

VOTE AGAINST BOND ISSUES FOR RELIEF

Highway Commission Is
to Proceed with Future
Work on Contract Basis

AWARD CONTRACTS LATE WEDNESDAY

New Work Amounts to
\$396,332—\$228,000 of the
Million Dollar Bond Is-
sue Sold at Par

PORTLAND, Mar. 17 (AP)—The state highway commission today announced no more bonds will be voted to further the program of unemployment relief as worked out in the past two years.

The commission denied the request of the public relations committee of the Portland civic emergency committee to raise additional funds to provide work for the needy.

Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the commission, made the flat statement that in the interest of efficiency and economy it is incumbent upon the commission to proceed with its program by contract work, letting the contractor select his labor as he may, confining the selection to Oregon men.

The civic emergency committee announced the commission's refusal to lend aid will not stop its efforts to obtain aid for the 10,000 needy heads of families of the city.

Up to Legislature Now

Only by mandate of the legislature can such bonds be issued by the highway commission, the members said. One member of the emergency committee asked Scott to divorce himself for the moment from the

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MANAGER TO CONFER WITH VOLUNTEERS

The question of whether to accept the volunteer fire department's offer of last week to work free of charge during the remainder of 1932, providing no silent alarms are authorized, was before the city commissioners at last night's meeting.

After some discussion, City Manager Angus McAllister was authorized to hold a meeting with the firemen before next Wednesday night, at which time he is to report back to the commission. Commissioner F. J. Lottes felt that immediate action was desirable on the matter, and was of the opinion that certain rules suggested earlier to the firemen be lived up to. Mr. McAllister said that he felt that it would be unjust to expect the firemen to work without pay during the coming nine months.

The offer of the firemen was made after the city manager requested that the former wage scale be returned to force. Previous to the offer, the volunteers presented a blank resignation to the commission.

The city manager's report showed 14 men working on the relief crew this week. Part of them are hauling gravel on Cove avenue, others are cleaning the city streets, and three are planting trees around the city schools.

Cash on hand at the end of the week amounted to \$12,599.36, of which \$11,533.16 was in the First National bank.

Enterprise Lions Honor St. Patrick

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—The Lions club of Enterprise held its regular meeting Tuesday night at the Hotel Götter. A program honoring St. Patrick was given. Numbers on the program were: A vocal solo by James Clark, of Lostine; a quartet accompanied by R. J. Campbell (members of this quartet are C. H. Zurcher, Sid Bureleigh, George Gailley and Tom Ratcliffe); and three numbers from the coming operetta, "Oh, Doctor," were featured.

The fish were closed all lakes until June 15 was discussed. Local opinion is much divided on this move taken by the game commission.

J. R. Searcy, of Joseph, recently entertained a group of Enterprise women at a 1 o'clock luncheon, there being four tables of bridge at play during the afternoon.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably with occasional rain in the west portion; moderate temperature; moderate southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—37 above.
Minimum: 36 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 51, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .75 of inch. Range—17 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 17, 1931
Maximum 49, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .12 of inch. Range—20 degrees.

Bulldogs Drop Second Straight Game At Salem

Scott's Team First to Be
Eliminated—University
High Wins This Morn-
ing, 22 to 18

SALEM, Mar. 17 (AP)—Baker High school by losing a hard-fought battle to the University High school, of Eugene in 22 to 18 score, was the first to be eliminated in an annual state basketball tournament today.

Baker started on a low end of the score in the first quarter but at the half was leading, 13 to 9, holding the Caucas boys scoreless during that period. It was not until McAllister was put into the game at the second half of the game that the Eugene boys renewed scoring in the third quarter, tying 16 to 16.

While McAllister, of Eugene, was scoring two baskets in rapid succession, Baker was held down until the last three minutes, when the Bulldogs made one. McAllister, however, broke away with another long shot, after which University stood until the gun.

Summary:
University High (22) Fg Ft P Pt
Soulitz, f 0 0 3 0
Mulligan, f 0 0 1 0
Harcombe, l 0 1 2
McKenzie, g 2 0 2 4
Graham, g 2 1 5 5
Buck, f 2 1 0 5
McAllister, f 3 0 0 6

Totals 10 2 8 22
Baker (18) Fg Ft P Pt
Shirley, f 0 2 1 2
Driesback, g 1 0 1 2
York, c 2 4 1 8
Holman, g 0 0 1 0
Regley, l 1 0 2 3
Bogdale, g 2 0 3 4

Totals 6 6 9 18
Referee, Jackson; umpire, French.

