

TARIFF AIDS FARMERS AND LUMBERMEN

Senator Steiwer Points Out Benefits at Rally Here Last Night.

RAPS ROOSEVELT FOR HIS "SHIFTS"

Declares That West Has Much at Stake in Congressional Elections Next Tuesday.

United States Senator Frederick Steiwer was the principal speaker at a rally of the Republicans of Union county, which was held in the ballroom of the Sackajawa Inn last night. A large crowd heard his address which was devoted principally to a discussion of the tariff.

Mr. Steiwer cited the tariff as the one fundamental issue which has separated the two big parties throughout the history of our nation, while other issues were coming and going.

The present world-wide depression cannot be the result of the present tariff, Mr. Steiwer declared, for many foreign nations were in the midst of depression before the act was passed.

At the close of the war various European nations began to place more severe restrictions upon trade than the United States ever thought of using, raising tariff walls, and even limiting the exchange of gold. As a result, European surpluses were dumped in America, causing unemployment here, and the Hawley-Smoot tariff was finally passed in 1930 as a protection for American farmers and laborers.

This new tariff embodied increases of 3 to 10 per cent on one-third of the products imported, which could hardly be a cause of the present economic stagnation throughout the world, he said.

Senator Steiwer declared that this country would be flooded with the products of cheap foreign labor if the tariff were let down at all. He called attention to the Democratic view that the U. S. must allow foreign nations to sell their goods here if America expects them to pay their war debts. Estimating the amount of money due America, on both public and private loans, as approximately 27 billion dollars, Senator Steiwer showed that foreign countries would have to send 270 billion dollars worth of goods here.

CITY DEPOSITS IN U. S. BANK OF PORTLAND

The city of La Grande has established a banking connection with the United States National bank of Portland, it became known at last night's city commission meeting. U. S. treasury bonds have been placed in trust as collateral to cover the city deposits. A tax turnover amounting to \$3908.55 was received from the county during the week.

At the end of the week the city's cash account was at \$27,861.89, of which \$4975.96 was in the Portland bank, \$18,813.88 in the La Grande bank, \$878.14 in cash and the remainder in warrants.

The salary list for the month of October, amounting to \$4936.65, was ordered paid by warrant. As a matter of convenience, the commission agreed to payment of the warrants in denominations of \$10 to suit the desires of the men.

Honore Knapp, city water superintendent, spent part of the last week repairing the spillway at the Beaver Creek pipeline intake, also replacing a bridge over Dry Jordan.

Music Program At Greenwood School

Under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., musical director at the La Grande High school, a musical program was given for the pupils of the Greenwood school, yesterday morning. Miss Norma Hansen presided, with Miss Louise Leighton, by Cui, and "The Swan," by Saint Saens. She was accompanied by Miss Katharine Wessler.

Miss Wessler sang two vocal solos, "Little Boy Blue," by Nevin and "Trees," by RavVach. Miss Ola Mae Hough was her accompanist.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy with rain in the west and extreme north portions tonight and Friday; somewhat warmed tonight; fresh and at times strong south, southwest winds off-shore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—35 above.
Minimum: 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 51, minimum 41 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .11 of inch. Range: 10 degrees.

WEATHER NOV. 3, 1931
Maximum 62, minimum 37 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range: 25 degrees.

Normal School Roll Call

Neighborhood Club Answers Realizing the importance that the Normal school holds in Eastern Oregon, the La Grande Neighborhood club at its meeting this week unanimously voted its opposition and commendation of the Normal bill.

Mrs. Chas. Graham, Rec. Sec. Mrs. Jean Walker, Cor. Sec.

Labor Council Emphatic Condensed summary of resolution passed by the La Grande Central Labor Council: "We are unalterably opposed to the Zorn-Macpherson bill and urgently request all workmen to vote 317 X No and defeat this bill at the November election. The union believes the bill would work irreparable damage and loss to the working people in these communities who would have no other way of securing redress for their losses."

Pioneers' Auxiliary on Record Firm in our belief that the passage of the Zorn bill will be a major disaster to Union county and Eastern Oregon, we the members of the Pioneers' Auxiliary, a social branch of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers, wish to answer the Normal School roll call by voicing our objection to the bill and work for its defeat.

Frances Brown Auxiliary By Mrs. Julius Roesch, Pres.

