesterday and left last night for his new headquarters. No successor has been named yet for Mr. Killiam.

Adler Music Store To Be Closed Out

The Adler Music company store in La Grande is to be closed out, according to announcement by Sanford Adler, of Baker. The store has been in operation here since August, 1928.

PUBLIC MART SITE SOUGHT IN LA GRANDE

Temporary Committee Appoints F. W. King to Make Investigation

MEETING HELD AT AGENT'S OFFICE

Fred Huffman and Roy Gekele to Inquire Into Rules Covering Inspection Matters

A temporary committee, working toward the establishment of a public market in La Grande, met last night at 7:30 at the office of H. G. Avery, county agricultural agent, in the federal building. The question of a site for a public market has been discussed extensively during past meetings of the committee.

F. W. King, of May Park, was appointed last night to look further into various vacant sites which would be suitable for a public market. Fred Huffman and Roy Gekele were appointed to investigate the rules covering inspection where produce is offered for sale. They will probably report their findings at the next meeting on Mar. 21.

Present at last night's meeting were Roy Gekele, F. W. King, John Harris, of Union, Fred Huffman, H. W. Taylor, Claude Berry, Lowell Williamson and H. A. Fager, Ladd Canyon.

PEACE TALKS ARE STILL UNDER WAY

Japanese Negotiators Not to Ask Aid of Investigation Commission

SHANGHAI, March 16 (AP)—Japanese negotiators seeking to arrange a Sino-Japanese peace conference here said today they did not plan to ask for assistance from the League of Nations investigating commission, which is now at Shanghai.

The Japanese officials said they were in constant contact with the Chinese and they hoped a preliminary conference would be held soon. In the preliminary discussions the conditions of peace have included:

1. That the Chinese maintain their present military positions about 12 1/2 miles outside Shanghai.
2. That the Japanese withdraw their troops to the international settlement and to Hongkew on the settlement border.
3. That the Chinese shall police the evacuated area under foreign supervision.

TAX DEBATE IS NEAR END IN LOWER HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)—The house glimpsed the end of the swirling debate that has swirled over the sales and oil imports tax proposals today and fixed tomorrow night for its completion.

The Democratic leadership has decided to submit to the house the Hare bill providing for Philippine independence. The measure probably will be brought before the house next month.

The Fish resolution proposing agreement at the Geneva armament conference to further the Kellogg-Briand peace pact by renouncing export of arms to foreign nations was approved today by the house foreign affairs committee 2 to 1.

MEDFORD WINS TODAY

SALEM, March 16 (AP)—Medford High school took the first game of the basketball tournament here today by defeating University High of Eugene by 30 to 26.

Unemployment Situation Reported As Critical in Pennsylvania Area

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—Senator Bingham (R., Conn.) brought a bundle of telegrams from governors of most of the states into the senate today to bolster an attack upon the \$132,500,000 Democratic highway construction bill.

ROOSEVELT'S LEAD 2 TO 1 OVER MURRAY

Incomplete Returns From North Dakota Primary Are Tabulated

RURAL CENTERS REPORT SLOWLY

In Republican Primary, Former Senator France Is Leading Gen. Jacob S. Coxe

FARGO, N. D., Mar. 16 (AP)—Returns from 508 and 2235 North Dakota precincts give for Democratic presidential preference Roosevelt 14,893; Murray 7142.

Returns from 741 precincts give for Republican presidential preference: France 9028, Coxe 3701.

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EXTRA CHARGE RULED OUT IN PULLMAN CASE

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today ruled that the Pullman company cannot make an extra charge when two persons occupy the same berth.

The Pullman company last October proposed to add 20 per cent to the charge if a second passenger, 12 years old or over, occupied a berth.

The Arizona corporation commission, the Travelers Protective Association of America, the Paramount Public corporation and Fanchon and Marco, Inc., protested.

The commission held that such an increase would result, among other things, in an increase in rates accruing to the carriers because of the collection by the railroads of a surcharge of one half the Pullman fare. It rules that the Pullman fare and the surcharge question should be considered separately.

The commission directed that an order be entered cancelling the proposed tariffs and discontinuing the proceeding.