BURNS, OREGON CITY ELIMINATED
SALEM, Mar. 17 (AP)—High school

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Stevens, Davis Seek Nomination For Commission

A contest for the Republican nomination for county commissioner was assured Wednesday when two candidates filed their declarations of candidacy with County Clerk C. K. McCombs.

W. W. Stevens, incumbent, and Gordon A. Davis, also of Union, are the two who will battle for the nomination.

Local Rainfall Now 1.37 Inches Above Average

The average precipitation (both snow and rain) for the month of March in La Grande is 1.96 inches, according to government figures taken over a period from 1889 to 1931.

But average precipitation means nothing to the weather man the last two years! In 1931, nearly four inches of rain fell, resulting in damaging floods in most of the Pacific northwest, particularly in the Walla Walla section of the Inland Empire.

And then this month, with the halfway mark barely reached, the total has reached 3.33 inches, an excess of 1.37 inches over the normal figure. This year, however, the moisture has been spread fairly evenly over the first 16 days of the month, with yesterday's rainfall of .75 of an inch the heaviest for the month. During the first few days of March, 11 inches of snow fell, accounting for a substantial portion of the moisture.

So far there is no danger of floods in this section, according to reports.

Contribute \$750 To Aid Unemployment

A fund for the relief of unemployed, totaling approximately \$750, has been provided by instructors and staff members of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and is being expended for local unemployment relief. President H. E. Inlow announced this morning.

The work has been applied to campus improvement and from one to five men have been employed during the greater portion of the winter. The committee in charge has been co-operating with the office of the county judge in finding men particularly in need of work.

24 Summoned For Jury Duty Monday

Twenty-four Union county residents have been called for jury duty Monday morning, Mar. 21, at 10 o'clock, for a continuation of the February term of court. Three trials will be heard by Judge J. W. Knowles, circuit judge.

The venire, which has been notified by Sheriff Jesse Breashers, includes Charles Riggs, Arthur Hamann, Walter Hopper, Henry Hermann, Willard Moss, Lewis Laird, Charles Playle, George B. Richardson, Conrad Neiderer, Charles F. Oswald, Harold Herron, E. C. Rees, W. D. Mitchell, M. N. Marquis, James B. Jones, John E. Peterson, John J. Murchison, W. D. Hanks, M. A. Harrison, Neil Wright, Frank Perry, F. M. Martin, John C. Lewis and R. M. Nixon.

CHINESE ARE MARCHING ON MUKDEN CITY

Hundred Thousand Vol-
unteers Tearing Down
New Republic Flag

CHINESE NATIONAL EMBLEM HOISTED

Fu-Yu, City of 80,000 Peo-
ple, Captured by Force
Under the Manchurian
Leader

SHANGHAI, Friday, Mar. 18 (AP)—Reports from Manchuria to the Kuomintang (Chinese) news agency today said 100,000 Chinese volunteers were marching on Mukden from three directions, destroying the flag of the new Manchurian state at all the villages along the way and hoisting in its place the Chinese national emblem.

CHINESE CAPTURE FU-YU
CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Mar. 17 (AP)—A powerful Chinese insurgent force under a Manchurian leader named Tsinghai and equipped with artillery, attacked and captured Fu-Yu, a city of 80,000 people, 100 miles southwest of Harbin, last night. It was reported here today.

Although nominally within Kirin province, Fu-Yu, which is also called Putung or Sincing, is a commercial outlet for Inner Mongolia. Prince Chai, inner Mongolia's representative in the new Manchurian regime here, maintains a garrison near Fu-Yu. Because of an earlier revolt in his domain on Feb. 14, Prince Chai was reported to have sought to return home to Fu-Yu but the revolutionaries blocked him, after which he returned.

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MELLON NOT TO TALK 'REVISION'

Reed, Speaking for Hoover,
Says British War
Debts Not Considered

By Francis M. Stephenson
WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—A Democratic attack in the senate today against revision of the British war debt owed to America brought a denial from Senator Reed (R., Pa.) on behalf of President Hoover, that the subject was even under consideration.

Senator Reed specified that the "question had not been discussed" with Ambassador Mellon, who is about to sail for his London post.

Senator Robinson, Arkansas, the Democratic leader, had quoted from a newspaper story published here today saying that Mellon was favorably

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OHIO TO SEND WET GROUP TO G. O. P. CAUCUS

CLEVELAND, March 17 (AP)—Two surprising anti-prohibition developments in Ohio, with possibly far-reaching repercussions, entered the forefront of national politics today.

In Cleveland, May's Maschke, national Republican committeeman, disclosed that for the first time since prohibition, a majority of Ohio's delegation to the Republican national convention will be known to be wet.

