

## WALKER WINS BY 14 VOTES, COUNT SHOWS

Official Canvass of Nov. 8 Election in Union County is Completed

## SCHOOL BILL IS BEATEN 12 TO 1

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles Polls Largest Vote of Any Candidate Opposed For Election.

The official count of the votes cast in Union county in the Nov. 8 election was completed this morning at the court house, showing no change in the unofficial returns as tabulated by the Observer last week, except for minor differences that did not change the outcome.

George Walker, Democrat who was nominated for coronor by "write-in" votes last May, defeated Dr. F. L. Ralston, Republican, by a margin of 14 votes. The Observer total gave Mr. Walker victory by 15 votes.

County Judge U. G. Couch was re-elected over L. E. Evans, Democratic opponent, by a margin of 137 votes.

Seven Communist votes were counted in the presidential race in Union county, and there were 159 Socialist votes. Six thousand three hundred and sixty-four votes were cast in the county out of nearly 80,000 registered, or a percentage of about 80 per cent. The greatest vote for any measure was against the school moving bill, which was defeated 5462 to 445, or more than 12 to 1. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles polled the largest individual vote in the county in any contest with 4789. The highest vote was 4961 for Roscoe Neal, seeking election unopposed to county surveyor. Roosevelt defeated Hoover in this county 4450 to 1705.

The official results follow:  
For president: Hoover 1705, Roosevelt 4450, Reynolds 43, Thomas 159.  
For U. S. senator: Coulter 132, Gleason 3078, Jacobson 38, Krueger 31, Steiner 2506, Thomas 107, Gleason's plurality 2702.  
For congress: Brady 950, Butler 1295, Pierce 3960, Schuur 32, Teal 69, Pierce's plurality 2665.

For secretary of state: Hess 2974, Midwood 197, Wisecarver 2995, Wisecarver's plurality 21.  
For treasurer: Holman 2047, Maloney 3659, McFarland 202, Ward 69, Maloney's plurality 1612.

For attorney general: Dobson 2921, Hosmer 300, Svenson 107, Van Winkle 2530, Dobson's plurality 385.  
For state senator: Eberhard 2180, Hess 3927, Hess' majority 1747.  
For representative: Crum 1799, Eckley 4061, Eckley's majority 2262.  
For district attorney: Helm 3163, Slater 2623, Helm's majority 340.  
For county judge: Couch 3309, Evans 3072, Couch's majority 127.

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## PERSONNEL OF CO-OP MARKET HERE CHANGED

A partial change in personnel of the public market, a local co-operative enterprise, was announced today. Lee Wright, of Fruitdale, and Clyde Metcalf, of May Park, have been selected as new members of the board of directors. R. S. Comstock has been selected to represent the Cove district and Kenneth Gekeler, of Imbler, to represent the north end of the Grande Ronde valley.

Plans are being considered to increase the selling power of the organization and it is hoped to raise the paid up membership during the winter to 100 members.

Several changes also are being made in the local selling work. W. A. Burns will in the future have charge of the meat department while Mrs. E. Skinner will have the cooked food department.

## Court Refuses To Set Aside Judgment

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The supreme court has dismissed the appeal of the Sevier Commission company which sought to set aside a judgment for approximately \$14,000 in favor of the Wallowa National bank of Enterprise.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Rain tonight and Wednesday; snows in the mountains; slightly warmer tonight; southeast gale offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—37 above.  
Minimum: 31 above.  
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 47, minimum 36 above.  
Condition: Cloudy, rain 23 of inch. Range: 11 degrees.

WEATHER NOV. 15, 1931  
Maximum 43, minimum 28 above.  
Condition: Cloudy, precipitation 20 of inch, snow two inches. Range: 15 degrees.

HELP THE RED CROSS TO HELP THE NEEDY!

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## YOUR RED CROSS NEEDS YOU

The annual Red Cross roll call campaign, nationally opened on Armistice day, was inaugurated in La Grande today. The 1932 poster of the American Red Cross roll call for members is pictured today. Even while the roll call is under way here, the national Red Cross is furnishing supplies of flour and clothing for needy people in this community.