Opening of Bids On Home Postponed

PORTLAND, Mar. 16 (AP)—Word has been received here from the veterans' bureau in Washington, D. C., that the opening of bids for the construction of the national soldiers' home at Roseburg has been postponed from March 22 to April 1.

Aimee Submits to Blood Transfusion

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 16 (AP)—A blood transfusion was reported today on Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, Hutton, evangelist, by her physician, Dr. C. Mackenzie Jones who issued a statement from the Montezuma hospital in Glendale that Mrs. Hutton's condition was "fair."

Mrs. Hutton, he said, never recovered fully from a nervous breakdown more than one year ago. He said she would remain in the hospital a few days.

Blood for the transfusion was taken from Lester J. Hays, an assistant Y. M. C. A. secretary.

50 Towns Flooded In North Caucasus

KRASNOGAR, Russia, Mar. 16 (AP)—Sixty regions in the North Caucasus, including 50 villages and half the autonomous republic of Adyge, were flooded by the Kuban river today, following a recent unprecedented heavy snowfall in the mountains.

LINDBERGH'S MOTHER



The trail of the kidnapers of the infant son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh led officers to the home of Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, above, mother of the famous aviator, when she was reported to have received a call from gangsters regarding the baby. She did not, however, make any statements for the newspapers.

Protests Cause Lifting Of Ban On U. S. Apples

PARIS, March 16 (AP)—France's recent ban on American apples and other fruits was lifted today, following protests of American shippers.

The government substituted for the ban a set of conditions intended to guard against the San Jose scale. Special provision also was made by the ministry of agriculture to provide for fruit in French ports and in transit when the embargo decree was promulgated March 8.

All this fruit, except apples and pears, will be admitted without special inspection or certificate. Apples and pears from Washington, Oregon and California will be admitted without formality if they are canned and wrapped. Apples and pears from Virginia, West Virginia, New York or New Jersey must be inspected, as well as all apples and pears not cased or wrapped.

Certificate Required Fruit shipped since March 8 must be accompanied by a certificate from competent authorities of the country of origin guaranteeing that the fruit is free of scale.

Gleason To Run Against Dana In Race For Senate

PORTLAND, Mar. 16 (AP)—Walter B. Gleason, Portland attorney and chairman of the Multnomah county Democratic central committee, will seek the Democratic nomination for United States senator on a platform which will urge repeal of the 18th amendment and the Volstead act.

"National prohibition," he said, "has bred a corruption in the United States unparalleled in the history of the country."

Dragsaw Inventor Dies in Portland

PORTLAND, Mar. 26 (AP)—Elbert A. Vaughan, 54, widely known throughout the Northwest as inventor of logging equipment, will be buried here Thursday. He died at his home here Monday night. Heart disease caused his death.

Vaughan was the inventor of the dragsaw, a machine which revolutionized the logging business throughout the country. A small chain tread farm tractor, now widely used on the Pacific coast, in South America and in the Orient, was another of his inventions.

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Sharp Dispute In Senate Group On World Court

Stimson Called by Committee to Interpret the Revised Protocol for American Adherence

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)—Enslaved in a sharp dispute over the interpretation of the revised protocol for American adherence to the world court, the senate foreign relations committee today called Secretary Stimson to give his views.

The secretary of state will be heard next week. New complications confront the path of the court protocol. Senators Pittman, of Nevada, and Lewis, of Illinois, Democrats, offered resolutions today.

The committee controversy is over whether the revised protocol protects the senate's reservations adopted in 1926, barring the court from rendering advisory opinions affecting the United States without the consent of this government.

Senator Pittman, a friend of the court, proposed in his resolution that the present ascertain from the other powers whether the revised protocol affects that reservation before American adherence would become effective.

Senator Lewis, a foe of the court, proposed that all consideration of the court be deferred until the conclusion of the present Geneva arms conference.

Lewis called attention that Senator Swanson, Democrat, Virginia, a member of the foreign relations committee, is participating in the Geneva parley.

"It is necessary," his resolution said, "to know the spirit of the representatives of such governments before the United States give any form of contract or obligation with the representatives of the foreign countries who are proposed as inter-mem-

4 BANK ROBBERS SENTENCED TODAY

Bandits, Who Robbed the Clinton Bank of \$106,000 Yesterday, Plead Guilty

CLINTON, Ia., Mar. 16 (AP)—Pleading guilty to robbing the City National bank yesterday of \$106,000, four men were sentenced today to life imprisonment at Anamosa. They will be taken to prison today.

