

## Lower Fruit Freight Costs

### OREGON CAN NOW COMPETE IN CALIFORNIA

Northwest Rates Lowered Fourteen Cents By Commission.

### NO CHANGE MADE IN APPLE COSTS

Long-Sought Reduction is Good News to Grande Ronde Valley Growers; Fair Basis Established.

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today ordered railroads serving the Pacific northwest to reduce freight rates on all deciduous fruits except apples, placing them on the same rate level with California.

The apple rate of \$1.50 per 100 pounds from the northwest to eastern destinations was found to be reasonable as were all rates from California to the same destinations.

The maximum rate of \$1.87 1/2 per 100 pounds on fruits other than apples from Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho was found to be excessive and the railroads were directed to lower it to \$1.73, the same rate as now applies to California fruit.

Fruit growers who learned of the substantial reduction here this morning were jubilant. "It's a wonderful thing for the Grande Ronde valley fruit men who will be shipping east," declared August Erickson, when informed by the Observer of the commission's act.

"Undoubtedly more fruit will go east from here this summer. This will apply to cherries particularly, of course," he added. "It is a very good news, coming at this time."

Fruit men of the northwest have been complaining bitterly about the unfairness of their rate in comparison to California charges.

### APARTMENT IS THREATENED IN MIDNITE BLAZE

A midnight fire that threatened for a time to be of major seriousness caused considerable interior damage to the apartment house at 1904 Third, owned by Mrs. Susan Zuber. The department was called at 11:50 Saturday night and sounded its recall at 1:40 Sunday morning.

Quick control of the fire that burst from straw in the basement and spread upward on the partitions prevented further spreading. Extent of fire and water damage to furniture in several apartments had not been estimated today. Insurance covered the loss, however. Mrs. Bert Morris, who was alone in the apartment house at the time of the blaze, sounded the alarm.

### Imbler Defeats City Racquetters

Imbler defeated an aggregation of local tennis players yesterday on the municipal courts, before a large gallery, when they won five out of nine matches. Playing for La Grande were Roy Nelson, Everett Reynolds, Burke Inlow, Francis Redfield, Donn Poirch and Robert Teaster.

La Grande won three out of the six singles matches, while in the doubles they were winners in two events.

Scores in the singles were Clive Wilson vs. Nelson, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; Lyle Wilson vs. Reynolds, 7-5, 6-4; Inlow vs. Pete Westenskov, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; Redfield vs. Ray Wilson, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1; Poirch vs. Pratt, 6-2, 6-1; Holmes vs. Teaster, 6-1, 7-5.

Doubles scores were L. and R. Wilson vs. Reynolds and Inlow, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Nelson and Redfield vs. C. Wilson and Holmes, 6-3, 6-8, 8-6; Pratt and Westenskov vs. Reuter and Poirch, 7-5, 10-8.

Matches with Union will be arranged for next Sunday, it is believed.

### Latourell, Wade Tie For First In Gun Club Contest

Scores Run High in Meet Attended by Marksmen From Washington and Idaho Towns.

High scores marked the registered shoot which was held by the La Grande Gun club yesterday at the gun club range, in which 23 marksmen from Eastern Oregon, Southern Washington and Idaho participated. In the competition in the 100, 10 yard targets, J. A. Wade, of Boise, and Charles Latourell, of Heppner, tied for high score, shooting 97 out of 100, and Cliff Stump, of Lewiston, ran a close third with 96. A. D. McMurdo, Heppner, carded a score of 96 out of 100 in the handicap targets.

The line-up and scores are:

J. A. Wade, Boise	97
Charles Latourell, Heppner	97
Cliff Stump, Lewiston	96
W. A. Stevens, Boise	95
L. Burrows, Council Bluffs	94
Nate Zweifel, La Grande	93
J. P. Stalcup, La Grande	93
Roy Forrester, La Grande	92
Dr. G. Yorke, Walla Walla	91
A. J. Knoblock, Heppner	91
Otto Heuck, Boise	90
Tracy Hollister, La Grande	90
A. D. McMurdo, Heppner	90
A. J. Gower, La Grande	88
C. J. Ertel, Boise	87
Dr. C. Bigler, La Grande	75
W. Lanning, La Grande	68
A. J. Stange, La Grande	67
John Garity, La Grande	67
Dr. C. L. Gilstrap, La Grande	67
Dr. Eames, La Grande	67

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### Voters Choosing Two For Board In Election Today

Officials urge voters to note that the polls close at 7 o'clock this evening and not at 8 o'clock. Previously there has been much confusion over the closing hour and many have missed voting as a result, according to those in charge.

