

Union County Budget Is Reduced \$51,836 For 1934

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WALLOWA BANK ROBBED OF \$25,000

REFINANCING OF BONDS TO REDUCE TAX

2-Year Breathing Spell in Sight for Taxpayers of County

\$40,000 TAX FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS

County Committee Draws Up Budget Saturday—Hearing Scheduled for Nov. 13.

A tentative budget calling for a reduction of county taxes \$51,836 was drawn up here Saturday afternoon by a budget committee consisting of County Judge U. G. Couch, Commissioners W. R. Ledbetter and Tom Johnson and citizen members J. J. Foley, J. A. Gaskill and George Benson. The reduction was made possible by a plan to refinance bonds, which will give taxpayers a two-year breathing spell. The reduction, also, is in spite of a new item of \$40,000 for old age pensions, made necessary by the law passed by the last session of the legislature.

Many items were reduced and a few were increased, but on the whole the budget shows the biggest reduction in many years.

Hearing will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 9 a. m.

In the refinancing, it is planned to pay \$200 on each \$1000 bond due now and refinance the remainder. Under the plan, the present bonded indebtedness would be retired by January, 1935, but payments — when resumed in two years — would be only about half as large as this year, when \$96,000 was entered in the budget.

Interest payments will continue uninterrupted, it was said.

Although the reduction will be general over the county, those in non-high school districts will not fare

"Freckles" Returns To The Observer

"Freckles and His Friends," comic strip which formerly appeared regularly in the Observer but was discontinued some months ago, has again returned to the Observer and renewed old acquaintances today.

BARBER SHOP SUPPLIES ARE REPORTED LOST

A salesman, T. F. Christensen, of Portland, reported to police over the weekend that his car, while in a private garage at 1908 Fourth street, was broken into and several articles stolen. He reported the following losses: four dozen razors, one dozen electric clippers, one dozen combs and an assortment of supplies for beauty parlors.

LETTER TELLS OF DEATH OF LINCOLN

An old letter, telling among other things of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, was among some old papers found in the old Chris Wright saloon building which formerly occupied the place where the Salvation Army hall now stands. The letter has been in the possession of Logan Thompson for some time. Mr. Thompson helped tear down the old building.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 15 — So Germany left the league. Well, we can't criticize. We never even went in. The poor old league never had a chance for it had no power. It tried to keep everybody good by having 'em sign a pledge (but there was nothing they could do to you if you broke the pledge). They didn't need guns to make the league a real success. An economic boycott against any nation by all the others would have done the trick. Let the world quit trading with Japan and China will have Manchuria back by breakfast time.

Nations will give up their lives (even cheer about it). They will give their money in order to give up their lives. But to ask one to give up their trade to prevent a war—well, that has never been done. Yours, Will Rogers

UNIVERSITY WOMEN END CONFERENCE

Mrs. Kate Jameson, Dean of Women at O. S. C., Re-elected Vice Chief

Mrs. Kate Jameson, dean of women at Oregon State college, was re-elected vice president of the Oregon branch of the American Association of University Women Saturday at the business session which closed the two-day conference at the La Grande hotel.

Reports of standing committees were given by Miss Amanda Zabel, treasurer; Dean Jameson, membership; Miss Beryl Holt, Salem, education; Mrs. H. R. Lassett, Corvallis, international relation; Miss E. Ruth Rockwood, Portland, state fellowship; Dean Violet B. Chessman, Forest Grove, national fellowship; Mrs. L. T. Merwin, Portland, publicity.

Mrs. C. A. Johnson, of Portland, chairman of the North Pacific fel-

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LOCAL HUNTERS HAVE GOOD LUCK IN GETTING BIRDS

Scores of Chinese pheasants were shot in Union county yesterday by local hunters, marking the opening day of the season in this section, which is to continue until Oct. 31.

The bag limit is four for any one day, and numerous hunters returned home with the limit. The day was ideal for hunting.

FORUM LUNCHEON TUESDAY AT NOON

Representative Walter M. Pierce, congressman from the second congressional district, will discuss the N. R. A. and the public works program tomorrow when the chamber of commerce resumes its monthly forum luncheons for the winter. The summer vacation has been in effect since June.

GREAT CROWD VIEWS LOCAL NRA PARADE

Procession Saturday Eve Formally Begins 'Buy Now' Campaign

FIREWORKS, MUSIC ALSO ON PROGRAM

Dancing Concludes Evening—Gathering Largest Here for An Event in Several Years

With the street jammed with one of the largest crowds gathered in La Grande during recent years, the "Death to Depression" NRA parade was held here during Saturday night, formally ushering in the local "Buy Now" campaign. Last week the city commission proclaimed October, November and December "Buy Now" months in La Grande.

