

# Great Crowd at U. P. Banquet And Ball Here Tuesday

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# FARM STRIKE TEMPORARILY HALTED

## 460 HONOR 3 RETIRING RAILROADERS

Others On Pension Roll in Second Division Special Guests.

## PIERCE, HESS AND OTHERS GIVE TALKS

Entertainment Program and Ball Enjoyed—Gathering Biggest in La Grande History.

What is believed to have been the greatest gathering at a banquet table ever held in La Grande, took place at the Sycamore Inn last night, when 400 attended the dinner and dance given in honor of Martin King, engineer; George Nelson, crossing watchman, and M. Wels, section foreman, to be pensioned by the U. P. this year, and other railroad men already on the pension roll.

Railroad men from far and near joined with townspeople in the event, enjoying to the fullest the dinner, the program and the ball that followed, all sponsored by the four train service brotherhoods of the second division of the O-W.

J. E. Corbett was toastmaster and handled his duties in a very able manner. Telegrams were read from high railroad officials, including Carl Gray, Union Pacific president, expressing regret at being unable to attend, but extending congratulations to the honor guests.

Pierce and Hess Speak  
Congressman Walter M. Pierce recalled the great progress made in transportation in the last century, and gave honor to the railroad men for the part they have played in this improvement. State Senator Henry Hess also spoke glowingly of the honor guests.

Talks also were given by Jim Kirby, president of the general committee

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## La Grande High Plays at Union Next Saturday

The La Grande High school football team, undefeated in Northeastern Oregon this fall and champion in 1932, will journey to Union Saturday to do battle with the Bobcat eleven on the stock show grounds, beginning at 2 o'clock.

On paper, the Tigers are made favorites. Union lost to Enterprise last week by a one-touchdown margin and the Tigers the week before defeated the Savages four touchdowns. But on the field, Union invariably makes a strong stand against La Grande and a feline contest of no small proportions is expected when the Tiger and Bobcat begin to claw around.

Coach Agee, of North Powder, will referee; Adrian Goodbrod, of Union, will umpire, and Jimmy King, of Imbler, will be head linesman.

This afternoon the Union subs are playing the Tiger third team on the L. H. S. gridiron.

Next week the Tigers will begin preparing for the Armistice day game here with Baker. Present plans include a big rally and downtown parade the night before the game.

## HUNTING OF PHEASANTS AT AN END HERE

Only ducks and geese may be hunted legally in Eastern Oregon from now on. At sunset last night the pheasant season came to a close. The open season on migratory fowls will continue until Dec. 15.

## OCTOBER WARM AND DRY IN LA GRANDE

The excess rainfall for 1933 in La Grande was reduced to 2.26 inches during the last month, with the October precipitation here only .95 of an inch, compared with normal of 1.53 inches.

The total rainfall so far is 17.41 inches, compared with normal for Oct. 31 of 15.15. The annual normal is 19.45 inches.

October was unusually warm and dry, particularly during the first 20 days, when practically no rain of consequence fell.

During the month there were five days with maximums of 80 or higher, reaching 87 above Oct. 4, and one

## WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 31 — News today says: "U. S. and England agree on gold control." But it didn't say nothing about France who has all the gold. It's always good to take it up with the teacher before a couple of students decide when school will be out.

King Boris of Bulgaria and King Carol of Rumania met yesterday to decide ways to improve relations between the two countries.

It was suggested Carol take Boris' sister to wife. Nations got a funny sense of humor, ain't they? English royalty waited till they had all married Germans, then they went to war with 'em. Germans all married Russians then fought.

Boris, you better pan that sister off on some local guy. Yours,

Will Rogers  
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## CELEBRATION TO BE HELD JULY 20, 21

Railroad and Chamber of Commerce Committees Agree on 1934 Dates.

The railroad committee and the chamber of commerce committee in charge of the proposal to celebrate in 1934 the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of the railroad to La Grande, met Tuesday at the La Grande hotel.

The celebration has been set for July 20 and 21 and will follow a pioneer meeting on July 19.

No other arrangements have been made for the event but committees will be appointed within the next 10 days and activities begin.

The celebration promises to be one of the largest ever held in La Grande, with beautiful pageantry showing the development of transportation during the past 50 years.

## E. O. N. TEAM TO FACE HARD GRID GAME AT ALBION

The Eastern Oregon Normal school football team, undefeated in four games this season and with a total of 105 points to opponents' six, will invade Idaho this weekend to play Albion Normal school. The game will begin at 2:30 o'clock (mountain standard time) at Albion, Ida. Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the home-coming game for the Gem State teachers.

On comparative scores, the Mountaineers have a slight edge over the Albion team, which lost to College of Idaho 12 to 0. But playing on the Albion field and before a home-coming crowd, the Idaho lads may be inspired to play a much better game than is expected.

For that reason, Coach Bob Quinn

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## SHORT SALES TO "POSTPONE" TAX

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—Albert H. Wiggin testified to senate investigators today that the purpose of his large short sales in Chase National Bank stock through a personal corporation in 1929 was to "postpone" tax payments.