### Pierce, Fitzgerald Leave for Chicago

The Oregon delegation to the Democratic National convention, which opens in Chicago on June 27, has pledged its first vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Fitzgerald, delegate from the Second Congressional District, stated today. If Roosevelt is rejected then the delegates are free to vote as they choose.

Mr. Fitzgerald will leave tomorrow morning on the Portland Rose, joining the remainder of the delegation, which they will arrive in Chicago in a body.

Walter Pierce, national committee man, elected from this district will attend the convention although he does not have a vote for the candidate for president.

Among the questions which Mr. Fitzgerald believes will be considered by the national convention will be the farm bond, prohibition, banking and others.

H. J. Stillman, of Hermiston, is the other of two delegates elected from the second congressional district, one of the biggest in the United States, being 400 miles long, 250 wide, and including 18 counties.

The convention starts on June 27 and will continue until a candidate for the presidency is nominated. Mr. Fitzgerald plans to be gone from La Grande for about three weeks, he states.

### Bonus Army Soon To Have a Father

NEW YORK, June 20 (AP)—Mrs. Marie Ewing of Portland, Ore., self-styled "mother of the bonus expeditionary forces," turned up at the city hall today with enough nickels and dimes to purchase a marriage license for herself and her "color guard."

### DEMOCRATIC CHOICE RESTS ON NEW YORK

Conclave Powers Fight Over Spellacy and Shouse For Chairman

### ROOSEVELT CLAIMS VOTES TOTAL 563

Mack Will Nominate Roosevelt and Mullen Will Be His Floor Manager.

By Francis M. Stephenson (Associated Press Staff Writer) CHICAGO, June 20 (AP)—The Democratic presidential contest, revolving just now about undecided New York and her two embittered prominent sons, Governor Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith, moved rapidly ahead today at convention headquarters.

Joseph Israel, II, opened headquarters for Smith at the Congress hotel just above the suite presided over by James A. Farley, director of the Roosevelt forces. Smith was expected here Wednesday when the leaders of the 94-vote strong New York delegation arrive to make their fateful decision.

Carrying through a program to use their dominant strength to command the convention organization, the Roosevelt leaders today announced J. Bruce Kremen, of Montana, as their choice for chairman of the powerful rules committee.

The rules committee holds the first decision on continuation of the old two-thirds rule for nomination about which there has grown considerable speculation since Roosevelt neared the majority mark in his

### School Merger Is Subject Of Monthly Lunch

H. E. Brady, appointed to head the La Grande chamber of commerce committee on consolidation of state institutions of higher learning, will discuss the problems of consolidation and the significance to La Grande tomorrow when the chamber of commerce meets at the annual chicken dinner at the Community church at Island City. Lunch will be served at 12:05 o'clock, by the ladies of Island City. Harry McKinlay, president, will be in charge of the meeting.

Mr. Brady attended a recent meeting of delegates from La Grande, Monmouth, Ashland, and the University of Oregon, held in Eugene, and will discuss the findings of the committee and the decisions reached. The movement to consolidate the University of Oregon and Oregon State college was instigated by the Marion county tax league and they are trying to have it incorporated in the ballot for general election.

### Ann Shell To Wed Walla Walla Man

SEATTLE, June 20 (AP)—A marriage license was issued in Seattle Saturday to Patrick E. Mahoney, Walla Walla, and Ann E. Shell, Pendleton.

Miss Shell is a daughter of T. T. Shell, prominent Walla Walla merchant, and is a former La Grande. She was for a number of years organist at the Arcade theater, now the Liberty, and has many friends in La Grande.

Mr. Mahoney is secretary to warden C. E. Long at the state penitentiary at Walla Walla and also is secretary for the state parole board.

### Grand Lodge Delegates Return Home; Eberhard Holds Major Post

After the closing of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic bodies in Portland on Saturday, delegates and visitors from La Grande have returned to their homes with interesting accounts of the sessions. Among those who attended were R. S. Eskin and Geo. F. Cochran, past grand masters; B. R. Ringo, worthy patron of the La Grande lodge of the Eastern Star; C. H. Eberhard, C. P. Hutchens, master of the La Grande lodge and delegates to the convention. Miss Stella Bloch, worthy matron of the Eastern Star, represented La Grande chapter, and is spending several days more in Western Oregon before returning to her home.

Throughout the session, Senator Eberhard acted as grand junior deacon, and was appointed chairman of the committee on appeals and grievances, one of the major mandatory committees. Mr. Ringo was appointed

### BORAH WON'T BACK HOOVER FOR PRESIDENT

Idaho Senator Flames Up Against G. O. P. Platform and Wet Attitude.