Dehydrator To Open Tomorrow; Will Employ 45

The apple dehydrating plant here will open tomorrow morning and will operate until the supply of apples is exhausted. C. C. Ross, of Yakima, announced this morning. B. D. Page, of Yakima, will be in charge of operations which will furnish work for about 45 persons.

The plant will take all the apples obtainable from the farmers and with the co-operation of the latter, it will be able to remain open for three months at least, since the company has foreign markets for its products. Mr. Ross announced this morning that it is planned to pay \$2.50 a ton for culls.

The dehydrating plant has not received the co-operation of the Grande Ronde valley apple growers in the past, he said, and stated that unless success comes this season the plant will be permanently closed.

50-Cent Wheat Disappears From World Markets

CHICAGO, Nov. 3 (AP)—Fifty-cent wheat disappeared from all the markets of the world today except Liverpool, as prices on most of the leading exchanges moved down after the fifth time in a week to record low depths.

With new quantities of atop low orders forced into execution by successive breaks in price, wheat went lower and lower.

Bottommost levels outdoing previous history were reached just before trading ended, Chicago December delivery reaching a low as 41 1/2 cents a bushel. Downturns in values were in the face of indications of Canadian government sponsored efforts to sustain the Winnipeg market by "pegging" prices. About 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat were bought at Winnipeg for export, but no interest was shown in United States wheat seeking an outlet overseas.

Wheat closed nervous 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents under yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 1/8 of 1/4 cent, lower, oats 1/8 of 1/4 cent down and provisions at 5 to 10c advance.

10-CENT WHEAT! PORTLAND, Nov. 3 (AP)—The price offered for average wheat on the Oregon market today is not above 10c a bushel with much of the supply not worth above 7 to 9c a bushel. At Pendleton and Walla Walla the average wheat is 20c a bushel to the advance.

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"The Ghost Chaser" Will be Presented

"The Ghost Chaser," a play, will be presented by the senior Playwright League of the Methodist church to the members of the church. Mrs. R. L. Skeen is directing the production.

Proceeds from the play will be used to pay off the indebtedness against the league cabin at Walla Walla.

The cast of characters includes: Mr. Higgenbotham, a detective, played by George Moore; Miss Beverly Wright, by Miss Louise Leighton; Miss Esther Colfax, played by Miss Bernita Pierson; Jimmy Wright, by Eugene Gates; Wilson, the butler, by Leon Berry; Maggie, the shadow, by Miss Helen Hertzog; and the maid, by Lenn Pierson.

Sunshine Returns To Oregon Today

PORTLAND, Nov. 3 (AP)—Sunshine broke through and patches of blue sky appeared today as a 24-hour rain and wind storm apparently came to an end. Portland in the 24-hour period ending at 5 a. m. today received 1.08 inches of rain, the greatest precipitation in any similar period in months. The total rainfall for the week to date is 2.58 inches. The worst storm of the season struck Portland late Wednesday, bringing lightning, rain and hail.

EXTRADITION TREATY WITH GREECE O. K.

Agreement Between Two Nations Ratified—Officers to Seek Insull.

EXPECT TO BRING FUGITIVE TO U. S.

Meanwhile, Extradition Proceedings Against Martin Insull in Canada Are Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—With an extradition treaty between the United States and Greece now in effect, it was regarded in informed quarters today as likely that steps have been started to bring about the arrest of Samuel Insull, former Chicago utilities magnate, by the Greek government.

While officials refused to say whether Greek authorities had been requested to arrest Insull in Athens, it was disclosed that treaty ratifications were exchanged before two Chicago assistant state attorneys.

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GRANDE RONDE IN 1872 DESCRIBED

"State Lands" Could Be Purchased in Valley Then For \$1.25 An Acre.

What was the Grande Ronde valley like in 1872, just three score years ago? Only a handful of present residents of Union county recall it from memory, and the great majority of native-born citizens of the valley today have only a hazy idea.

However, through the courtesy of J. D. Slater, La Grande attorney, the Observer is enabled to publish a description of the valley, as taken from a letter written to James H. Slater by H. C. Smith on Feb. 16, 1872.

The description was printed on the left-hand margin of the front page of the stationery, similar to some letterheads seen today.

