

Political Talk Rife As Primary Election Time Nears

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ROUND-UP BEGINS AT PENDLETON

County Teachers To Hold Institute Here On Friday

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

Congressman Walter M. Pierce to Speak On "National Recovery."

O. S. T. A. OFFICIAL ON THE PROGRAM

E. F. Carleton and Supt. C. A. Howard to Deliver Addresses; Business Session Scheduled.

Teachers of Union county schools, from the smallest country school to the largest of the city systems, will gather here tomorrow for the annual county teachers institute, meeting at the La Grande high school study hall at 9:30 a. m., according to E. A. Sayre, county superintendent.

As it is compulsory for teachers to attend this institute, a 100 per cent attendance is assured.

The institute will open with assembly singing in charge of Harvey Carter with Vina Conley at the piano. Rev. J. George Walz will give invocation and Mrs. Myrtle Russell will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Merin Batley, pianist.

Congressman Walter M. Pierce will speak on the subject "National Recovery" at 10 a. m. and at 11:05, after a five-minute recess, E. F. Carleton, of Portland, will speak on "The Battle To Save the Free Public School." Mr. Carleton is secretary-treasurer of the Oregon State Teachers association, and is editor of the Oregon Education Journal.

The business session of the county unit of the O. S. T. A. will begin at 11:30 with J. W. King, of Imbler, president in charge.

After the noon hour Supt. C. A. Howard, of Salem, will speak at 1:30 on "Policies of the State Department."

The institute will close at 3 p. m.

Two Ordinances Passed At City Commission Meet

Two ordinances, each carrying an emergency clause making them effective immediately, were passed at the city commission meeting last night. Both were designed to correct previously effective ordinances. One provides that holders of city general obligation and improvement bonds may turn them in as payment on liens against property for sidewalk and other improvement work, and also for the purchase price of any land sold by the city. Previously the ordinance did not include improvement bonds. The other ordinance allows the place of business operating under the same head to file a group bond for beer licenses. For example, under the new law, if four stores under the same management wish to sell beer, they may apply for one blanket bond of \$400, instead of getting four bonds of \$100. The change is expected to result in a savings to group stores who may pay less fees to the bonding companies. The city manager reported last night that \$3320.58 in water fund warrants were retired during the week ending Sept. 20. Cash on hand amounted to \$11,223.24, divided as follows: First National bank of La Grande \$5049.83, Portland bank \$1,555.05, cash \$820.85, remainder in warrants.

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WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 20 — To inflate, or not to inflate, that is the Democratic question. Whether it's nobler in the minds to suffer the slings and arrows of southern politicians, or to take up inflation against a sea of economists, and by opposing, end them. To expand, to inflate, to inflate perchance to dream. Aye there's the rub. For in that sleep of inflation, what dreams may come, puzzle the will, and make us doubtful whether to bear those ills we have, than fly to others we know not of. Yours, Will Rogers

POULTRYMEN TO HAVE DAY AT FAIR HERE

Program Friday Afternoon, Sept. 29, to be Devoted to This Division

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 29, the entire program at the Grande Fair and Home Products show at the L. D. S. Recreational hall will be devoted to a discussion of poultry and several featured musical numbers. Al. F. Webb, chairman and one of the leading poultry raisers in the county, assisted by a large committee, is arranging a fine exhibit of poultry to be displayed on the court house grounds along with the Four-11 club livestock show.

SHOWERS DRENCH VALLEY; RAINFALL IS ABOVE NORMAL

Heavy showers that drenched the Grande Ronde valley yesterday afternoon and last night brought the September precipitation to 1.57 inches, which is nearly half an inch above normal precipitation for this month. The average for September in La Grande is 1.22 inches. Sixty-three hundredths of an inch of rain fell in the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning. Rain at this period is more or less the usual thing, marking the termination of

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LACK OF PATRONAGE FOR HOME CONSTITUENTS MAY LOWER PIERCE CHANCES

Congressman Expected to Have Hard Battle to Fight if He Gains Re-election; Much Speculation As to Local Postmaster Situation; Victor Eckley Believed to Have Inside Track For La Grande Position.