## Name Committee For Considering Use of Warrants

A committee, consisting of H. E. Coolidge, Homer V. Leffel, B. W. Meddl, Raymond O. Williams and P. A. Epling, was appointed by President Harry McKinlay, of the chamber of commerce, to attempt to work out some detailed plan whereby city, county and school district warrants may be used as currency—at least to a limited extent—in this city.

The action followed a motion passed at today's chamber of commerce luncheon at the Sackajaw Inn, with discussion of the plan taking up most of the time at the meeting.

Incidentally, Mr. McKinlay announced that an attempt would be made in the near future to try and arrive at some plan whereby a bank could be opened in La Grande. Nothing more in the way of information could be announced at this time, he said.

Mr. Batley Speaks  
Merlin Batley spoke on the warrant problem first, pointing out that about \$33,000 in warrants are issued monthly by the city, school and county, and expressed the belief that some plan could be worked out whereby these warrants, if in small denominations, could be used as a medium of exchange. He said that the city and school district already are reducing the size of warrants to enable employees to more readily use

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## County Budget To Be Announced Soon

After spending Monday working out the budget for the county for 1933, the budget committee and the county court completed their work last night about 9 o'clock in the office of U. G. Couch, county judge, at the court house. The budget was sent to the county clerk for checking this morning, and will be ready for publication tomorrow.

Members of the budget committee are George H. Curry, John Davis and J. A. Gaskill.

## Schoolmasters Of County in Session

President H. E. Inlow outlined the activities of the Eastern Oregon Normal school last night when the Schoolmasters club met at North Powder in monthly meeting. A musical program accompanied the talk and was presented by the students of the North Powder school.

School men who attended from La Grande were President Inlow, Supt. J. T. Longfellow, A. L. Gralapp, principal of the High school, Eldridge Huffman, Cecil Posey, Robert Wakefield, John M. Miller, R. L. Skeen, E. A. Sayre, county superintendent; Andrew Loney, Jr., R. A. Wilkerson and John Bennett, of Fruitdale school.

## Legion Officials Touring District

Barley H. Richardson, district commander of the American Legion, accompanied by Chester L. Thompson, is paying official visits to the posts in Burns and Prairie this week and expects to return to his home here tomorrow.

Mrs. Charles Graham, district unit president, is visiting Central Oregon auxiliaries now, accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Gaffly.

## DeLong Funeral To Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. J. P. DeLong, who passed away in Portland early Monday morning, will be held at the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. W. H. Hertzog in charge. Interment will be in the family plot in Summerville cemetery with Walker's funeral service directing.

## HEAVY RAINFALL HERE THIS YEAR

Total For Ten and a Half Months Already .06 of Inch Over Year's Average

Exactly a year ago today, two inches of snow covered the Grande Ronde valley, and a week ago to-morrow, two more inches were added to the Nov. 15, 1931 total. It was the beginning of last winter, and some of the snow that fell yesterday today was on the ground until spring of 1932.

Which is just by way of comparison. This morning there was no snow on the ground, but puddles that had been water were icy and the minimum temperature was 31 above.

Only a few brief flurries of snow have been experienced in the valley this month, but in the mountains, the white blanket is established many inches thick in some sections. The lowlands have had an unusual amount of rain during the first half of November, with the total to date in La Grande at 2.34 inches, which is just 12 of an inch more than the normal total for all of November. So far this year the excess rainfall for La Grande amounts to 2.14 inches, with a month and a half to go before the year's total is arrived at.

On Oct. 31 the total rainfall amounted to 17.17 inches, as compared with normal for that day of 15.15. On Nov. 15 the total for 1931 in La Grande amounted to 19.51 inches, as compared with normal yearly precipitation of 19.45 inches, this figure obtained from government records averaged over a period of scores of years. In other words, with a month and a half to go before 1932 ends, the total rainfall already is .06 of an inch above normal for the year.

