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CITY SIGNS LIGHT-POWER CONTRACT

MUNICIPAL RATE IS 25 PCT. LOWER

Contract to Run For One Year—May Be Terminated After That Time. EFFECTIVE WITH ITS RATIFICATION City Commission Approves Contract at Executive Session Held on Wednesday.

The city commission in executive session last night ratified a contract signed Nov. 14 between the city and the E. O. L. & P. Co. which represents a savings of approximately 25 per cent in light and power used by the municipality. The contract became effective upon its ratification.

City Manager Angus McAllister explained that the lighting of the city building and library will be under the regular commercial rate, which represents a savings of 17 1/2 per cent. Rates on other power and lights the city uses range up to as high a reduction as 30 per cent, he said.

Street lighting rates for overhead lights follow:

- 1. 6,000 lumen incandescent lamps, all night service, for \$4.40 per lamp month.
2. 4,000 lumen incandescent lamps, all night service, for \$3.60 per lamp month.
3. 2,500 lumen incandescent lamps, all night service, for \$2.40 per lamp month.
4. 5 75 watt multiple incandescent lamps, mid-night service, 80 cents per lamp month.
5. 75 watt multiple incandescent lamps, all night service, \$1.20 per lamp month.

Street lighting rates for ornamental lights follow:

- 1. 4,000 lumen lamps \$2.25 per lamp month.

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22 Mountaineers Leave Today For Ashland Gridiron

Twenty-two Eastern Oregon Normal school football players accompanied by Coach Bob Quinn, left La Grande early this morning on a U. P. stage bound for Klamath Falls, where they will spend tonight. Tomorrow they will go on to Ashland and hold a workout in the afternoon, preliminary to the E. O. N. S. O. N. state championship game at Ashland Saturday.

Far from satisfied with the showing made in the Whitman game last Friday, Coach Quinn wound up three days of intensive drilling of the Mountaineers last night. Physically, the team is in good condition although Hayden, guard, may not play all of the game because of a shoulder injury.

If the game Saturday is as spectacular as some of the previous contests the Mountaineers have played with Ashland, Southern Oregon fans should get an eye-full. Dope favors the Sons by a margin of about two touchdowns, but the E. O. N. is unwilling to accept the dope, and left here today with only one object in mind—to win.

The game Saturday will be the final one of the season for the blue and gold. Six games have been played so far. E. O. N. defeating Whitworth, Lewistown and Albion, tying College of Idaho and losing 7 to 0 to Whitman.

HOW MANY BEES IN THE AVERAGE HIVE?

How much is a bee worth? Sounds like a silly question—but the little buzzer must be worth something!

At any rate, there are 200 hives of bees on the Union county assessment roll, and their total taxable value is given at \$450.

Which means that, if all hives are assessed equal, each hive would be valued at \$2.25 from a tax standpoint, and if the tax rate were 60 mills, each hive would pay a tax of nearly 14 cents.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 15 — Those two friendly gentlemen are at it again. Germany voted confidence in their man. France had no election billed but they got up in the middle of the night to vote confidence in theirs. Germany wants to talk it over. France says not without the league being present. Germany says she will arm. France says she shouldn't, that they will keep the peace for her.

Now for once in our lives if we will just let those two old tom cats whose tails are tied over the fence alone and try to cure the scratches we got from the last time we tried to untie them. Yours, Will Rogers

PIERCE ASKS ICKES FOR P. W. A. FUNDS

Congressman Wires Secretary of Interior in Behalf of East Oregon

Walter M. Pierce, representative from the second congressional district in Oregon, today wired Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, urging that public works funds be made available for Eastern Oregon cities. The wire was occasioned by statements in Washington that the Pacific coast states would get no more allotments until the rest of the nation received more attention in granting of projects.

Rep. Pierce's telegram said: "Notwithstanding appropriation for Bonneville dam I particularly urge that you grant the money requested for public works, especially for municipal utilities, for cities of Oregon outside of Portland. I know my Eastern Oregon district thoroughly and assure you there are many thousands of idle men who are not aided by any of the projects previously granted. I urge careful attention to the requests of Eastern Oregon communities."

PUBLIC TO VIEW SENIOR PLAY AT L. H. S. TONIGHT

After two matinee performances, the senior play "The Intimate Strangers" is ready for production this evening at 8 o'clock to an adult audience. Tickets sold rapidly and a capacity crowd is predicted in the La Grande High school gymnasium where the play is to be presented.

Miss Kathryn Sartain is directing the play which is the first to be presented on the new stage in the gymnasium. Students have been busy for several hours each day preparing the stage for the production and the audience is assured perfect visibility from any part of the hall, it is said.

Charles Skinner is business manager. (Continued on Page Two)

THIEVES ENTER WAREHOUSE HERE

The E. O. L. & P. Co. warehouse at Cove and Island streets was broken into sometime during last night and articles worth between \$50 and \$75 stolen. It was reported to the police today. The substitution was not entered.