At Columbus, the Democratic governor George White, who was listed by the Anti-Saloon League as a friend of prohibition when elected two years ago, was on record today as favoring a referendum on the 18th amendment.

General Slash In Federal Salaries?

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (AP)—Representative Rainey, the Democratic leader, told the house today there would be a general slash in government salaries.

Bob Duncan, Golf Pro, Applies Here; Club Course May Be Opened Sunday

Bob Duncan, last year with the Overlake Golf club at Seattle and one of the applicants for professional at the La Grande Golf club, a position left vacant by the recent resignation of Landis Crimp, will arrive in La Grande tomorrow for the purpose of meeting local golfers. Mr. Duncan has only been in America for two years, coming from Scotland where for five years he was connected with the famous St. Andrews Golf club. Members of the local club are to meet informally at luncheon tomorrow noon at the La Grande hotel, at which time they will have an opportunity of meeting Mr. Duncan. Those who can attend are asked to telephone Charles Reynolds for reservations.

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14 High Schools Will Take Part In Tournament

Eastern Oregon Normal
School to Sponsor Music
Contests Here on Six-
teenth of April

Fourteen high schools have entered the Eastern Oregon high school music tournament, sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Normal school and to be held April 16 at the Normal school building. The high schools are divided into three divisions—Class A, including schools with 300 or more students; Class B, 100 to 299; and Class C, with less than 100. Schools which have entered are La Grande, Pendleton, Baker, Athena, Hermiston, Enterprise, Irrigon, Union, Lostine, Wallawa, Imbler, Muddy Creek, Heppner and Adams.

The tournament, which is held under the general direction of Miss Jennie Peterson, director of music at the Normal school, will include competition in band, orchestra, glee clubs and individual instrumental and vocal performance. A silver cup will be awarded to the winners in each class scoring the highest total number of points exclusive of solos and a sweepstakes cup to the school with the highest number of points inclusive of solos.

La Grande won the cup in Class A, Union, Class B, and Lostine, Class C, in the first tournament held last year. McLoughlin High school in Milton-Freewater won the sweepstakes.

The advisory committee assisting High school; Miss Alysce A. Hayek, Pendleton High school supervisor; Miss Peterson includes W. W. Nusbaum, director of music at La Grande

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HEAVY VOTING IS SURPRISE IN NORTH DAKOTA

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FARGO, N. D., March 17 (AP)—The unexpected Democratic sentiment shown by North Dakota in expressing its favoritism for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in the presidential preference primary, was emphasized today by additional returns that established a party primary record in this state.

The 57,104 total Democratic vote from 1455 of 2235 precincts reporting, exceeded by more than four times the previous high mark of 13,119 in 1924. Roosevelt had 35,601 compared with 21,503 for Murray.

In the Republican presidential preference race former Senator J. L. France, of Maryland, was leading General Jacob S. Coxey, mayor of Massillon, Ohio, 23,804 to 16,609 on returns from 1041 precincts.

Tabulators said victory for Roosevelt and France in the preference voting was assured.

Senate Frowns On Hagerman's Salary

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The senate voted today to cut off the salary of Herbert J. Hagerman, of Santa Fe, special commissioner of the Indian bureau.

By a margin vote, the senate adopted an amendment to the interior department appropriation bill sponsored by Senator Frazier, (R., N. D.) specifying that none of the funds be used to pay Hagerman's salary or expenses.

The action followed two days of debate in which Frazier, chairman of the Indian committee, led an attack on the activities of the former territorial governor of New Mexico, as special commissioner and as a member of the Pueblo lands board.

Hoover Favorite In Conventions

ST. PAUL, March 17 (AP)—A preponderance of sentiment for renomination of President Hoover was shown at county Republican conventions in the state yesterday, returns showed today.

Twenty-eight among 36 reporting county groups either indicated a carry-over or endorsed his administration. No other presidential candidate was mentioned at any session. The state has 87 counties.

District conventions will be held April 27, three days before the state presidential indorsement session here.

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CLUBS END CHICAGO RIOT



(Transmitted by telephoto)
A Communist demonstration, protesting the Japanese invasion of Shanghai, resulted in this scene of violence on Chicago's famous Michigan avenue. Three policemen were shot during the riot, allegedly by Stephen Chuch, a radical organizer, who is seen here after he had been knocked to the sidewalk by an officer's club. Meanwhile, police are shown struggling with another demonstrator who sought to come to Chuch's aid. The riot was staged in front of the Japanese consulate.

Harry Gibson Passes On At Lake Wednesday

Harry Gibson, of La Grande, passed away at Hot Lake at 8:45 o'clock last night of uremic poisoning and heart trouble after an illness of three months, although not of a serious nature until the past week.