The description follows: Grande Ronde valley is situated in the eastern portion of the state of Oregon. It is about 90 miles from Umatilla, (on the Columbia river), the great shipping point for the mines of Eastern Oregon and Idaho, on the stage road of the Northwestern Stage company from Kelton, on the Union Pacific railroad, to Dallas City. The valley is about 30 miles long by 20 miles wide, surrounded on all sides by mountains covered with a heavy growth of pine, fir and tamarac. The

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LAST HALF OF TAXES DUE ON NOVEMBER 5

Saturday is the final day on which one may pay the last half of the 1931 personal taxes in Union county without penalty. It was announced today.

The first half of the taxes were due on May 5.

ASTORIA SCHOOLS MAY CLOSE

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 3 (AP)—Saturday is the dead-line if funds in property taxes in Astoria are not forthcoming. Astoria's schools will close.

This statement was made by members of the school board Wednesday. Warrants and school notes outstanding amount to about \$52,000. In addition, about \$10,000 in warrants will be issued within two weeks to pay teachers' salaries.

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HOOVER WILL VOTE TUESDAY IN PALO ALTO

President Turns Westward For Fifth Campaign Trip Today.

REAFFIRMS STAND ON PROHIBITION

Chief Executive Again Denies His Wasco Ranch Refused to Employ White Workers.

By Nathan Robertson (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—President Hoover turns westward for the fifth time today, with the announced intention of extending this final campaign tour into a transcontinental trip ending at his Palo Alto home in California on election day.

He disclosed his purpose of "coming home to vote" in a speech broadcast last night on the Pacific coast appealing for support from the voters of California, Oregon and Washington, and telling them that under a Democratic regime their "products will rot on the farms and in our

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OFFICERS ARE HELD IN JAIL IN 'WET' CASE

PADUCAH, Ky., Nov. 3 (AP)—Four Illinois officers who came here today to return to Illinois Floyd Bulbright, wanted in connection with a series of bank robberies and kidnappings, were arrested by federal prohibition agents who said they found liquor in the officers' automobile.

The officers gave their names as Lester Tiffany, sheriff of Lake county, Illinois; Thomas E. Kennedy, a deputy sheriff; Lincoln Tiffany, a deputy sheriff and police chief at Mundelein, Ill., and Tom Dolin, a deputy sheriff.

Walter Myre and Walter Gese, federal prohibition agents, said they found two quarts of whiskey and 29 bottles of beer in the automobile in which the Illinois officers came here today from Waukegan. The automobile was searched while in Paducah.

Pending word from Joseph Phillips, deputy prohibition administrator at Louisville, the four men were detained.

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Unidentified Man Jumps From 103rd Floor of Building

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP)—An unidentified man about 50 years old committed suicide today by jumping from the top of the Empire State building, the 103rd floor of the Empire State building.

As the elevator operator opened the door to the glass enclosed observation tower on the 103rd floor of the world's tallest building the man darted out and vaulted an iron gate guarding a stairway to an open landing on the 103rd floor.

A guard ran after the man, but was unable to catch him.

The body landed at the 87th floor on the roof of a rest room.

TOM STODDARD HURT

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 3 (AP)—Thomas Stoddard, assistant graduate manager of University of Oregon, was injured when an automobile he was driving ran off the road at Judkins point, just south of the city. He suffered lacerations of the forehead and scalp.

Hospital attendants reported his condition critical, due to the fact Stoddard had just recovered from pneumonia and he was in a weakened condition.

Police reported Stoddard's machine was forced off the road.

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MORE HIGHWAY WORK IS ANNOUNCED

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



Senator Frederick Steiwer (left) and Walter Gleason, Democrat (right) are the candidates of the two major parties for the junior senatorship from Oregon. Senator Steiwer, a Republican, spoke in La Grande last night.



Walter Gleason, Democrat, is the other candidate for the junior senatorship from Oregon. He spoke in La Grande last night.

R. F. C. Hopes To Grant Additional Livestock Loans

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—Officials of the reconstruction finance corporation said today the demand for loans from livestock feeders "is not as large as we would like to see it."

Both Gardner Cowles Sr., a director, and Ford Hovey, chief of the agricultural section of the corporation, so expressed themselves.

"There is a very large corn crop," Hovey said, "with both cattle and sheep selling cheaply."

"Corn is probably the cheapest it ever has been, selling in some instances for as low as 8 or 9 cents a bushel."

