

## Board Rejects Insurance Offer

### 40 TAXPAYERS AT SESSION ON THURSDAY

Group Unanimously in Support of Action Taken By School Directors.

### TEMPORARY ROOF IS AUTHORIZED

Plan to Prevent Further Damage to High School Building Until Negotiations Are Ended.

The present offer of the insurance company for replacement of damages incurred by fire at the La Grande High school was rejected last night at an open meeting of the school board at 7:30 at the city hall, and the clerk was instructed this morning, when they met again at 8:30, to notify the company and request them to send blanks for filing proof of loss. Forty taxpayers attended the meeting Thursday evening and took part in the discussion of the feasibility of accepting the present offer.

Chairman C. Eberhard explained the results of the negotiations between the insurance adjusters and the school board in which they disagreed on the building items, the greatest difference being in the settlement on the brick outside walls. All members of the board are of the opinion that not enough damages were allowed. However, he added, they agreed on the equipment, the agreement to be valid only if some harmonious compromise is reached as regards to the building damage.

### SHOWERS LAST NIGHT BRING LITTLE RAIN

Another shower visited La Grande last night, but the weather records, this morning revealed the precipitation amounted to only .04 of an inch. Added to the shower the night before, it brought the rainfall in this city to .07 of an inch for the month of October—not very much!

The showers, however, served to clear the air of smoke and dust and generally were welcomed.

### RAIN AT KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 14 (AP)—Rain fell here last night after two days of expectation but the quantity was small and the skies were only partially overcast today.

### 1250 Out-of-State Cars Registered

A total of 1250 out-of-state cars have been registered by the foreign car registration bureau of the La Grande chamber of commerce, so far this year, and by the end of the year it is expected that 1500 will have obtained permits, statistics released today in the monthly news letter show. During 1930 there were 540 cars registered, 950 during 1931.

The activities of the chamber of commerce during the coming winter will continue with its usual variety. Harry McKinlay, president, said, Tuesday, Oct. 13, has been set aside as "candidate's day" at the regular monthly luncheon. All local candidates have been invited to attend and tell those present of their qualifications. The luncheon, to which anyone is invited, will be held at the Sacajawea Inn at 12:05 o'clock.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Occasional rain tonight and Saturday, clearing in eastern portion Saturday; moderate temperatures; fresh to strong southwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—52 above.  
Minimum: 51 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 73, minimum 48 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy, rain .04 of inch. Range: 25 degrees.

WEATHER OCT. 14, 1931  
Maximum 73, minimum 33 above.  
Condition: Clear, frost.  
Range: 40 degrees.

### Head of Eagles Raps Policy Of Accident Board

D. D. Hall, of Portland, Outlines Six Points of Vital Interest to the Working Man.

D. D. Hall, state president of the Eagles lodge, of Portland, discussed the local, state and national programs of the lodge last night at a meeting of the local aerie at Eagles hall. Mr. Hall has been a frequent visitor in La Grande, and a large audience of members gathered at the hall for the address and the initiation which preceded it.

A local relief program, has been conducted by the lodge and the members will extend their scope to include not only Eagles but the community at large. A series of dances have been planned by the lodges of the state, among them the local group. Admission to the dance will be paid in food or clothing or in tickets purchased from merchants. The merchant plan of selling tickets was outlined last night by Mr. Hall, and for each ticket for which a local merchant received \$1, he will in turn give \$1.10 in merchandise for relief. The Eagles will co-operate with the Union County Labor exchange and charitable organizations of the city. State Program Outlined.

The state program as outlined by Mr. Hall will be devoted largely this year to working out the old-age pension in legislation and to securing legislation for revision of the workmen's compensation act. Six points which are of vital interest to every workman were outlined by the speaker as those which the Eagles are attempting to correct. First, the commission has discontinued holding hearings about the state and now an injured man has to take his doctor, his lawyer and witnesses to Salem to secure a hearing. Mr. Hall said. Secondly, the new commission has made all records secret so that a lawyer representing an injured man is unable to see any of the affidavits pertaining to the case. That, Mr. Hall feels, is contrary to the idea of democracy and fairness, and the commission is the only justice tribunal in the United States with secret records.

The commission also has discontinued allowing the workman to see

### Mrs. Rewman To Address Public Saturday Night

Mrs. Paul Rewman, of South Dakota, one of the outstanding Republican women of the United States and national committeewoman from South Dakota, will address a public meeting here tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the La Grande hotel and plans for the event have been completed by the Women's Hooper-Curtis club. Mrs. Rewman spoke in Portland yesterday.