By Nolan Skiff With the May primary elections only eight months in the future, political discussion and conjecture is on the ascendency in this section of the state. In particular, there are two items that are proving of more than ordinary interest. One has to do with Congressman Walter M. Pierce's chances for re-election; the other with the La Grande postmaster-ship.

To begin with, Democrats have been muttering about patronage for some time. Union county, which gave Pierce 9960 of the 6306 votes cast in a five-way contest, so far has been waiting impatiently under the patronage tree — and no plums have been dropping! There are several capable Democrats in this neck of the woods who had visions of a good political appointment — but those visions are looking more and more like air castles with each passing day. Pierce was expected to have a big hand in patronage dispensing in Oregon, yet some are beginning to think that Union county's pocket is

1034 PHEASANTS FREED THIS YEAR IN UNION COUNTY

More game birds have been released in Union county this year than last, and more are being held in the holding pens at the sewage disposal plant. It was announced today by Oscar Porsch, representing sportsmen of this section interested in the stocking work. He reports that 610 pheasants have been released this year in the county from the Pendleton game farm, in charge of George Wells, and in addition 124 birds were freed from the holding pens this spring, making a

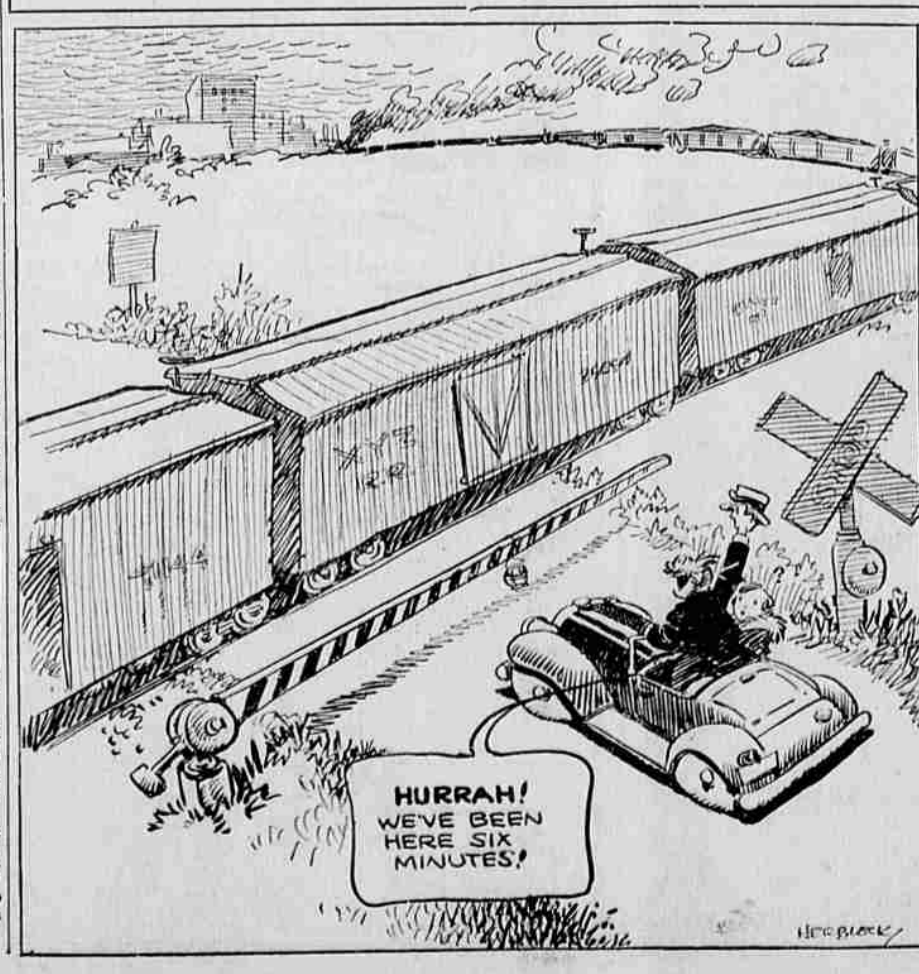
HELM UNDERGOES KNEE OPERATION

Carl Helm, district attorney who was injured in an automobile accident near Hood River last Saturday, underwent an operation at the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland yesterday. His knee cap was crushed in the wreck, and the operation was to correct the fracture. His leg will be in a cast for a considerable length of time but he is expected to be able to leave the hospital and return home in about three weeks time.