The parade, proceeding up Adams avenue between colored fuses, was an enthusiastic one, with hundreds taking part. Following the parade, a three-quarters of an hour fireworks display—held at Gangloff park—was clearly visible from nearly all parts of La Grande, and the large crowd watched the pyrotechnical display, handled by Henry Warmholz, Frank Sijdam and Lynne Bohenkamp. An opening bomb was exploded at 8 p. m. and the remainder of the fireworks after the parade.

Also following the parade the Blue Mountain Wranglers and the Blue Mountain Cowboys furnished a musical entertainment.

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Mrs. Ormand Is Victor In Club Golf Title Play

Mrs. John Ormand won the women's golf championship at the La Grande country club, taking the first 18 holes when she won five up from Mrs. Charles H. Reynolds, and the second 18 by default. Mrs. Reynolds was unable to play the second round because of a hand injury she received when the local women golfers met the Pendleton team recently.

REVIEW BOARD THIS EVENING

A Boy Scout board of review will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the offices of Charles H. Reynolds, it was announced today.

Retiring Fourth Liberty Loan Series by Lottery



A ceremony reminiscent of the war-time draft was conducted at Washington when high Treasury and Reserve Board officials, as shown here, drew from a glass jar the numbers of the three series of the Fourth Liberty Loan to be retired in the government's move to cut its huge interest load. From left to right: W. A. Julian, treasurer of the United States; Dean Acheson, undersecretary of Treasury; O. M. W. Sprague, executive assistant to the Secretary of Treasury, and Eugene R. Black, governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

NO LOCAL GRID GAMES DUE HERE NEXT WEEKEND

For the second consecutive week, there will be football games in La Grande.

Friday the E. O. N. eleven will play at Lewiston, a return game with the Idaho teachers, and on Saturday the La Grande High eleven goes to Enterprise.

Last weekend, the E. O. N. had an open date and La Grande lost to The Dalles at The Dalles.

Coach Bob Quinn has been taking advantage of the two-week period to polish up his team for the last half of the schedule, which appears plenty tough. Two injuries received in the Lewiston game here, which the Mountaineers won 38 to 0, have not yet healed and as a result, Miles, halfback, and Jackson, guard, may not see action next Friday. Petterson, also hurt in the Lewiston game, is back in condition.

Lassen, 1932 fullback, is working in nicely with the squad and will alternate with Hodgen at fullback and also stands ready to go into the blocking halfback position. Lassen's addition to the squad should strengthen backfield performance considerably, fans believe.

Three Cheers For The NRA!

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 16 (AP)—Quadruplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Beneditum. One girl, girl, died. The other three are thriving and are to be named in tribute to the NRA — Nina, Rose and Albert. The father is an unemployed miner.

CLOSED BANKS TO RECEIVE U. S. AID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—Government and banking officials hurried to translate into actual dollars and cents for depositors today President Roosevelt's plan for advancing approximately \$1,000,000,000 on the assets of closed national and state banks.

The immediate federal job was completing organization of the deposit liquidation division of the reconstruction corporation which was designated by President Roosevelt to stimulate the distribution of frozen bank assets. The RFC will supply

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MEIER WILL ISSUE CALL FOR SESSION

By C. V. Bernhard (Associated Press Staff Writer)

SALEM, Oct. 16 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier said today he would announce the date of the extraordinary session of the state legislature "later in the day." He declared he had yet to get in touch with the president of the senate and speaker of the house.

This brief statement to the associated Press followed receipt by the executive of a response to inquiry as to how far the federal government would go in unemployment relief and what was expected of the state.

The communication from Federal administrator Hopkins was received at the governor's offices here today. Hopkins informed the governor that it was learned that the state must match federal relief funds and a recommendation for a special session to care for relief needs was recommended to Meier. When the governor called the session, it was reported the letter suggested, the federal government would care for relief during the remainder of this year, but that further co-operation was impossible.

These developments coupled with information previously obtained, strengthened the speculation that the date of the session would be either November 27 or December 3, with the former date preferred. This would end the session in time for legislators to get home before Christmas. The state constitution limits a special session to 20 days.

PIERCE ASKS FOR NO MORE DELAYS

Representative W. M. Pierce, of the second congressional district, has notified the state highway commission that he sent letters to C. C. Hokeby, public works engineer for Oregon, and members of the state advisory board, demanding that they release without further delay the applications and specifications for the five bridges which it is proposed to construct on the Oregon Coast highway.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 48 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 56 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16 (AP)—Jolted by downturns of securities, wheat prices underwent a sudden big tumble in the late dealings today.