### LEWIS GOADS REPLY FROM DRY ORATOR

"I Will Not" Stuns Senate—Words Climax Speech Calling Prohi Plank Political Expediency.

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Senator Borah, a powerful supporter of President Hoover in the 1928 campaign, announced in the senate today he will not support the president for re-election on the platform adopted at the Chicago convention.

After a speech denouncing the platform adopted by the convention Borah was asked point blank by Senator Lewis (D., Illinois) if he would support the re-election of Mr. Hoover.

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### J. Henry Thomas Occupies Pulpit Here for Sunday

Among the events of interest in the church world of La Grande were the pageant, "The Hidden Treasure," presented by the Sunday school of the Methodist church, and the visit of Rev. J. Henry Thomas, of Klamath Falls.

### BANKS TO BEAT TAX ON CHECKS WITH RECEIPTS

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—A portion of the new bank check taxes—that expected from counter checks—will be lost to the government if all banking institutions in the country follow the lead of a Kokomo, Ind., bank.

This institution, it is reported, has issued "receipts" to be used in lieu of counter checks.

The legal division of the treasury held that "if this paper is in the form of a mere receipt it is not taxable."

KANSAS CITY, June 20 (AP)—The government will have to balance its budget without whatever aid might have been expected from taxing counter checks in Kansas City.

Instead of counter checks, the Kansas City Clearing House association said today, banks will use "receipts" for the handling of withdrawals. The association said the treasury had held such "receipts" are not taxable.

### It Happens To The Best Of Professors

CHICAGO, June 20 (AP)—There are times when even a University professor of English may indulge in little slang, especially if he is also a fisherman.

For many a moon Prof. Manly Phelps, of the staff of Northwestern university, Evanston, had remained true to the tradition that the "King's English" must be upheld. Then he went fishing in Wisconsin. He caught a 35-pounder. And did he say, "Isn't this one of the largest fish you ever saw?"

Not according to his companions, Dr. Leonard Mulder and Elwood Williams. They reported that he just looked up and said: "Well I'm darned! Ain't it a honey?" And it was.

## Congress Told Bill Must Pass

### Yes, Alice Longworth Was There



This informal photograph shows Mrs. Alice Longworth—dynamic daughter of a president and widow of a speaker of the House—at lunch with Mr. and Mrs. James F. Alshick of Idaho at the Blackstone in Chicago, where "Princess Alice" attended the G. O. P. convention.

### Sanders Parley With President Is Short Lived

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Everett Sanders, chairman of the Republican committee, today conferred briefly with President Hoover, but told newspapermen later he had found the chief executive "engrossed with his governmental duties."

The first meeting between Mr. Hoover and Sanders since the convention, widely forecast as an extended parley to map out plans for the chief executive's reelection, lasted only a few seconds.

The president has said the entire conduct and management of the campaign would be placed in Sanders' hands and that he himself intended to withdraw from active participation in the campaign as his "undivided attention must be given to the duties of my office."

Sanders virtually reiterated this statement today.

"The Republican national committee," he said, "is going to take charge of the campaign to reelect the president and is going to keep him free from interruption by political matters so he can continue to devote his time and energy to his duties as president of the United States."

The committee chairman said he had time only to pay his respects to Mr. Hoover, and that he did not know when an opportunity would be given to talk with the chief executive.

### Portlander Given Office In Zonta

ST. LOUIS, June 20 (AP)—Delegates attending the annual convention of Zonta international, organization of business and professional women, had left for their homes today after a three-day session.

Mrs. Katherine Maddux of Chicago was elected president to succeed Miss Helen W. Cleveland of Toronto. Other officers elected included Miss Caroline E. Davis of Portland, Ore., third vice president.

### Here's a Gal Who Won't Need Skates

MADISON, Wis., June 20 (AP)—Miss Winifred Arnold would swim a mile to attend the University of Wisconsin baccalaureate ceremony.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Arnold, a university senior from Eau Claire, Wis., was sailing on Lake Mendota at 3:30 o'clock. A mile out the boat capsized but she swam to shore in time to don cap and gown and attend the sermon at 4 o'clock.

## Marchers' Aims Vague As Chiefs Turn To Election

### Letters Make Hoover and Republicans Target—Vets Drawing Up Own Platform.

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Walter W. Waters, commander-in-chief of the bonus marchers' army, today repudiated the attempts of his chief lieutenants to stir up sentiment in the ranks for a third party.