### County Chapter Of Red Cross To Plan Roll Call

A meeting of the Union county chapter of the American Red Cross has been called for this evening at Sherwood Williams' office by the chairman of the chapter, Rev. Paul D. F. Mortimore. This will be a very important meeting as plans for the 1932 "roll call" will be laid. It is announced.

### Pheasant Season To Open Saturday

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—Scatterlings were killed and the moths were shaken from hunting costs today as hundreds of Oregon residents prepared for the zero hour on Chinese pheasants. The season opens at 5:59 a. m. Saturday, one-half hour before sunrise. (In Eastern Oregon the time to begin shooting is 5:37 o'clock.) The season on migratory water fowl opens the following day—at noon Sunday, so duck hunters, too, will be getting into action along with their dry-land comrades.

### F. R. STATES HIS VIEWS ON RELIEF

Federal Government Should Help When State Fails, He Declares.

### ANSWERS QUESTION OF WELFARE GROUP

Concludes Address With Plea For Charity—To Begin Eight-Day Campaign Soon.

TO SPEAK ON BONUS  
ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 14 (AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic presidential nominee, said today he would define his stand on the soldiers' bonus in a forthcoming campaign speech. It was believed the speech might be made during his next campaign trip which begins October 18.

By Walter T. Brown  
ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 14 (AP)—Governor Roosevelt had added today to his views on the obligations of federal government, the declaration that when communities and states are unable to meet the unemployment re-

### L. H. S. RALLY TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Band Concert, Parade, Bonfire Scheduled as Enterprise Game Nears.

Indications today pointed to fair weather for the football game at the La Grande high school at 2 o'clock between the Savages and Tigers, and indications also pointed to one of the hardest fought contests in recent years.

### RUMORS FALSE LOCAL RELIEF HEADS STATE

Rumors have been circulated in past weeks, and are apparently now gaining credence in many parts of the county, to the effect that the canning division of the county relief committee, of Mrs. Frederick Gehring is chairman, is planning to visit the cellars of every home in the county, check over the supply of canned fruits, vegetables, and other foods, and confiscate any surplus for distribution to those dependent on county relief.

Such rumors are absolutely ridiculous, and have no basis in fact. Such procedure would be directly contrary to law, as not even county officials have any right to enter the home of any person without a search warrant. The persons who started this rumor were merely using their imaginations, or were very badly misinformed.

### Operating Managers Surprised At Methods Used By Peirce Interests

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—Expressions of surprise by operating managers themselves at the methods used by Albert E. Peirce & Co., Chicago promoters to whom the job of pushing the sale of central public service stock was assigned, was expressed by the Pacific Northwest Public Service company managers from several cities today as the hearing continued before Charles M. Thomas, Oregon public utilities commissioner.

Communications which passed between the Chicago office of the Peirce company and Portland salesmen, and between Chicago and the managers of the utility in several Oregon cities, were introduced at the hearing.

W. M. Hamilton, manager of the Salem division of the company, was one of those who appeared at the hearing Thursday. "I have," he said, "learned a lot here today." He had just read letters and telegrams read to him concerning his somewhat stubborn refusal to be forced into the stock-selling scheme by the Chicago promoters. The stock now is paying no dividend.

### Economy Drive Launched

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Commissioner Thomas commented that "Peirce had his eagle eye on you." In answer to Thomas' question as to whether "Peirce was the man who could with just a word take your job away," Hamilton answered that he could have done so.

Hamilton disclosed that he and a Peirce manager, Seigrist, had had "hot words" over the use of employees in the sale of the utility stock. Peirce & company has been pictured at the hearing as using every resource to compel employees of all operating companies to push the sale of the stock. "I told him," Hamilton stated, "that he was disrupting the operating organization which I had been a long time in building up." He said he felt operation should come first and stock sales afterward.

Robert H. Ennis, Peirce representative on the case, disclosed that the general idea, during the last gubernatorial election, that the state would soon go into the power business, inspired sales of stock. It was revealed that the company was eager to have exemptions under the intangibles tax

At one stage of the proceedings

### JOHNSON NOT TO SUPPORT MR. HOOVER

California Senator Issues Definite Statement in San Francisco.