10 ZERO BELOW IN YUKON  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15 (AP)—

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## GAME FEED TO BE STAGED IN WALLOWA CO.

The Associated Chapters of Izak Walton leagues of Wallowa county, consisting of Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa and Lostine, will hold their annual fish and game feed tomorrow night at 6:30 o'clock in the Odd Fellows hall at Enterprise, according to invitations received by several La Grande sportsmen. The dinner will be a stag event, and will include an after dinner program that is reported to be sure to exceed any previous programs at similar events.

Tickets will include the dinner and also membership in the sportsmen's club for the year.

This is the first fish and game dinner to be held there in the last three years.

La Grande is expected to be represented at the banquet.

## Low Price of Farm Products Is Blamed

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 15 (AP)—Delegates attending the annual convention of the National Farmers union today were told by John A. Simpson, president of Oklahoma City, national president, that the low price of farm products "is the cause of every business failure, including the closing of thousands of banks."

He expressed belief, however, that "the rising sun of a new day is here" for agriculture and that a Democratic-controlled congress will soon enact legislation designed to aid the farmer.

Remonetization of silver, government refinancing of responsible farmers, federal regulation of crop marketing and permanent discarding of the manufacturers' general tax plan were proposed by the Oklahoma in his farm relief program.

## Formal Protest Filed Against Hood River Boy

THE DALLES, Nov. 15 (AP)—A formal protest against the eligibility of Tom Swanson, Hood River high school football, was filed Monday with the Oregon state high school athletic association. This action followed within a few days a successful protest against a football player on The Dalles team, preferred by Hood River.

Monday's action charged that Swanson is a ten-term student, George Starr, The Dalles football who was disqualified, was ruled ineligible because he participated in a prize fight two years ago.

The Hood River team has a game scheduled for Saturday with Medford high school at Medford, and has asked the right to meet Jefferson High of Portland on Thanksgiving day for the state title.

HOOD RIVER REPLIES  
HOOD RIVER, Nov. 15 (AP)—J. L. Breckenridge, superintendent of schools here, declared today that if Tom Swanson, high school football star, is a ten-term student and therefore ineligible, the school knows nothing about it. Swanson formerly attended The Dalles High.

Hood River high school has, Breckenridge said, a signed official transcript issued by The Dalles High school 2½ years ago which showed only one semester in attendance with 4½ credits earned.

"It was on this official transcript that Hood River was playing Swanson this year," the superintendent said. "The matter is being investigated and if The Dalles records show that he was in attendance at The Dalles for a longer period than that attested to in their official transcript, Swanson will not play against Medford."

"Today brought forth the first evidence of his being more than a seven-term student and Hood River authorities were greatly surprised at the result."

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## Seeks Repeal Of Prohi Ordinance

PORTLAND, Nov. 15 (AP)—Dellmore Leonard, an attorney, designating himself as acting "on behalf" of 80,000 persons of Portland, appealed to the city council here Monday to repeal the city ordinance prohibiting liquor sales. He requested a public hearing.

The communication will go before the council Thursday afternoon. Leonard called attention to the repeal of the Anderson dry law, pointing out that 509 of 540 precincts in Multnomah county were for repeal.

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## LIBBY FREED OF CHARGES OF MURDER

Former Broadway Theatrical Star Will Not be Required to Face Jury.

## STATE TO NOLLE PROSSE CHARGES

Benet Polikoff, One of Her Attorneys, States That Action is "Satisfactory to the Defense."

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 15 (AP)—Murder charges which have been hanging over the head of Libby Holman Reynolds, one-time toast of Broadway, were dropped today by the state of North Carolina.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 15 (AP)—Solicitor Carlisle Higgins announced here today that the state of North Carolina will ask dismissal of the case charging Libby Holman Reynolds, former blues singer, with murdering her millionaire husband Smith Reynolds, last July.