Funeral services will be held at the chapel of Walker's Funeral home at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with First Church of Christ, Scientist in charge of the services.

Mr. Gibson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson, deceased, was born May 25, 1873 at Needahna, Wilson county, Kan. He was 58 years, nine months and 20 days of age.

Mr. Gibson moved to Umatilla county with his parents when 12 years old and followed farming in the Cold Spring section north of Pendleton.

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John Van Fleet Dies of Heart Disease Today

John W. Van Fleet, pioneer of La Grande, was found dead in his bed at his home at 1406 1/2 T avenue this morning. He apparently had passed away at an early hour this morning of heart disease. He was about 75 years of age.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mr. Van Fleet was the father of Clint, Arthur "Red," Mable Lyons and Dora Alsbaugh, all of Los Angeles, and Guy, of Boise. He also is survived by a niece, Mrs. James Nelson, of La Grande.

Three Youths Rob Civil War Veteran

PORTLAND, Mar. 17 (AP)—Police here today were searching for three youths who yesterday broke into the house of George W. Day, 87, Civil war veteran, and stole \$750, his life savings accumulated from his government pension.

The leader of the robbers appeared to be about 23 years old. All carried revolvers. Police said they have good descriptions of them. The youth who did the talking threatened Day with his weapon when the old soldier first refused to disclose the place in which the money was hidden. The three robbers appeared familiar with the house. The leader of the three remarked he knew Day had some money "because my grandfather gets \$100 a month pension."

Governor Hartley Seeks Re-election

OLYMPIA, Wash., Mar. 17 (AP)—Gov. Roland H. Hartley last night formally announced his candidacy for re-election this fall. He is seeking his third term as chief executive of Washington.

The governor's statement said: "In order that the people may be fully advised I will be a candidate for re-election for the governorship this fall."

On various occasions the governor has said that "my work in Olympia is not completed" and has referred to himself as holding something that he could not release.

Commenting last night Hartley said "three" was his lucky number, pointing out that he ran for governor twice before being elected on the third attempt.

Union Of North, South Ireland De Valera Plan

Wearing of the Green Has
a Double Significance
in Old Erin on 1500th
Anniversary

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Mar. 17 (AP)—Irish newspapers expressed scorn today for the outline of policies announced by President Eamon De Valera of the Irish Free State, in which De Valera indicated a plan for bringing about a union of northern and southern Ireland.

By Michael Rooney
(Associated Press Staff Correspondent)
DUBLIN, Mar. 17 (AP)—The wearing of the green had a double significance in Erin today: It was the 1500th anniversary of St. Patrick's day celebrations, a four-point program for his administration, one point of which was an eventual merger of the Free State and Ulster governments, age-old division of Irish affairs.

Would Abolish Oath to King
Other points were abolition of the oath of allegiance to King George and of the more than \$10,000,000 a year in land annuities paid to the British government, as well as suspension of the military courts set up by the Cosgrave regime to try Irishmen for offenses against the government.

The center of the day's ceremonies in honor of St. Patrick today was at Saul, in County Down, where a giant statue of the saint is to be erected immediately on the mountain of Slieve Wilkin, 400 feet above the shore where he landed in 432 A. D. to begin his missionary work.

There is also to be a great altar on the site, which commands a mag-

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Discount Rate In London Down Half Per Cent

LONDON, Mar. 17 (AP)—The Bank of England reduced its discount rate today from four to three and one-half per cent.

The monetary situation has grown so easy, however, and revenue has been coming in so steadily that apparently the bank directors decided to give trade and commerce the benefit of a further half of one per cent reduction.

The lower bank rate also will assist the government in its conversion plan for public obligations. The first of these was announced last night. Holders of 4 1/2 treasury bonds due April 15, were invited to turn these into a conversion loan at 4 per cent.

The stock exchange showed equal surprise when it was flashed.

Closed-circuit securities, which had opened firm on the strength of good revenue returns, rose immediately and were marked up for advances of one-fourth to one per cent around noon.

Grand Jury Returns Murder Indictments

SALEM, Mar. 17 (AP)—Three murder indictments returned by the Marion county grand jury yesterday charged Robert Ripley and Frank Manning with the murder of James Iverson, Silverton night officer, and Harry Erpelding with the murder of Lloyd Eddy. The former shooting occurred May 2 last, while Eddy was killed during an early morning party in Salem early this month.

A fourth indictment, secret, was suspected of being a murder charge against Dupree Poe, a third man sought in the Iverson murder case. He is said by Ripley and Manning to be the one who shot Iverson. Ripley and Manning have both been arrested on other charges and will be held to face these indictments.