### SA YS PRESIDENT TOO CONSERVATIVE

Johnson Refuses to Abandon His Principles, He Declares in Answer to Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14 (AP)—Replying to a telegram from representative of 70 Southern California newspapers asking him to make a declaration of support of the Republican national and state tickets, Senator Hiram W. Johnson, California progressive Republican, said today "I cannot and will not support Mr. Hoover."

Johnson has repeatedly criticized administration policies. In a speech recently before the California Federation of Labor he attacked the government's relief and foreign debt policies.

### MEDFORD MAN CONFESSES TO FIRING SHOT

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Ellsworth Koukile, 42, laborer, who, authorities state, admits he fired the shot that killed Glen Fabrick, 55, Thursday morning in the lodge pole ranger station district, was ordered held on an open charge this morning by the district attorney. Koukile told the authorities he fired in the belief he saw a deer, an inquest into the tragedy is slated for late this afternoon.

Koukile, told the coroner and state police, that with Fabrick, and his brother-in-law he started on a hunt, and all agreed to follow specified routes. A short time later, he fired at what he thought was a deer, and was horrified to "catch the flash of a pair of boots, falling over a log." He then rushed to the spot, and found Fabrick dying.

The tragedy occurred about 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

### More Delinquencies In Soldiers' Loans

SALEM, Oct. 14 (AP)—Delinquencies in loans made by the state bonus commission to ex-soldiers here increased almost three times the past two years, and concentration on collections will be necessary, Jerrold Owen, secretary of the commission reported to a meeting of the board in charge today.

Owen reported that although the commission the first of October suspended the making of new loans, the activities of the department has been on the increase and it would be impossible to reduce the personnel. The report showed at the same time a reduction in salaries and operating expenditures during the two year period of the present administration.

### Costigan Will Speak For F. R. Monday Evening

Edward Costigan, of Denver, Colo., United States senator and co-author of the Costigan-LaPollette relief bill which came up for consideration before the last session of congress in Washington, D. C., will be a visitor in La Grande on Monday, according to a telegram received this morning by Victor A. Eckley, of La Grande. Arrangements have been made for a meeting on Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Sacajawea Inn, at which Senator Costigan will speak. Other arrangements also are under way for his entertainment while here.

The Colorado senator is making a speaking tour of this section in behalf of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for president, and is now filling engagements in Idaho.

### Coolidge, Smith And Others Join In Newest Move

CHICAGO, Oct. 14 (AP)—An open letter bearing the joint signatures of former President Calvin Coolidge, former Governor Alfred E. Smith and four other nationally known men, and declaring that "the general public will find itself in a condition of servitude" unless all governmental costs are reduced, was made public here today.

The letter was addressed to Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, chairman of the national economy league, and was read by him to a meeting of the executive committee of the league held to complete arrangements for the first national convention of the organization in Washington, D. C., on Dec. 12 and 13.

In addition to the names of Mr. Smith and Mr. Coolidge, the letter bore the signatures of Newton D. Baker, former secretary of state, Edmund C. Byrne, former secretary of state, General John J. Pershing and Admiral William S. Sims. All six are members of the advisory council to the league.

The letter said: "In two decades we have seen the

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### FAMOUS COACH TO RETIRE



Amos Alonzo Stagg, for 41 years coach at the University of Chicago, will retire from the game next June, it was announced last night. Stagg, an alumnus of the Yale class of '88, is 70 years of age. The above picture was taken following the 7-7 tie in the Ell Bowl at New Haven, Conn., last Saturday between Yale and Chicago. Stagg is shown at upper left, with William Lyon Phelps, Yale professor and author, center, and Mel Stevens, Ell coach, at right. Below is an action picture from the game.

### Lumber Tariff Brings Work To 6000 Is Report

Salem, Oct. 14 (AP)—After a four of lumber camps and mills, and a survey of the salmon situation, E. A. Shipe, of Port Townsend, former leader in the state legislature reported today to Mark Reed, of Shelton, Republican national committeeman, that almost 6000 men have been given jobs as a result of the tariff on lumber.

He declared "salmon stocks are moving faster than at any time in the past two years," and that in Grays Harbor alone 600 men went

### Plot To Kidnap Two Is Thwarted

REDFLANDS, Cal., Oct. 14 (AP)—An alleged plot to kidnap and hold for ransom Clarence G. White, multi-millionaire Cleveland philanthropist and brother of the president of the White Motor Truck company, and Dr. Charles Lombard, wealthy retired Redlands physician, resulted in the arrest of three men today.