When Higgins went before Judge A. M. Stack in Forsyth county superior court to read a statement asking that the case be dropped on grounds of insufficient evidence, Judge Stack set 12 o'clock for a formal ruling.

The judge said the delay was ordered to give James H. Poul, of Raleigh, counsel for the defense, an opportunity to reach the courtroom. To Free Al Walker

Higgins' prepared statement also asked that the charges against Al Walker, Winston-Salem youth, indicted jointly with Mrs. Reynolds, be dropped also.

Higgins' statement followed in this case in which the defendants are under indictment for murder. I am thoroughly satisfied that we have not sufficient evidence to justify the case

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## Roscoe Turner Adds New Speed Mark to Record

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15 (AP)—Now the holder of three major air speed records, Col. Roscoe Turner, does not expect to try another coast-to-coast flight until next spring. Col. Turner today added a new east-west transcontinental record to his list when he flew from New York at Burbank, a Los Angeles suburb, in 12 hours and 33 minutes, breaking Lieut. Comdr. Frank Hawks' record by 2 hours 17 minutes.

Col. Turner also holds two other air records on flights from Los Angeles to Mexico City and a round trip between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

On the east-west flight yesterday, Col. Turner averaged 208 miles an hour on the 2540-mile flight. He had planned to attempt a round trip air speed record but was frustrated because of a blowout at Columbus, Ohio, on the trip east.

"I'm all through flying across the country now until next spring," he said. "It's getting too cold and the weather is certainly rough."

12,000 Will Guard  
Prince of Wales

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Nov. 15 (AP)—More than 12,000 men will guard the Prince of Wales when he arrives here tomorrow to dedicate the new parliament buildings at Stormont.

Pro thousand of them will be armed, and all of them are a part of the elaborate precautions to be taken for the safety of the heir to the British throne during his three-day stay in the capital.

Only a few weeks ago Belfast was the scene of violent street fighting.

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## Typhoon Ravages Japan

## BELGIUM TO SEEK CHANGE IN WAR DEBT

Third European Country Sends Note to the United States Today

## ROOSEVELT AND HOOVER TO TALK

President, En Route to Washington From West, Formulates Plans For Capital Conference.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—European countries which have spoken to the United States on war debts grew to three today, with receipt by the state department of a Belgian note.

The text was not divulged immediately at the state department. Officials indicated it might be similar in tone to the French and British notes which urged an extension of the moratorium, and suggested a review of the entire subject looking to further slashes in the billions due America.

Meantime, formulation of plans to meet the situation awaited the receipt of President Hoover to Washington and his conference with President-elect Roosevelt.

The chief executive was expected from the west tomorrow. The time for his meeting with the New York governor is indefinite, but it is expected to take place soon.

Belgium's total debt to the United States arranged under funding agreements was \$400,000,000. Payments totaling \$52,191,273 have been made.

The payment due to the United States from Belgium on Dec. 15 is \$2,125,000. This sum is interest and principal and is not payable under existing debt agreements.

By John F. Chester  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)  
ON BOARD PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—President Hoover today formulated plans for his now-assured war-debt talks with Franklin D. Roosevelt, but as his train headed into the final lap of its transcontinental swing he kept silent as to the policies upon which he will seek the president-elect's cooperation.

One of the chief executive's aides said today that unless word of some new development was passed aboard the train, he expected Mr. Hoover would have nothing to say publicly on debt matters during the day. He is scheduled to reach Washington at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Stops at St. Louis  
Before 9 a. m. this morning, at St. Louis, a delegation of about two score political and personal friends of the president boarded the train and were received by him in the train during a brief stop.

Included in the group were Mayor Victor J. Miller, E. B. Clements, Re-

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## CANNED GOODS FREIGHT RATE TO BE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized transcontinental railroads to reduce rates on canned goods in carloads from California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho to points east of Colorado.

The only exception is canned fish which the carriers did not seek to lower.

The reduction in rates affects canned goods to all points in the east. Under it the rates on canned goods will be 92 cents per 100 pounds to the nearer points in the territory and \$1.07 cents to other points.