REV. HAMILTON TO OFFICIATE AT SERVICES

Rev. Harry Hamilton, of Nampa, is in La Grande to conduct funeral services for Mrs. Ida Moats, Mr. Hamilton was formerly district superintendent of the Methodist church and a pastor here.

CARLOADINGS SEEN AS BUSINESS INDEX—NEWS ITEM



Tents, Bungalows House Pupils



Tents, bungalows and schoolyards are used for classrooms while several Los Angeles schools are empty. This follows their classification as unsafe in examination after the southern California earthquake last March.

NRA COMPLIANCE WORK TO BEGIN LOCALLY TODAY

Formation of local compliance boards of the NRA in every city of the United States has been ordered by the national recovery administration, according to word received by R. Z. Baxter from Frank Messenger, of Portland, district manager of the department of commerce for Oregon and Idaho. As a result, Henry Hess, county NRA advisor, and Mr. Baxter met last night and plans were made whereby the compliance campaign will begin today and continue until Oct. 1, when the "Buy Now" campaign is scheduled to start. The executive committee of the local NRA consumers, headed by Mr. Baxter, also will serve on the compliance

SEN. McNARY EN ROUTE TO THE CAPITAL

U. S. Senator Charles McNary, called to Washington to confer with President Roosevelt in reference to the Bonneville dam proposal, passed through La Grande this morning on No. 6 on route east. He left Portland last night.

WARSHIP ENTERS HAVANA HARBOR

HAVANA, Sept. 21 (AP)—The United States destroyer No. 240, with her marines and sailors drawn up in formation on the deck, and the American ammunition ship Nitro entered Havana harbor today as opposition groups pressed their demand that the government of provisional President Grau San Martin resign. Anti-American sentiment was expressed in a demonstration by a small group of Cubans who assembled before the home of James Ward Stickney. The demonstrators shouted "down with the Americans!" but left peacefully after a short time. Prisoners brought in from Camaguey province, where Captain Juan Blas Hernandez is leading a revolt against the Grau government, reported that the insurgents totaled 2000 men.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood today at about 53 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. CHICAGO, Sept. 21 (AP)—A storm of sell-off selling that broke out late today tumbled wheat prices down 5 cents a bushel, the extreme limit allowed for any one session. Conflicting reports from Washington as to whether there would be inflation or not, with weakness of stocks, cotton and sterling, and a sharp reduction in the price of free gold, caused grain holders to become uncertain of their position, and led to heavy liquidation. Wheat closed semi-demoralized, at the day's lowest level 5 1/2¢ under yesterday's finish, corn 3 1/4¢ down, oats 3 1/4¢ cent off, and provisions unchanged to 25 cents lower.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

HOOD RIVER HUNTER KILLED
HOG PRICES REACH \$5
PLANE FALLS; THREE DIE
F. R. BACK AT HIS DESK

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 21 (AP)—The death in a hunting accident of Edward Volstroff, 29, son of Fire Chief J. F. Volstroff, of Hood River, was reported in a telephone message today from the Long Creek district in the John Day valley.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21 (AP)—Hog prices reached \$5 a hundred weight today to equal the 1932 peak on the Kansas City market.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 21 (AP)—Crashing from a height of about 200 feet over the airport at Livenood, a small mining camp, Pilot G. E. (Ed) Young, noted Alaskan flier and two of his passengers were dead today, in Alaska's first commercial passenger air fatality. The other victims were Eric Nelson and Aldwyn D. Roberts.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt resumed his regular routine today at the White House, completely recovered from the cold and slight fever which bothered him the early part of the week. The fever which came back yesterday had disappeared this morning.

KANAZAWA, Japan, Sept. 21 (AP)—An earthquake shook Western Japan today and it was feared heavy damage resulted, although a break in communications prevented receipt of only meager details.