The suspects gave the names of Charles Lombard, 38, (no relation to Dr. Lombard); William Snyder, 40, and Eddie Dow, 28. Deputy District Attorney James L. King said formal charges of attempted extortion would be filed against the trio.

The arrests of the three men followed several days of investigation under a servant in the home of Dr. Lombard had reported receiving a letter in which he was offered \$1000 for a floor plan to the physician's home and information concerning the

### STATE W.C.T.U. ENDS SESSIONS AT SALEM, ORE.

SALEM, Oct. 14 (AP)—Next year's state W. C. T. U. convention will be held in Portland when the 50th anniversary of the organization and the children's auxiliary will be celebrated, convention members voted here today.

Rev. H. W. Nelson, of McMinnville, branded the move to repeal the Oregon dry law enforcement act as "a direct slap against lawful government the first step toward anarchy and dissolution of the state government," in a speech last night.

"No good citizen will nullify the laws of the land," he continued.

Mrs. Mabel L. Keech pictured saloon day vice as she saw it in her work in Philadelphia slums, declaring that the liquor traffic had then corrupted home, community, political and business life.

Mrs. W. W. Gabriel warned her hearers that workers have been so busy working for and against prohibition that the vital issue—that of education for scientific temperance—has escaped attention.

### Picture of Timber Invites Wild Bird

BEND, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Mute but eloquent tribute to an artist's talent for realism was paid by a frightened quail that flew into a barber shop here.

Once inside the room, the bird cast about for an avenue of escape. On the horizon to the rear loomed snow-capped mountains and a tree-trimmed lake. The quail sped toward the timber. His flight was rudely stopped when he cracked up against the large painting that had offered false invitation.

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### Aunt Hurls Two Small Children To Their Death

Two Tots, 4 and 5, Thrown From 16th Floor of Milwaukee, Wis. Hotel Thursday.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 14 (AP)—Thrown from a window on the sixteenth floor of a downtown hotel by their aunt, two small children met death in the street, while hundreds of workers and shoppers were on their way home.

The woman responsible for their deaths, Mrs. Aurelia Lorenz, 31-year-old divorcee and former wife of a wealthy Milwaukee contractor, then ended her own life by leaping after them.

She left a note, blaming mistreatment by her brother, Rudolph Libo for her act. Her victims were: Vivian and Milton Libo, aged 5 and 4, respectively.

Libo in Custody  
Authorities investigating the tragedy which occurred late yesterday, were holding Libo for further questioning. They also questioned his wife, the mother of the children, but subsequently permitted her to return to her home.

Mrs. Lorenz, who had made her home at the Libo residence, left last Wednesday taking a room in the hotel. Yesterday afternoon she reappeared at the Libo home and suggested that she take the children for a walk, the aunt the children apparently had always been on friendly terms and their mother raised no objection.

Shortly afterward, the police learned, Mrs. Lorenz hailed a taxicab and took the children to the hotel, where she tied their arms and legs with silk stockings before tossing them from the window.

The body of one of the children struck an automobile fender. The other narrowly missed injuring William Brings, knocking off his hat.

"But Not Alone!"  
In the hotel Mrs. Lorenz left behind in her note room she accused her brother of having misinformed her as to the seriousness of an ailment from which she had been suffering.

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### Youth Who Shot Father Released By Grand Jury

SALEM, Oct. 14 (AP)—Melvin Sorrell, formerly of Aberdeen, Wash., confessed slayer of his father, told grand jurors "You will never have cause to regret what you have done" after they returned a not true bill late yesterday which freed him without trial.

The 19-year-old youth added that he would make good. Bused men of Salem have offered help to the family and promised the young "breadwinner" employment.

Sorrell shot his father, Leon D. Sorrell, 48, the night of Sept. 2 in front of the family residence here, he said, to put an end to cruelties and threats which had marred family life. Sorrell and all members of the family questioned, said that the father had often threatened their lives and had been cruel to them.

Sorrell was graduated from high school at Aberdeen, Wash., where his father was a police officer. Later his father was employed as a guard at the state penitentiary here, but had resigned several months before the shooting.

### Indian Youth Is Sentenced to Pen

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Racing Weiser, 20, frail Klamath Indian youth was this morning sentenced to life imprisonment in a federal prison, for the slaying of his father, Sylvester Weiser last August 4th.