Head of Schools To Be "Chancellor"

PORTLAND, Mar. 17 (AP)—The head of Oregon's combined institutions of higher learning will be known as a "chancellor" if the recommendation of the unification committee of the state board of higher education is adopted.

The committee met here yesterday and today to discuss recommendations to be made to the state board in connection with the consolidation of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college, and of the normal schools.

It was understood the committee decided to drop at least half of the deans now employed by the two large schools.

No Action As Yet On Hoover Request

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (AP)—Chairman Byrnes of the house appropriations committee said today no action will be taken on President Hoover's request for an immediate \$60,000,000 appropriation for rivers and harbors work for at least another month.

"I have conferred with Brigadier General Pillsbury, assistant to Major General Lytle Brown, chief of engineers and he agreed there were ample funds for at least another month," Byrnes said. "I believe there probably is enough for the rest of the fiscal year."

KIDNAP CASE LATEST CLUE IS WORTHLESS

Lightfoot Finds Missing
Chisel, Freeing Servants
of All Suspicion

LINDBERGH'S ARE WAITING STOICALLY

Pin Hopes on Police Be-
lief Baby Is Alive and
That Negotiations Are
Possible Later on

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 17 (AP)—The latest theory in the Lindbergh baby kidnap mystery came to naught today.

For several days police from the Lindbergh home have been investigating the story of Mr. and Mrs. C. Leander Lightfoot, of Franklin Park, who told of their foreign servants leaving the day after the kidnaping. The Lightfoots reported also that wood similar to that used in the kidnapers' ladder was missing from their home, as was a chisel like the one found beneath the Lindbergh nursery window.

Today the Lightfoots found the chisel, and police acknowledged they were just about back where they started March 1 when the baby was stolen.

Servants Cleared of Suspicion
Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, superintendent of state police, told of the finding of the chisel in his mid-morning bulletin.

"In the investigation of the story by Leander Lightfoot," he said, "we would state that Mr. Lightfoot has found the chisel which he claimed to have lost and there is no suspicion placed on Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg (the missing servants) in this particular instance any more. The other parts of the story are being further checked and when the investigation is completed we will be glad to give further facts in the findings."

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3 KIDNAPERS SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 17 (AP)—With a recommendation that the state prison board fix the terms at "nothing less than life imprisonment," Ralph Sheldon, former Chicago gangster, Louis Frank and Jesse Orsatti, convicted of kidnaping, were sentenced to the penitentiary by Superior Judge Charles Burnell Wednesday.

Judge Burnell, in pronouncing sentences of ten years to life on each prisoner for the abduction in December, 1930, of E. L. "Zeke" Carson, Tijuana betting commissioner, and his wife, denied motions for a new trial and denounced the crime as the most vicious and cowardly of all criminal acts.

Careless and his wife were kidnaped from their home and held for \$50,000 ransom. Later they were freed after paying \$10,000 by check, but policemen stopped the kidnapers in Long Beach, capturing some of them and recovering the checks. One policeman was crippled for life in a revolver battle with the fugitives, some of whom are still sought, but at a trial there, Sheldon and others were acquitted of the attack.

Culbertson Tots Are Under Guard

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (AP)—Ely Culbertson, bridge expert, has placed special guards over his two children because of letters threatening to kidnap them. The children are Pitt, 9, and Bruce, 2, who is called "Jump Bid" by his parents.

Their governess wears a police whistle so she can give an alarm if kidnapers appear.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 17 (AP)—Selling induced largely by the unexpected departure of George S. Milnor from Europe gave a downward lull to grain prices today.

Heaviness of the wheat market was in the face of authoritative denials that the farm board might be forced to sell wheat. The farm board was stated to have its wheat amply marketed, and its accounts satisfactory to the banks making loans.

The grain stabilization corporation, of which Milnor is the head, is an auxiliary of the farm board.

Wheat closed nervous at the same as yesterday's finish to 1c lower, corn 1/4c down, oats unchanged to 1/4c off, and provisions unchanged to an advance of 2c.

PORTLAND, Mar. 17 (AP)—Export wheat trade is drawing nearer for Pacific northwest white varieties. Inquiries are becoming more numerous and prevailing prices are considered but 3 to 3 1/2c bushel above an export working basis. There has been no open market export trade since early last fall.

On the Portland futures market with no trading, May low 1 1/4c, July 1 1/2c while September was unchanged. On the merchants' exchange, cash wheat lost 1/4c bushel all around. Mill stuffs were down 50c ton.