Previously the retired chairman of the Chase bank told the senate banking committee he had paid income taxes totaling \$1,385,000 in the last five years.

minimum temperature—on Oct. 17—was 53 above. The coldest maximum was 46 above on Oct. 20, and the coldest minimum mark was 30 above, made both on Oct. 21 and Oct. 22.

Sixteen days during the month saw the maximum at 70 or higher!

Rain fell on ten days of the 31. Thirteen days were clear, nine partly cloudy and nine cloudy. Frost occurred on three nights and there was no snow in the Grande Ronde valley.

November started off this morning with cloudy skies and a minimum of 31 above, with thin ice throughout the city on puddles of water, etc.

## ELKS LODGE PROTESTS TO GAME HEADS

Work of 25 Years Undone in 72 Hours of Elk Season, Claim.

## 320 KNOWN KILLED IN TWO COUNTIES

No Authentic Count in Wallowa and Baker Counties Available in La Grande Today.

A protest that the recent three-day open season on elk in Eastern Oregon had in 72 hours "destroyed the careful work of 25 years," was made here today by the La Grande Elks lodge.

The lodge members and other residents of the city charged that contrary to a statement by the state game commission, wanton slaughter of elk, deer and domestic animals accompanied the brief open season.

The statement of the game commission that probably not more than 300 elk were killed in Oregon during the three days, was ridiculed by the lodge committee appointed for prevention of legalizing the killing of elk in Oregon.

Morelock Signs Affidavit  
The organization submitted an affidavit from J. P. Morelock, swearing

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## Miss Day Speaks At Assembly At Normal School

"The Stage and Its People" was the subject of a delightful and interesting talk presented by Miss Florence Day to E. O. N. students in an assembly Tuesday. She discussed and explained the various types of legitimate drama: repertoire, stock company, road show, and the production. In connection with the latter, the speaker traced a play from its beginning as a written play, to its ultimate fate as decided by the audience.

"The Actors' Equity," Miss Day stated, "was formed about 20 years ago to protect actors. It is a powerful labor union protecting the actor against unfair practices of the producer, and guaranteeing the producer certain standards for his members."

"Theatrical people are the most superstitious one will find anywhere," Miss Day said, and illustrated the statement by relating one of her personal experiences when playing in

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## Violence Flares as Thousands of Illinois Miners Mass



Ten thousand miners, members of the Progressive Union, massed in the Springfield, Ill., baseball park, as shown here, to protest alleged inaction of the NRA in placing the Illinois coal code in effect. One man was slain and further violence was feared. Three militia companies were held ready to halt riots involving the marchers and the rival United Mine Workers.

## BRICK HURLED THROUGH FRONT WINDOW AT POLICE STATION LAST EVENING

## COUNTY COURT MEETS TODAY

The November session of the county court opened this morning in the office of County Judge U. G. Couch.

## RECOVERY PLANS ARE GOING AHEAD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt was said in highest quarters today to be feeling that the recovery program is getting along well, after a study of charts he has just received showing increases in employment and the total wages being paid.

Secretary Perkins reported to him that the average hourly wages have risen from 42 cents to 51, while the average hourly work week has declined from 42 hours to 36.

Gerard Swope, warning that government will undertake stricter supervision of industry if it does not do so itself, proposed today a program for making much of the NRA permanent.

## 1,000 TONS WHEAT SENT TO ORIENT

First Sales of Wheat Through Government Aid Confirmed Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1 (AP)—The first sales of wheat and flour to go from the North Pacific coast into export channels through government aid, were confirmed here today.

The first parcel of 1000 tons of wheat was sold through a Portland exporter to Japan and there were reports of offers that probably will result in considerable business in the near future, dealers said.

The initial sale of flour to the Orient, financed through the Emergency Export corporation, was shipped by a Portland mill. Although confirmation of the deal was had, details were kept secret.

The Journal said today that "heavy sales of both wheat and flour to China are likely to be confirmed within the next few hours. The Chinese government has signed all necessary papers and the only thing awaiting settlement is the actual destination, as well as the amount in which each mill will participate."

## TO OPEN BIDS ON 14 ROAD PROJECTS

SALEM, Nov. 1 (AP)—The state highway commission last night announced a list of 14 road projects to be awarded to contractors in Portland November 15. The estimated cost was about \$750,000. Work will include 33 miles road improvement and construction of six bridges in 11 different counties in the state.

Among the projects is 14 miles of grading of the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada highway between Jackson creek and McDermitt in Malheur county.

## Baker City Budget Reduced \$10,534.70

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—The tentative city budget for 1934 as drafted by the budget board and the city commissioners proposes that \$92,202.75 be raised by taxation.

The total of the 1933 budget was \$102,737.95, or \$10,534.70 more than the proposed budget for 1934.

## Wheat Today

The price of local wheat stood at about 48 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flour Mills. Portland cash 67 cents.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1 (AP)—Uncertainty over Washington developments had a decidedly unsettling market influence today, and at one stage wheat fell to about 10 cents under recent top figures.

