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He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it. — Proverbs 11: 26.

LOCAL LAWLESSNESS

Communities throughout the state and nation have been experiencing a wave of lawlessness during the past year or more, which is evidently the result of unemployment, and the fact that a small proportion of the unemployed would rather steal than to publicly ask for aid.

Right here in La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley we have felt this wave of lawlessness. There have been numerous reports of thefts from farmers — thefts of tools, gasoline, food, wood, clothing, and miscellaneous articles — and here in the city hardly a day passes but that some small theft is reported.

Occasionally houses are entered, forcibly or otherwise, and frequently stores are broken into and either cash or merchandise stolen. Parked cars which owners forget to lock are another field for the activities of thieves.

Reports are that five or six persons recently have been frightened away from homes and farms by irate owners using shotguns or small bore rifles. And it is an actual fact that a few men have been treated for minor wounds, evidently inflicted by bullets or buckshot.

No action could be taken against such individuals, however, for the simple reason that no complaints were filed, the wounded men, if known, refused to make any statements, and the cases had to be dropped because of lack of evidence for prosecution.

This, of course, is a regrettable state of affairs, but one over which city and county officers have little control. The men who are responsible for this wave of thievery are not what are ordinarily considered criminals, so that the police have no records and are handicapped through lack of clues in their search for the intruders. They are doing the best they can, of course, but we can expect few arrests.

Officers generally believe that the best solution to the problem is for property owners to exercise the utmost care to leave nothing of value unguarded, or at least easily accessible. Homes, garages, and farm buildings should be provided with strong locks — and a good watch dog is effective protection against thieves.

The use of revolvers and rifles against the petty thief seems to be going a bit too far, although there is no law that prevents a man from defending his property against those who trespass at night. But a shotgun loaded with fine shot, or a pistol or rifle with blank cartridges is usually just as effective. The petty thief is not desperate, and a warning is enough to cause his immediate departure.

LET'S KEEP POLITICS OUT

After more than a decade of discussion, and several years of negotiations between Ottawa and Washington, the Great Lakes seaway project is at last moving toward realization.

Here is a job that will cost \$800,000,000, that will permit ocean steamships to dock within hailing distance of the middle western prairies, that will generate more than 2,000,000 horsepower in electricity and that constitutes, all in all, one of the vastest projects of its kind ever undertaken anywhere.

It is a job of such size and of such importance, indeed, that the American people cannot permit it to be made into a political football.

Already it is being reported that the project will "figure in the campaign" — largely, it seems, because of the recent interchange of telegrams between President Hoover and Governor Roosevelt.

It is to be hoped that those reports are wrong. But before the politicians have a chance to drop the issue into the campaign, it might be a good stunt for the average citizen to get straight on the fundamentals of the thing.

The state of New York wants a voice in the negotiations because of the waterpower angle. The electricity generated by the waterway will be divided equally between Ontario and New York, and its distribution south of the international boundary will be New York's responsibility.

New York will have to pay part of the cost of the project. New York wants an early agreement on the total that it is to pay so that it can make adequate preparations for disposing of the power when it is available.

That is all there is to the argument. The plan for an all-American seaway that was talked of so much a few years ago — a canal linking Lake Ontario with the Hudson river — is not being heard of any more. The state and federal governments are not in disagreement about the waterway itself, but merely about one of the details incidental to its construction.

Is there, therefore, any reason why the matter should become a campaign issue? Could it not be settled quietly without any attempt to win a partisan advantage for either side?

PORTLAND CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., July 30 (AP)—Cash week's Big Bend bidsters 60 1/2. Soft white 48c. Western white 48c. Hard winter 48 1/2c. Northern spring 48 1/2c. Western red 47 1/2c. Oats: No. 2 white \$17.00.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, July 30 (AP)—Wheat close: July 27 1/2; Oct. 29 1/2; Dec. 26 1/2 @ 3/4.

About Ourselves

Think of others as if you were today's ear receipts: wheat 41; bar- the others.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



THE TIME KILLER.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Miss Beas Duke, Society Editor Telephone Main 600 Until 9:30 a. m.

Two La Grande Women Elected to High Offices in Oregon Department of The Spanish War Veterans' Auxiliary

Two of the four major department offices went to La Grande women who attended the state convention of the United Spanish War Veterans' auxiliary in Newport this week. It was learned this morning when local delegates returned. Mrs. Jessie Nelson was elected secretary of the state-wide organization while Mrs. Ethel Hanford was chosen treasurer. Mrs. Edna Hale, who, although she now makes her home in Portland, is still a member of this encampment, was named color bearer. The new president is Mrs. Rose Pugh, of Baker, who returned to Eastern Oregon with Mrs. Nelson yesterday.