Selling of wheat enlarged rapidly toward the last. Eastern sources are credited with being heavy sellers. Ease of the United States wheat visible supply total added to downward pressure on the market, and prices dropped the extreme limit allowed in a single day.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

- POSTPONE DISARM MEET
- U. S. BUYS BUTTER, BEEF
- IDAHO CHILD BURNED
- ADMIRAL BYRD ILL

By the Associated Press
The well-attended conference, two days after Germany's withdrawal from that body and from the league of nations, has adjourned until Oct. 26 upon a plea for continuation of its efforts by the parley chairman, Arthur Henderson of Great Britain. President Roosevelt took the stand that there should be a redoubling of efforts to break the disarmament deadlock, while from other sources came the official revelation that the United States, while ready to lend assistance, may stand aside for a few days to determine the trend of the negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—Purchase of \$18,000,000 worth of butter and beef for relief purposes was announced today at the offices of Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, acting in co-operation with Secretary Wallace.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Oct. 16 (AP)—Richard Singer, 5-years-old, was burned to death after his mother, Mrs. W. E. Singer, was severely burned in heroic attempts to rescue him from their burning home at Squaw Bay, near here. A three-year-old brother escaped.

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 16 (AP)—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the explorer, was confined to his bed at a hotel here today suffering with an acute attack of laryngitis and general pharyngitis.

ELKS READY FOR OPENING OF '49 SHOW WEDNESDAY

The stage is set, the gaming tables are going up, the floor walkers are polishing the dance arena—the Elks Days of '49 show is about ready to open for business on Wednesday evening, Oct. 18 for four days of fun. The fun, however, has a serious motive, since the proceeds will be used to further the Elks juvenile program which they will carry on during the winter.

A large crowd is expected from the time the show opens at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, until the last dance is played and the prize is awarded to the holder of the most points on Saturday night. Adequate gaming facilities are being arranged for the entertainment of all comers. Jesse V. Andrews, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced.

A parade, which the Elks describe as small but spectacular, has been arranged for each of the evenings to precede the show, and Adams avenue and the Sacajawea Inn ball room where the show will be held will be ablaze with activity bringing visitors to La Grande from all over the valley during the four evenings.

DR. RALSTON TO SEE FAIR

Dr. F. L. Ralston left this morning for Chicago, where he will visit the Century of Progress exposition.

MRS. SHERWOOD IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Floyd Sherwood has gone to Portland where she will be one of the vocalists at the meeting of the Presbyterian Synodical there.

F. R. CALLS UPON ALL CITIZENS TO AID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—Every citizen today was called upon by President Roosevelt to support private charities relieving human distress. His appeal from the White House last night opened the four weeks mobilization for human needs under the direction of Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war. Mr. Roosevelt said the government's promise to let no one starve was "predicted on the assumption" that every individual would "continue to do his or her part."

TWO MEN IN COUPE HOLD UP CASHIER

Customers Also Herded Into Rear Room During Robbery Today

ESCAPE, PROBABLY TOWARD LEWISTON

Officers in All Eastern Oregon Watching for Two; Part of Money Is Overlooked.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The Stockgrowers and Farmers bank of Wallowa was the scene of a daring daylight robbery at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, two men holding up those in the bank and escaping with \$2500 in cash.

Two unmasked men entered the bank, held up the cashier, C. T. McDaniel, and was going to lock him and another employee at the bank and the others employed at the bank in the vault. The cashier talked them out of that, saying they all would suffocate in a short while.

Instead, the two herded them into the back room, and later forced Dave Scott, of the power company, C. O. Baltes, of Skaggs store, and Marian McClay — all patrons of the bank—into the same room. The robbers were in the bank about 20 minutes and warned those there that no minutes should be sounded for five more minutes.

They did not comply with the warning and spread the alarm, but the men had gone. The two, one tall and the other short and of dark com-

Name Successor To C. L. Starr At Board's Session

PORTLAND, Oct. 16 (AP)—Without a dissenting vote of the board, eight members of which were present, the state board of higher education today elected Roscoe C. Nelson, Portland attorney, as president to succeed C. L. Starr, resigned.

PORTLAND, Oct. 16 (AP)—The reorganized state board of higher education, with two new members sitting in for the first time, met here today to elect a president of the board and a vice president. These two offices were vacated by the resignation of the governor's request of C. L. Starr, president, and the voluntary resignation of C. C. Colt, vice president.

To succeed these two Portland men Governor Meier appointed Roscoe C. Nelson, of Portland, and Willard Marks, of Albany.

TYPICAL FALL WEATHER HERE FOR WEEKEND

Typical fall weather, partly cloudy and with a breeze swirling falling leaves about the streets, visited La Grande this weekend, accompanied by somewhat chillier temperatures and a sprinkle of rain.

One-hundredth of an inch of rain fell last night, bringing the October total to .03 of an inch. The forecast for tonight and tomorrow was for clear but colder weather for Eastern Oregon.

Sunday's maximum was 59 above, the chilliest day this month, and the minimum was 33, only one degree above freezing.