Weiser was found guilty this week of a second degree murder by a federal court jury.

In passing sentence, Federal Judge Alger Fee, said "there are no extenuating circumstances, and the fact that the defendant, admitted on the witness stand that for a considerable period, he had harbored a plan to slay his father, weighs against him in this hour of judgment."

### Tacoma Officer Dies of Wounds

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 14 (AP)—Edward B. Vlasich, 26, Tacoma prohibition officer, died here today from bullet wounds suffered Sept. 29 when his companion, Ballard Turner, Seattle federal officer, was shot to death during a liquor raid. His death was unexpected. Hospital reports from day to day had said he was improving.

The shooting occurred when the two officers drove up to the home of Jesse and Louis Cousins, brothers, near here, and attempted to raid the place.

Officers said that before his death Vlasich declared Jesse Cousins shot Turner and him. The accused man escaped.

### Hattrem to Begin Serving His Term

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—Weber A. Hattrem, former president of the Municipal Reserve & Bond company, was to leave Portland today for the state prison in Salem to begin an eight-year sentence for larceny by embezzlement of \$95,825 of the company's funds. He surrendered yesterday to the county sheriff.

### PRESIDENTIAL HAND BRUISED AT RECEPTION

Hoover Shakes Hands With 3000 People Before Retiring Thursday.

### TO MAKE ADDRESS AT CLEVELAND, O.

Republican National Headquarters Issues Britten's Statement Attacking John Garner.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—President Hoover, after retiring early from a White House reception last night with more than 1000 people still waiting to shake his hand, today made an early morning appearance with his right hand bandaged.

Dr. Joel Boons, the White House physician, said he was feeling fit, but had suffered a bruised hand in greeting more than 3000 people who filed past him before he retired. He had suffered also a small cut, presumably from a ring worn by one of the guests.

The president arose unusually early this morning and took part in his customary medicine ball game. Later he went to work in the Lincoln study on the address he will deliver in Cleveland tomorrow night.

Reed Tells of Cut  
Senator Reed, one of the early morning visitors at the executive mansion, said Mr. Hoover had shown him a cut on the palm of his hand, received apparently from a ring.

"The president said he was perfectly willing to continue the reception last night," Reed said. "But found that he was getting blood on the white gloves of some of the women guests."

Last night's occasion was the judicial reception, usually included in the December and January calendar, but this year made the social climax to the annual meeting of the American Bar association, with its 1500 delegates; and to the cornerstones ceremonies which brought as guests famous jurists from other countries.

Great bouquets of roses and chrysanthemums decorated the first floor reception rooms. It was the season's first formal fashion parade, but among the elaborately gowned women and men in full dress suits were some in street clothes—something that seldom happens at White House receptions.

### BRITISH SHIP IS LOOTED BY PASSENGERS

HONGKONG, Oct. 14 (AP)—The British steamer Hailkon, en route from Hongkong to Saigon, was seized by a group of Chinese passengers and looted. It was reported here today. The steamer was held for 36 hours while the loot was transferred to junks in Helichin bay. The captain was taken off as a hostage, but later released.

One Chinese passenger jumped overboard and drowned and four were kidnapped for ransom.

British destroyers rushed to the spot but arrived too late to intercept the pirates.

One of the women passengers, a Miss E. D. Boynton, is an American and the other, Mrs. Dirk Van Driest, is a Canadian.

Both said they were terribly anxious during the raid but were relieved when the pirates appeared to be amused by their phonograph and finally returned their jewelry.

### Foreclosure Suit Filed in Portland

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—A suit to foreclose a mortgage on property in Douglas and Coos counties has been filed in federal court here by the Continental National Bank and Trust company of Chicago, against the W. T. Culver company, Coos Bay Logging company, Ralph D. Moore, receiver, and the B. & C. Logging company.

An original bond issue of \$550,000 it is alleged that only \$56,300 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$493,700 on which there is due \$130,800 interest.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Oct. 14 (AP)—Foreign and eastern buying boosted the wheat market in lively fashion today.

A feature was spread trading in which purchases of wheat were made here against simultaneous equal sales at Winnipeg. Drought complaints were received from Western Kansas and the Pacific northwest, but brokers said the chief stimulus was sympathy with bulges in securities.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/4 @ 1 1/4 above yesterday's firm, corn unchanged to 1/4 higher, oats 1/4 @ 1/2 up, and provisions varying from 10 cents decline to an equal advance.