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## Jesse Cousins, Alleged Slayer, Is Under Arrest

Man Accused of Killing Two Federal Prohibition Officers in Washington is Captured.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 15 (AP)—Withholding all comment except to declare that he has not confessed to the killing, Jesse E. Cousins, 48, charged with slaying two prohibition officers, was confined in the county jail here today while federal and county police questioned him about the shooting and his flight.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 15 (AP)—Jesse E. Cousins, sought for more than a month in connection with the fatal shooting of Allard W. Turner and Ernest Vlasich, federal prohibition officers of Seattle, was under arrest today. He was captured last night in a shack four miles northeast of Vancouver by a posse led by Sheriff R. A. McCrie.

Cousins, whose appearance was changed only by a heavy mustache, told police he had been in hiding in the shack, near Lake Vancouver, since the day following the shooting. Police expressed belief an accomplice had been washed ashore.

## F. R. WILL VISIT AT WHITE HOUSE

Gov. Roosevelt Accepts President Hoover's Invitation For Conference.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 15 (AP)—A flood of commendatory messages to President-elect Roosevelt for his acceptance of President Hoover's invitation to discuss the war debt question descended upon the executive mansion today.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 15 (AP)—President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, who last night accepted the invitation of President Hoover to a conference on governmental matters, is waiting to complete plans for his southern trip before setting a date for the meeting.

Tentative arrangements for his trip to Warm Springs call for Mr. Roosevelt's departure Nov. 20 or 21, which might put him in Washington Monday or Tuesday next week.

Mr. Roosevelt's telegram, which was delivered to the president at Hutchinson, Kansas, follows:  
"The president:  
"I appreciate your cordial telegram. On the subjects to which you refer, as in all matters relating to the welfare of the country, I am glad to co-operate in every appropriate way, subject of course, to the requirements of my present duties as the governor of this state.

"I shall be delighted to confer with you in Washington, but I have been confined to the house with a slight cold and I am therefore not able to suggest a definite date. I shall call you on the telephone as soon as the time of my departure for the south has been determined.

"May I take the liberty of suggesting that we make this meeting wholly informal and personal. You and I

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## Strangers Beat, Rob Portland Man

PORTLAND, Nov. 15 (AP)—J. C. Peterson trusted two strangers. Suffering from a broken jaw in a hospital today, he told police that in the midst of a conversation in his home the two leaped upon him, beat, bound and gagged him, and escaped with \$2000 worth of bonds, \$7.75 in cash, an overcoat and shoes.

They gained admittance to his home, he said, by representing themselves as friends of a mutual friend. The police investigation indicated there had been considerable drinking of liquor.

## Druggists to Vote On Handling Liquor

EUGENE, Nov. 15 (AP)—Druggists of Oregon want to decide whether they will handle prescription liquor.

Stanley R. Stevenson, director of the state pharmaceutical association, announced late Monday that a poll of the state association is being taken to determine how druggists stand on the question of liquor sales. Stevenson said that in event the vote shows the druggists oppose dealing in alcoholic liquor, a bill will be prepared and sponsored at the legislature prohibiting such drug store sale.

## Auto Accident Is Fatal to Quartet

ANACONDA, Mont., Nov. 15 (AP)—Four young Anacondan men died in Silver lake, 12 miles from here, last night after the automobile in which they were riding skidded on a slippery road and plunged into eight feet of water.

The victims: Nellie Lee, 18; Marie Reardon, 20; Patrick Ekelley, 20 and James Clifford, 20, driver of the car. Gertrude Roney and Charles Munson, two other passengers in the car, escaped, swam ashore and telephoned for help.

## LARGE DEATH LIST IN WAKE OF BIG BLOW

100-Mile Gale Whips Island For 12 Hours, Accompanied by Rains

## HOMES DESTROYED BY WINDS, FLAMES

Japanese Navy, Anchored Off Yokosuka, Feels Fury of Gale—Some Fighting Craft Damaged