"The reconstruction finance corporation has money to finance sound feeder loans on cattle and sheep. We are really disappointed at not getting more applications."

Considering Seed Loans Feeder loans, Cowles said, are regarded by the board as one of the best and quickest ways of giving relief.

The corporation is considering seed loans. With one of the largest corn crops in history, the question has been raised whether they would be advisable in view of the prospect of

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NETWORK CAMPAIGN BROADCASTS

(Time is eastern standard)
Tonight (Thursday): WABC, CBS, 10:30; Democratic, Daniel J. Foley, and Fannie Hunt; WJZ, NBC, 8:00; Republican.

Radio league, Alice Roosevelt Longworth; WJZ, NBC, 9:30; Democratic, Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, Brig. Gen. Pelham D. Glassford and Floyd Gibbons from Philadelphia; KPO, KECA, 10:30; Democratic, Senator Norris, Republican progressive; WJZ, NBC, 10:15; Republicans for Roosevelt league; Gov. Roosevelt, Owen D. Young and others from New York; KEX, 11:30, Republican, Senator Frederick Steiwer.

Friday: WCAP, NBC, 2:45 p. m.; Democratic, Mrs. Anna Dickie Oleson; WABC, CBS, 5:15; Democratic, Dean Virginia Gildersleeve; WJZ, NBC, 3:15; Republican women's program.

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RANCHER, WIFE SWINDLED OUT OF LARGE SUM

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 3 (AP)—A Valeriano county rancher and his wife reported to Sacramento police last night they had been swindled out of \$7500 by two bunco men who took their money in a hotel room yesterday and left Sacramento a few hours later.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Nelson, of Copperopolis, told Detective Sergeant Ralph S. Towers the men said they had a "hot tip" on a race at Tanforan, in which a horse named "Piracy" was to place, and that if they bet \$7500 on the horse they would "clean up a fortune."

Nelson said the men gave the names of C. Thompson and J. C. Wainwright, and that they approached him at San Jose several days ago, proposing at first to buy his ranch.

Says Al Smith's Friends Worked For High Tariff

CRAIGSMONT, Ida., Nov. 3 (AP)—Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, blamed the Democratic senators for making the Smoot-Hawley tariff extend beyond agricultural products, in a speech here last night.

Answering charges of former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, of New York, that he was indirectly responsible for the tariff because of his insistence on a special session of congress, Senator Borah said "this Idaho potato was not entirely to blame for what happened."

"If the Smoot-Hawley tariff bill had been limited to agricultural products, it would have been as I wanted it."

Blames Smith's Friends It was extended beyond these products, he declared, "by reason of Governor Smith's friends in the senate—not mentioning any names."

"I had organized enough votes to

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Al Speaks For Roosevelt And Garner In Troy

Attacks President Hoover For Attempting to "Scare the People"; "Can't Be Done, He Says."

TROY, N. Y., Nov. 3 (AP)—Alfred E. Smith turned back toward New York City today after a speech last night in which he pleaded again for the election of Roosevelt and Garner and attacked President Hoover for what he said was an attempt to "scare the people."

Speaking of the president, Smith said: "I wonder what he is trying to do? He certainly is not defending his administration, and he certainly is not proposing anything new, but it seems to me that he is talking to scare the American people. Now, nobody can do that."

The Democratic presidential candidate of 1928 said hope for solution of the nation's problems "lies in the election of Roosevelt and Garner and a Democratic congress."

"It doesn't make any difference how bad the times may be, we are never going to fall into that depth of despair, that anybody is going to scare us as to the future of this country," he said.

Audience Cheers Roosevelt The audience cheered lustily at each mention of Governor Roosevelt. A large part of the speech in behalf of the state ticket was along lines of what Smith said at Buffalo last week. Another part he said was a reply to Mr. Hoover's Madison Square Garden address.

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Mrs. Spears Dies Today; Funeral Is Not Arranged

Frances Katherine Spears, a resident of La Grande for the last two months but for five years residing at Monroe, died at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning following an operation. She had been ill only a few days.

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

Mrs. Spears was the sister-in-law of Cyril Spears, who was accidentally shot by an "unloaded gun" last summer, the wound causing his death.