Price changes in all grains were extremely rapid. Houses with eastern connections were persistent sellers. Wheat closed nervous, 1 1/2 @ 8c under yesterday's finish, corn 1 1/2 @ 5c down, oats 1/2 @ 1c off, and provisions varying from 20c decline to 5c gain.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

ADMITS KILLING MAN

CONTINUE WAR DEBT TALK

7,000 SOLDIERS SLAIN

TO CURB SALE OF GUNS

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 1 (AP)—Raymond Frye, 16, a resident of the Norway-Myrtye Point highway district today was held in the county jail at Coquille after having signed a written confession in the death of B. U. Blackman, 45, who came to Coos county from Los Angeles a year ago to take up a homestead. Blackman's body was found buried beneath brush near his home last night. Frye ascribed the shooting as accidental.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—It was decided today at a White House conference with the British debt negotiators to continue the discussions for a revision of the war debt.

KIUKIANG, China, Nov. 1 (AP)—An official communique today said 7,000 communist soldiers were killed by troops under the command of General Chiang Kai-shek in combat in the Nancheng-Nanfeng, Nienchen sector.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—A tentative agreement has been worked out by government officials and manufacturers of machine guns to restrict sale of the weapons to the federal government and subdivisions thereof, in a move to handicap gangsters.

## TO SEEK REPEAL OF TRUCK, BUS REGULATORY LAW

PORTLAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—Outright repeal of the contested truck and bus regulatory bill will be demanded by truck owners and operators of Oregon at the special session of the legislature this month.

A state-wide organization to be known as "The State Council of Owners of Commercial Vehicles," will direct the attack on the bill which is described as "unfair, unjust and obnoxious."

SALEM, Nov. 1 (AP)—The emergency compromise plan authorized by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, to contract haulers un-

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## Importation Laws Will be Enforced

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt is going to insist upon enforcement of the strongest liquor importation laws until after repeal, limiting imports to those for medicinal purposes only.

This means a strict embargo on foreign liquors unless there is proof that the medicinal supply is not sufficient.

## Man, Oh Man! Thou Art Truly King in Greenland!

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1 (AP)—Greenland's just the place for men with ambitions to be "boss" in their own home.

The women there, Rockwell Kent, artist and author, told the Washington University association, here, do most of the work and don't grumble about it. They start the fires and warm each article of clothing before the man puts it on.

## October Dividend Changes Favorable

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 (AP)—Favorable dividend changes in October were nearly double the unfavorable actions, according to a compilation by the Standard Statistics Co., showing 66 cases of increased, resumed, extra and initial disbursements, as against 37 decreases and omissions. The record is in sharp contrast to that of October, 1932 when unfavorable revisions totaled 88 compared with 35 unfavorable changes.

## BANKING SYSTEM CONTROL FAVORED

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OXFORD, England, Nov. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt's program of controlling the currency will be fruitless unless he controls the banking system of the United States as well.

Professor Frederick Soddy, noted scientist and economist of Oxford university, said today.

"Democracy can not afford to leave the power of issue of money in the hands of any one but its own government," said Professor Soddy, who in one of his best known books blames what he calls the wrecking of scientific civilization on the money system.

"It is impossible to keep the value of money constant if you allow people to issue and destroy it as a bus-

## F. R. TO GET PROBLEMS OF FARM BELT

Governors of Five Mid-West States to Call On the President.

## STRIKE HELD UP PENDING DECISION

Milo Reno, President of National Farmers Holiday Association, Announces Halt.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 1 (AP)—Milo Reno, president of the National Farmers Holiday association, asserted today the farm strike is in a state of "inactive suspension," pending President Roosevelt's decision on recommendations drafted here last night by mid-western governors.

By Thomas Hawkins

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 1 (AP)—The problems of the mid-west farmer are to be tossed into the lap of President Roosevelt for a solution.

This decision was made last night by five governors from as many mid-western states and the authorized spokesmen for four others, who recommended to the president these steps:

The immediate fixation of minimum price levels for major farm products.

An NRA code for the farmer. Currency inflation, properly safeguarded and controlled.

The quickening of federal refinancing of farm mortgages.

The governors — Langer of North

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## Gold Price Goes Higher Today In U. S. And Europe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—A jump in the price of gold both here and abroad today accompanied President Roosevelt's preparations for quick application for his plan intended to lift commodity prices by purchasing the yellow metal on European markets.

The administration advanced its fixed price for RFC purchases of newly mined domestic gold to \$32.30, 14 cents above yesterday and a new high.

The London government has been told that the program was dictated entirely by domestic conditions and was part of the president's general program for raising prices here.

Under no circumstances, it was said, could it be construed as an unfriendly gesture aimed at undermining the pound or weakening Britain's position in the world of commerce.

PARIS, Nov. 1 (AP)—The French government will consider some form of an embargo, it was said semi-officially today, if American gold purchases become uncomfortably large.

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