They were Clifford Edwards, 22, of Clinton, and Earl Jeffrey, 13, Lester Stanley, 29, and Guy Edwards Morris, 19, all of Louisville, Ky.

Less than six hours after the bandits escaped from the City National bank after binding 38 employees and customers, they were under arrest. The men were captured without a fight in various places after they had abandoned the loot and separated.

Most of the money was found in a brick pile on a farm near Camanche, along with the guns and clothing discarded by the robbers. A large sum also was found on the four suspects.

178 Sick After Eating Bad Meat

TACOMA, Mar. 16 (AP)—Poison meat dealt heavily with the Eagles lodge members of Southwest Washington this morning when 178 of them were reported ill as result of lunch eaten at the district meeting in Olympia last night. Authorities report 80 stricken, Olympia 90, Montesano 14, Tenino 10 and Centralia 16. None of the lodges seems to be seriously ill and all are expected by attending physicians to recover.

Russians Deny Any Recognition Move

MOSCOW, Mar. 16 (AP)—Reports from Tokyo that the soviet government was about to extend recognition to the new government of Manchuria were authoritatively denied today and it was asserted that this government's Manchurian policy has not been formulated.

The complications which surround the situation in Manchuria make it likely that formal steps toward recognition will be taken slowly.

MORE CLUES CHECKED IN KIDNAP CASE

Suitcase Containing the Baby's Clothing Found Near Malone, N. Y.

CRANDALL GIVEN FREEDOM TODAY

Authorities Delve Into History of Kidnaping Today in Quest of Any New Possibilities

HARGRAVES HELD GUILTY WARREN, Ohio, Mar. 16 (AP)—Common Pleas Judge Lynn B. Griffith today convicted Dowell Hargraves, 31, of the kidnaping of 11-year-old James De Jute, son of a wealthy Niles contractor.

Hargraves, the judge said, was guilty of the indictment charging him with intent to extort. The maximum penalty is a life imprisonment.

GIVEN 50-YEAR TERM NEW YORK, Mar. 16 (AP)—Samuel Lesser was sentenced to 50 years in prison for kidnaping Sidney Mann, a meat market owner, last October.

Leon Golden, one of two men convicted with Lesser, had been previously sentenced to life as a fourth offender. Max Lipsey, third defendant, was given 20 years.

TOM MANNIX SUCCUMBS TO APPENDICITIS

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16 (AP)—Death last night ended the career of one of Portland's most prominent attorneys, Thomas Mannix, 82.

Taken suddenly ill with appendicitis last Friday, Mannix' condition did not improve after emergency operation. Sunday physicians resorted to blood transfusion, his daughter, Marie, giving the blood, but Mannix showed only brief improvement.

Mannix was a native of Ireland, but came to the United States as a boy. He graduated from Boston university and practiced his profession in Massachusetts and Montana before he came to Portland. He practiced law here 20 years.

In May, 1930, the Oregon supreme court disbarred Mannix and the late George W. Joseph, his opponent in a long and bitter legal fight. Joseph died soon afterward and the supreme court reinstated him, posthumously. Last September 22 Mannix also was reinstated for a probationary period of three years.

His widow and two daughters, Marie and Frances, live here. His mother and three sisters live at Oco-hasset, Mass.

Grand Jury Takes Silvertown Murder

SALEM, Mar. 16 (AP)—Grand jury, investigation of the murder of James Iverson, Silvertown night watchman, shot to death last May 2, was started here yesterday by the Marion county jury.

Robert Ripley and Frank Manning recently confessed to the officers that they were involved in the crime. Ripley is now serving a 10 year term in the Washington state reformatory at Monroe, while Manning is in the Marion county jail.

Officers are now searching for a third man known as Dupres Fox. He was thought to be in Texas, where his sister resides. Manning was arrested in Portland recently after a trip to the Orient.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 16 (AP)—With livestock wheat quotations showing the tallest premium over Chicago that has been attained in several months, grain values here averaged higher today.

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