She was born in Milton, Ore., Oct. 14, 1906 and was 26 years and 20 days of age. She is survived by her husband, Leonard, three sons: Merle Jennings, 5; Leonard George, 4; Claude Allyn, 10 months; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Berry, of Enterprise; one brother, Clifford M. Berry, of Enterprise, and her father-in-law, George N. Spears, of La Grande.

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Ruth Nichols In Narrow Escape From Fiery End

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP)—Lightning action saved Ruth Nichols, famous aviatrix, from probable death early today when her plane smashed up on the take-off of a transcontinental campaign flight for President Hoover.

As the plane, freighted with a large supply of gasoline, shot down a 3000-foot runway at Floyd Bennett field, it skidded off at 60 miles an hour, went into a ground loop and buried its left wing in the ground.

Quick as a flash, before the craft struck, Miss Nichols cut her switch.

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Couzens Says F. R. Will Carry Detroit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—Senator Couzens (R., Mich.) today told newspapermen that Governor Roosevelt would carry Detroit by a majority of over 100,000 and that Michigan would repeal the prohibition amendment in the state constitution and the enforcement act next Tuesday.

"The Republicans always have carried the state by tremendous majorities, around 500,000, and it seems," Couzens said, "almost inconceivable that there could be a turn-over which would give the state to Governor Roosevelt. But, in my judgment, Wayne county, which is Detroit, will give Roosevelt this year a majority of 100,000 to 150,000. So far as the state is concerned, I think it will be very close."

Berlin Grappling With Strike Today

BERLIN, Nov. 3 (AP)—The main transportation system of Berlin—the world's third largest city—was paralyzed today by a strike against wage cuts.

Only the state-operated Stadthahn, a single link in the vast system, was running. As a result thousands of early rising Berliners were forced to brave a driving rain to get to work. Some preferred to chase taxicabs. Others cashed for the nearest Stadthahn station.

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3000 MEN TO BE EMPLOYED ON ROAD JOBS

Contracts Amounting to \$1,140,000 Let By Commission Yesterday.

PORTLAND, Nov. 3 (AP)—Following the award of highway work in the amount of \$1,140,000 late yesterday to low bidders on all projects, the Oregon state highway commission announced that another million dollars worth of work would be contracted for at the next meeting here Dec. 14.

The major projects will be paid for out of federal funds and all jobs must be completed by June 30 under government regulation, the commission announced. In January the balance of the federal funds would be allocated to further highway improvement.

Yesterday's awards, half of which were let immediately while the remainder was assured low bidders upon approval within a week by the bureau of public roads, set a record for a single day's letting in the history of the Oregon commission. Completion of the projects will put to work directly or indirectly 3000 men for the next seven months, the commission announced.

Dunne's Warning Ignored Two of the major projects include work on the Wolf creek route of the shortcut from Portland to the sea, and will be awarded despite the recently published warning issued by State Senator Joe Dunne that he would seek injunction proceedings to prevent work on this route. The commission yesterday received a similar notice from Dunne in the form of a telegram. "No public mention or notice was made of this warning by the commission members."

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FATHER KILLS TWO SONS AND THEN HIMSELF

LAPEER, Mich., Nov. 3 (AP)—Gabriel Kostas, a farmer living near Clifford, Mich., today shot and killed his two sons, Steve, 16, and Tony, 14, and then shot himself to death following a family quarrel.

Sheriff Byron Courter said Kostas first shot the elder son, Steve, in a barn, then went to the house where Tony Kostas was asleep, shot him in the head with a shotgun and returned to the barn where he ended his own life.

Courter said a housekeeper in the Kostas home informed him the father had been quarreling for several days with the sons over money obtained for produce.

Alice Longworth To Speak Tonight

CINCINNATI, Nov. 3 (AP)—Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth worked today on her first radio address of the political campaign, the speech she is to deliver over a national chain tonight in behalf of President Hoover.

It will be her second address of the campaign. Silent on national affairs since the death of Nicholas Longworth, her husband, speaker of the house, she broke her rule for the first time at Columbus a few days ago, speaking briefly, in abrupt sentences, for the Republican party.

Senator Norris To Speak in California

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3 (AP)—Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, Republican independent, arrives here today from the Pacific northwest to speak in behalf of the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt for president.

The veteran Nebraska senator, who is continuing a campaign swing down the coast, will speak in Oakland at noon before the Alameda county non-partisan league. Tonight he will give an address in Dreamland auditorium here under the auspices of the national progressive league.