The returning delegates were enthusiastic today in describing the Newport meeting. Delightful entertainment was given them by the coast town, they said.

Reviewing events of the four-day convention, they recalled the impressive memorial service conducted Sunday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church in Newport for both the veterans and the auxiliary members. The daily conventions were lively and the convention business was so arranged that business sessions took place through the morning, leaving most of the afternoon for entertainment. A large picnic Monday was a unique feature of the social program.

A two-course salmon luncheon was served to the guests on spruce board trays, from the mill, which were later autographed and kept by the delegates as convention souvenirs.

Monday evening's entertainment was a dance at the natatorium for which the boys were invited from a U. S. destroyer in the harbor. The following night a dance was given at the skating rink in honor of the navy men.

The comic highlight of the convention was the bathing beauty contest in which the competitors wore "1898 swimming suits." Wednesday was an exciting day in the convention sessions, with election of officers on the program.

Among La Grander attending the state meeting were Mrs. Jake Henry and her niece, Natalie Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hanford, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Barnett, and Tom Banta and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Hale, the latter three now being Portland residents.

Those who returned today said they heard praise from ever corner of La Grande's hospitality as a convention city.

Mrs. Rechlin Is Hostess At Bridge Mrs. Frank Rechlin entertained her bridge club yesterday afternoon at her home on N. avenue. Two tables of bridge were at play with Mrs. Harry McCarthy making high score. Mrs. Charles C. Bull was a guest for the afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Wyde will be the next hostess for the club.

E. O. N. Students, Faculty in Picnic A group of about 50 from the Eastern Oregon Normal school faculty and student body picnicked together last evening at Cove. It was the first social affair planned for the second half of the summer quarter. Cars left La Grande shortly after five o'clock. Swimming and a water race at the picnic grounds near the pool made the evening a pleasant one. Miss Helen Moor, dean of women, and Elmo Stevenson, faculty member, arranged the picnic.

Mrs. Feuerhelm Is Hostess to Club Mrs. Mary Feuerhelm was hostess at a large party last evening at her home in Fruitdale when she entertained members of the Moose club. Mrs. Wallace Cass assisted her. Thirty members of the fraternal organization were guests, making up six tables of pinocchle. Walter Swart and Miss Bernice Cass won the first prize at cards, while consolation went to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Myers. Following pinocchle the guests were taken to a picnic spot near the Feuer-

SOCIETY NOTES

Picnic Enjoyed At Pine Cone Friday

The L. S. to the B. of L. P. and E. enjoyed a delightful picnic at Pine Cone yesterday afternoon. A large group took part in the affair which began with swimming in the afternoon. A picnic supper was served at the park tables at 5:30 o'clock.

Other Papers Say:

FEWER HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS Statistics from the records of Sec-

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of McMinnville, Oregon ORGANIZED 1894

A MESSAGE TO OUR POLICY HOLDERS

We desire to direct your attention to the following statistics, showing the NET FIRE PREMIUMS RECEIVED IN OREGON during 1931 by THIS COMPANY and by the TEN LEADING STOCK COMPANIES doing business in this state:

Table with 2 columns: Company Name and Premium Amount

These figures apply to Oregon business only. The OREGON MUTUAL also operates in California, Washington, Idaho and Utah.

The above showing is the result of years of economical management, conservative underwriting, fair adjustment of losses and the building of a structure financially strong so that it appears to the intelligent insurer. It has maintained this leadership for several years and expects by conservative management to continue to meet an increasing share of public esteem.

Williamson & Berry, Agents La Grande, Oregon

Local News of Record

The following information from the Union County Records is by the Abstract and Title Company of La Grande, Oregon. Deeds: Walter A. Ingerson et ux to State of Oregon Pt. L. 2, all lot 3, blk. 3, Grandy's 2nd add. \$1.00. Susette Franzetti to State of Oregon L. 7, 8, blk. 4, North Union \$1.00. Henrietta Smith et al to W. H. Cruikshank, L. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, blk. 15, North Elgin \$1.00. W. E. Buchanan et ux to Valetta Hill, Lot 3, blk. 75, Chap. Add. \$10.00. O. R. Barpe to Jesse Crum, Pt. blk. 63, Hindman's Add. Elgin \$1.00.