The veterans' leader described a third party move as "a very dangerous thing" and asked his men to think of it only as an alternate to defeat of their interests in the November elections.

As Waters sought to quell the political controversies within his ranks, Pelham D. Glassford, superintendent of police, voiced a demand that congress "do something" for the veteran army.

The police chief said he was fully convinced the veterans' leaders were prepared to keep between 8000 and 9000 men here until the bonus was paid or other relief afforded.

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Stripped of an immediate objective by defeat of the bonus-payment bill, leaders of the vast, veterans army camped here concentrated today on organizing ex-service men for election day action, making tentative overtures to the Democratic party.

Finding the sixty-two senators who voted down their bill a rather diffuse target, the legislative committee of the army aligned itself against President Hoover and the Republican party.

Last night it voted to query all Democratic presidential possibilities on their views about the bonus and other veterans' question, at the same time directing letters to all poets of the American Legion and other ex-service men's organizations, informing them that an effort "to place a bonus plank in the Republican platform was laughed down and filed in the waste basket. Think it over, men."

"Remember November," was the significant slogan line attached to the letters. Bearing in mind the possibility that neither the Democratic convention nor the nominee chosen there might give them any comfort, these political steersmen of the ex-soldiers started formulating a "platform" of their own.

Platform Nebulous Still rather nebulous today, the platform had one definite plank: repeal of the eighteenth amendment. Two Ohioans, William B. Keyser of Cleveland, and M. Bernstein of Dayton, proposed it, and the legislative group, composed of representatives of each major contingent or regiment in the army, approved it without difficulty. The general idea is that, failing Democratic support, the soldiers should give their vote to some third party movement.

Taking French Leave The exact size of the army, somewhere around 20,000, was much in question.

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## RIOTS FEARED IF RELIEF NEED IS NOT FACED

### CHURCHMEN SPEAK FOR LABOR CLASS

Dr. Goldstein Flays Evasion Policy of Government; Says Temper of Men Growing Hotter.

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Today is the last tax-free day for matches, automobiles, candy, radios, face powder, yachts, and all the tremendous list of articles brought into the federal government's revenue raising net by the new emergency tax law.

Anybody who has been waiting to buy, perhaps expecting prices to drop some more, had better do some hurried shopping, for a nice percentage probably will be found added to all price tags on taxed items by tomorrow.

After tonight the movies (except those where you get in for 40 cents or less) will cost more, so will telegrams and long distance calls, while bank checks will cost two cents apiece.

It will not be necessary, however, to stick three-cent stamps onto letters until next month.

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Urges Democratic Bill A long list of witnesses including representatives of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious faiths urged enactment of the Democratic \$2,000,000,000 relief bill now before the senate or the \$5,500,000,000 LaFollette public works bond issue bill.

Senators LaFollette (R., Wis.) and Costigan (D., Colo.) listened to the testimony.

Members of the "bonus expeditionary force" of veterans were present.

Fear For Government Applause rang through the room as Edward P. McCready, legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor, asserted, "If congress does not do something to meet this situation, next winter it will not be a cry to save the hungry but it will be a cry to save the government."

Dr. R. A. MacGowan, Washington, of the national Catholic welfare conference, said "people are ready in many cases to commit suicide because of their inability to get jobs."

## Wheat Today

PORTLAND, June 20 (AP)—Advance of 1/2 cent bushel in the price of September wheat was the only change for the day on the Portland futures market. The only sale was 1000 by September.

Cash wheat was unchanged on the merchants exchange.

Softer tone and slight price reduction is reflected for alfalfa hay with increased offerings of new crop. The new buying price is \$13.00 to \$13.50. Oat and vetch hays are about ready for the market but none have arrived. Nominally \$13 ton.

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## New York Grets Amelia E. Putnam

NEW YORK, June 20 (AP)—Amelia Earhart Putnam, the first woman to pilot an airplane across the Atlantic, returned home today to receive the plaudits of her fellow countrymen.

A crowd estimated by police at 5,000 was gathered in Battery park as the flyer stepped back onto American soil from the city boat Riverside, which had transferred her and her husband, George Palmer Putnam, from the liner Le De France, at quarantine.

It was just a month ago today that Mrs. Putnam took off on her solo flight which ended in Ireland, where she was forced down in a pasture by a faulty exhaust manifold.

Harbor craft saluted the woman flyer as the Riverside moved up the bay under escort of fireboats shooting streams of water into the air.

It was Mrs. Putnam's second experience of a New York welcome. Her congress adjourns.

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