Entrance was gained by breaking a hasp on the warehouse door. Gloves, overshoes, tools, etc. were stolen, also 14 gallons of gasoline.

Happy? She Has Double Right



Adrienne Ames, film headliner, shown here with her new husband, Bruce Cabot, has a double right to look happy. Two gifts in two days—a divorce decree one day and a wedding ring the next, at Carlsbad, N. M.—leave her beaming at the world.

PENDLETON TEAM HOPES TO EVEN COUNT SATURDAY

Pendleton High school, defeated here 26 to 6 in October, probably will be an exceedingly tough nut for Coach Ira Woodie's Tigers to crack in the Round-Up City Saturday. At least, that is the way local fans—and Pendleton fans as well—are reasoning.

Pendleton has been coming along fast since the Tiger setback, and in addition, has been practicing faithfully against a second team using La Grande's passing attack and running play offensive. In La Grande, the Tigers were not so successful with their long passes, but the short screened passes worked for touchdowns.

Couch Woodie will have a bit heavier line to use against the Bucks than the Pendleton boys will boast, and a good blocking offensive. This may give the Tigers sufficient edge to score another victory. But, always, there is the threat of Graybeal, Pendleton halfback, who is dangerous to an opposing team at all times. Local fans believe Graybeal to be one of the finest ball carriers produced in Eastern Oregon in recent years, and to whip Pendleton, Graybeal must be taken care of.

Saturday's game at Pendleton is the last scheduled contest of the season. There has been some discussion of the possibility of another game if the weather permits, but nothing definite has resulted as yet.

McAdoo Dances at Marie's Fete



At a joyous occasion like Marie Dressler's birthday party, even cares of state can be laid aside. And here we have Senator William G. McAdoo dancing with Ruth Selywn at the fete.

BAKER MEN TO ATTEND MEET HERE

La Grande Chamber of Commerce to Be Host Next Tuesday.

40 VISITORS TO BE IN ATTENDANCE

High School Band to Play; Short Talks Scheduled; Congressman Pierce to Be Present.

The La Grande chamber of commerce announced today that a luncheon would be held at the La Grande hotel next Tuesday at noon with approximately 40 Baker business and professional men as guests. Plans are being made to make the session one of the most important and interesting of the year, particularly in connection with relationship with the Baker man. A few months ago a delegation from La Grande attended a Baker chamber meeting.

Senator Kiddle Is En Route To Western Oregon

Fred E. Kiddle, president of the state senate, accompanied by Mrs. Kiddle, left this afternoon for the state capital. He was driving and expected to stop at The Dalles tomorrow, reaching Salem tomorrow. Senator Kiddle is leaving early in order to be in Salem for weekend meetings preliminary to the opening of the special session of the legislature on Monday, Nov. 20.

Second of Book Chats Will Be Held on Friday

The second of the series of book chats, sponsored by the La Grande library in observance of national book week, will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the children's room at the library. Development of adult reading habits is as vital as that of the children and therefore, national book week is aimed at all ages, those in charge here point out.

Adults of the city are invited to attend. Five groups of reviews will be furnished Friday evening by Betty Burns who will review "Young Pi of the Upper Yangtze," by Elizabeth Foreman Lewis; Miss Amanda Zabel, "Flush," by Virginia Woolf, and "Wild" (Continued on Page Two)

ELK HUNTERS ENTER PLEAS OF GUILTY

Three Bend Men Hear Sentences in Justice Court Here Today.

FINES RANGE UP TO \$37.50, COSTS

Several Other Cases Resulting From Elk Season Remain to Be Disposed of.

Three pleas of guilty were entered today by game law violators and sentences were pronounced by Judge J. DeSham in the courts of the Justice of the peace. Chester McCarty, prominent Portland attorney, is assisting District Attorney Carl G. Helm in the prosecution and Green and Hees defended this morning's case. Each of the violators pleaded guilty to the charges. Harry Keller, of Bend, was fined \$25 and costs by Judge DeSham. W. E. Dawn, also, of Bend, pleaded guilty to careless waste and was fined \$37.50 and costs set at \$40. Bert Grant, also of Bend, pleaded guilty to the same charge and was given the same fine as Dawn. W. A. Higgins, of Bend, was dismissed on the plea of guilty entered by Keller and Grant.

WHITE HOUSE VISIT OF AL IS RECALLED

Story Says Smith Urged Appointment of Raskob to Woodin's Post.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP) — The Daily News in a copyrighted story today said that Alfred E. Smith's White House visit with President Roosevelt, according to a "person high in Democratic party circles," concerned the following shifts in administration personnel and the following appointments:

- 1. Resignation of William H. Woodin as secretary of the treasury and the appointment of John J. Raskob as his successor.
2. Resignation of Jesse Isidor Straus as United States ambassador to France and appointment of United States Senator Royal S. Copeland as his successor.
3. Appointment of Gov. Lehman of Al Smith as senator to take Copeland's place.
4. Resignation of Postmaster General James A. Farley as the next Democrat.