Mortgages: A. E. Hug et ux to The Prudential Ins. Co. L. 1, 2, 3, B. 6, Romig (5) \$3000.00. William E. Ruckman et ux to State Land Board, NW 1/4, S. 32-18-39 (1) \$5000. Contract: James Speirs to David I. Stoddard, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 4-28-38 for \$500.00.

Estates: 7-15, Alvin McCullough, Died June 22, 1932. Dennis McCullough, exec. Judgement: 7-15, Marshal Grain Co. vs. Edna W. Ellen and Donald J. Rohan, \$115.20. 7-18, Donald S. Helton vs. Betsal Helton vs. St. Ind. Acc. Comm. costs.

The following information from the Wallowa County Records is by the Wallowa Law, Land and Abstract Company. Deeds: J. Ronald Wagner et ux to St. or Ore. L. 8, blk. 6, Wagner's Add. Enterprise. Mortgages: Charles Fisher et ux to Mrs. Julia Shell, Pt. blk. 17, Residence Add. and Pt. blk. 17, Wallowa \$1876.75.

Satisfaction of mortgages: S. & F. National bank to W. D. Renfrow et ux on various mortgages: Book 42, pg. 26 on Pt. Secs. 29, 31, 32-2N-43, 35-582 on Pt. Secs. 29, 30, 31, 32-2N-43, 37-631 on Pt. Secs. 29, 30, 31, 32-2N-43, 38-307 on Pt. Secs. 29, 30, 31, 32-2N-43, 36-232 on Pt. Secs. 29, 30, 31, 32-2N-43, 40-271 on Pt. Secs. 29, 30, 31, 32-2N-43, 41-157 on Pt. Secs. 29, 30, 32-2N-43, Zeida and Glenn Tulley to Elen M. Vest, Tr. in SE 1/4 Sec. 15-1N-42. Otto Bodmer to Chas. E. Fisher, 42-265 Pt. Lot 13, blk. 17, Wallowa Merie E. Strite to Steve G. Burge et ux, 30-235 L. 14, blk. 1, Beavly-Stubbsfield add. Enterprise. Otto Bodmer to C. E. Fisher et ux, Pt. L. 13, blk. 17, Wallowa, 40-577.

Judgments: Charles Tippett vs. James S. Payne and Guy Winfrey, Costs \$75.20. Circuit court orders: Guy Winfrey and James S. Payne vs. Charles Tippett, Jury order. State of Oregon vs. George Carlton, Verdict of "not guilty." Guy Winfrey and James S. Payne vs. Charles Tippett, Jury verdict finding for the deft. and order that deft. recover nothing; and that defendant recover his costs. State of Oregon vs. Edgar Marvin, Dismissing indictment. State of Oregon vs. Edgar Marvin and Cecil Childers, Dismissing indictment. Thomas Whit-

more et al vs. Wallowa Co. Court Order permitting ptfl. to file brief and allowing time for deft. to file reply. Wm. Hinton vs. Harry Hinton, Order overruling defendant's demurrer; and allowing defendant time to file counter-affidavits as to support money and suit money. Agnes L. Berry vs. Flenon J. Berry, Order for payment of support money and taxes.

AMERICANS HAVE FIGHTING CHANCE (Continued from Page One) make the match score two to one in France's favor and leave the American youngsters a fighting chance for victory. The scores were 0-3, 11-13, 7-5, 4-0, 6-4.

John Van Ryn and Wilmer Allison, the American team, rallied from almost certain defeat in the final set to overpower Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon, the French veterans, with a blistering net attack. Ten thousand persons were massed in the stands, including American Ambassador Walter Edge and Dwight Davis, donor of the trophy, and the final points were played in an electric atmosphere with the crowds maintaining a semblance of composure only with difficulty.

A victory for France would have ended the series. Now the Americans have a fighting chance but must sweep both singles tomorrow, Allison against Jean Borotra and Ellsworth Vines Jr., against Cochet.

Cost of Love Love is indeed the greatest thing in the world, but it is also the most costly, and no one need hope to possess it who is not willing to pay the price.—Exchange.

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Hemstitching, pleating, button holes, etc. Norton's Kiddy Shop. —Adv.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The undersigned having been duly appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of E. O. Payton, deceased, and having qualified, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased to present them verified as required by law within six months after the publication of this notice, to Orval J. Millard, attorney for said administrator, at his office in West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon. Dated July 21st, 1932. GEORGE C. HILL, Administrator of the estate of E. O. Payton, Deceased. ORVAL J. MILLARD, West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon, Attorney for Administrator. July 23, 30, August 6, 13

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