NEW THREAT IS REPORTED TODAY IN KIDNAP CASE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 21 (AP)—Fred Coleman, son of T. M. Coleman, at whose farm near Stratford government alleges the Urschel kidnaping plot was hatched, told Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaughn today that George "Machine Gun" Kelly appeared at the Coleman farm last night and threatened death to the Colemans and the family of B. G. Shannon, accused of participation in the abduction. Judge Vaughn declined to comment on the statement of the 35-year-old farmer but other federal authorities indicated they were partly inclined to the theory the incident was not wholly genuine. "It looked and sounded like damned good acting to me," said a prosecuting attorney.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 21 (AP)—A kidnap plot in which his 10-year-old daughter, Peggy Ann, was to have been held a prisoner until he granted executive clemency to members of the notorious Harvey Bailey - Wilbur Underhill gang now confined in the Kansas penitentiary was made public today by Gov. Alf. M. Landon. While denying receipt of any "actual threat," the governor said "so much contradictory evidence" had been disclosed by investigators that guards have been maintained at the executive mansion. Miss Landon, attractive high school senior, has been under the surveillance.

Fad For Shorts Ousts Pajamas On The Riviera

NICE, Sept. 21 (AP)—Shorts are crowding pajamas off men, women and children along the Riviera, where search for the unusual is an important occupation. Shorts were frowned down last year, but now they are worn at dances, tea, on the beach and even on the streets. Pajamas almost obscured skirts, but now shorts have their day.

100,000 Workers Are Involved In Strikes In Progress In New York

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—Strikes involving about 100,000 workers were in progress in New York City today as a walkout of transit employees appeared a possibility. The American Federation of Labor, through its affiliate in the street transportation industry, prepared to seek a showdown between A. F. of L. unionization of 30,000 workers and the company union policy maintained at present. Patrick J. Shea, official of the Amalgamated Association of Street

CLEAR SKIES FOR OPENING SHOW TODAY

Torrential Rains Occur Last Night But Arena in Good Condition Now.

2000 INDIANS ARE ENCAMPED NEARBY

La Grande Has Prominent Part, With Band Official Musical Organization at the Show.

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 21 (AP)—Cowhands from the western ranges and the nearest outlaw houses in the land thrilled several thousand spectators here today as the 24th annual Pendleton Round-Up opened under a clear sky.

Torrential rains poured down on the Umatilla country last night but the weather cleared this morning and the Round-Up arena and track were in good condition.

The entry list was one of the largest in the history of the west's great outdoor spectacle. Two thousand Indians, headed by Poker Jim, the head man in the hair pants and the wide hats, all covetous of the Sam Jackson trophy, emblematic of the world's championship. This trophy will go to the cowboy making the most points in the four major events, bull-dogging, steer and calf roping, and outlaw riding.

La Grande had a prominent part in the Round-up with Andy Loney's La Grande band the official musical organization for both afternoon shows at Round-up arena, and with Miss Sally Siegert serving as one of the attendants to Queen Jean Frazer, 60 Bucking Horse.

Sixty head of bucking horses, led by the giant gray outlaw, "Roosevelt Trophy" went into action today with the unswerving purpose of making life miserable for three days for the man in the hair pants and the wide hats, all covetous of the Sam Jackson trophy, emblematic of the world's championship. This trophy will go to the cowboy making the most points in the four major events, bull-dogging, steer and calf roping, and outlaw riding.

Jake McGuire, Ike Rude and Everett Bowman, all top notch ropers of the southwest, have their names engraved on the trophy which must be won three times for permanent possession.

Prominent among the top hands in today's events was Bob Crosby, permanent winner of the Roosevelt trophy in 1928. Norman Cowan, a one-eyer for this state, was here, and Clay Carr, great California cowboy, was in the lineup for the first time in several years.

Oregon Law Is P. W. A. Obstacle Gilbert Reports

EUGENE, Sept. 21 (AP)—Oregon laws of 1933 making it unlawful to repay debts from tax receipts stand in the way of the public works program for this state, and must be amended or repealed, it was declared here today by Dr. James H. Gilbert, of the University of Oregon and a member of the state advisory board of the emergency public works administration. The need facing the state must be considered by the coming special session of the state legislature if this state is to benefit from the public works program, Dean Gilbert said. Slowness of applicants in putting applications into final form as well as legal difficulties such as that in Oregon, are hindering the program, the university dean pointed out. All possible speed is urged in clearing the way for approval of projects as a means of alleviating unemployment difficulties.

WASHINGTON WINS PENNANT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—The Senators clinched the American league pennant today by defeating St. Louis 2 to 1. The victory put them beyond the reach of the New York Yankees, who were idle today.

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