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood today at about 53 1/2 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 72 cents.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16 (AP) — Advancing prices of wheat lifted the market late today to a point where wheat from Argentina approached an import basis. Possibility of Argentine imports of wheat, however, was considered negligible, as the Argentine quality of wheat is worth at least five cents a bushel less than United States grades, not to mention freight charges to domestic milling centers. Higher quotations on wheat at Liverpool had a strengthening influence and so too did the fact that the domestic movement of wheat from rural sources was below consumer needs.

Heads Catholic Women Council



National Council of Catholic Women will be headed for the next three years by Miss Anna S. Hooley, above, of Kansas City. Miss Hooley was elected president at the St. Paul convention of the organization.

EDUCATION BOARD MEET NEXT WEEK IS HELD LIKELY

SALEM, Nov. 16 (AP) — The probable meeting of the state board of higher education in Portland early next week may speed the appointment of a successor to Roscoe Nelson, ex-chairman of the board, who resigned, political observers here stated.

At the executive office there was no indication when Governor Julius L. Meier would make the appointment.

Willard L. Marks, new board chairman, told the Associated Press today that the next meeting would probably be held in Portland early next week. Nelson resigned from the board after the University of Oregon faculty demanded that he do so.

"A general discussion of the recent controversy will probably be held at the coming meeting of the board," Marks said. "As far as I know there are no communications on the situation, from Eugene or elsewhere, to come before the board. At least I have seen none, although some may have been addressed to the secretary of the board."

Dean W. L. Morse of the University of Oregon law school demanded the resignation of Chancellor W. J. Kerr, who is now out of the state temporarily. It was Morse who sounded the first call for the resignation of Nelson from the board following speeches Nelson made to the university and (Continued on Page Two)

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Senator Enters Hearing Through Ladies' Wash Room

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 16 (AP) — Senator Tom Connally (D., Tex.), chairman of the senate committee investigating the election of Senator John H. Overton, was forced to climb a fire escape and through an upstairs window in order to reach the committee room today, as hundreds of persons massed in front of the building, seeking entrance to the hearing.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

WOMAN ON MURDER CHARGE GIVE UP SEARCH FOR SHIP ATTACK CHARGE VOICED COLD CAUSES MORE DEATHS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16 — A charge of first degree murder was today filed against Mrs. A. Henrietta Vollbrecht, who nursed Herman Herbers, 72, before his death Oct. 28 in a Vancouver, Wash., hospital. The complaint charges that Mrs. Vollbrecht, also known as Henrietta Ayers, "of deliberate and premeditated malice did kill Herman Herbers by administering to him poison."

VALENTIA, Irish Free State, Nov. 16 (AP) — The S. S. Manchester regiment abandoned her 24-hour search for the stricken freighter Saxibly today shortly after the great liner Benaragaria and the Dutch steamer Boshchik were forced to quit their rescue efforts. Hope generally was abandoned for the Saxibly and her human freight of 27 souls.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Nov. 16 (AP) — A charge that Francis J. M. Grace, member of a prominent shipping family, drugged and criminally attacked Miss Frieda Weltz, his nurse, at his home here in June, 1932, was made by the defense today in the trial of Miss Weltz for the murder of the shipping man.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 16 (AP) — Cold caused a second death today as Minnesota had the most severe weather of the season. The minimum was 16 degrees below zero.

BOSTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — A cold wave that raged into New England on a blustering wind had taken one life today while it broke cold weather records for this state, sending the mercury down to below-zero and near-zero readings.

85,000 MORE MEN GET EMPLOYMENT DURING OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — An estimate from Secretary Perkins that an additional 85,000 persons had found employment in October was issued simultaneously today with the call of a White House conference on relief for women, to be presided over by Mrs. Roosevelt.

In discussing employment gains, Miss Perkins said: "The wholesale trade industry showed an increase of approximately 13,000 workers, and the manufacturing and crude petroleum industries indicate an expansion of approximately 7,000 workers each over the month interval.

PORTLAND TO WAIT UNTIL STATE ACTS

PORTLAND, Nov. 16 — The decision that Portland postpone action on city liquor regulations until the state has adopted new liquor control laws was reached by the city council here Wednesday.

The city agreed to wait, after it had been assured by Dr. William S. Knox, head of the governor's committee on liquor control, that under the proposed plan, cities will receive all of the \$1 permit fees from residents and tourists, and that cities will receive license money from stores handling beer and wines.

The state will get 25 per cent of the revenue from sale of hard liquors, and counties will receive 75 per cent of this money.

MORE U. S. GOODS ARE PURCHASED ABROAD

By Claude A. Jagger NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP) — Foreigners are converting dollar investments into dollar goods, according to international bankers.

HART SLAIN, CONFESSION TODAY SAYS

Suspect Admits Kidnaping and Murder, San Jose Attorney Reveals.

TWO ARRESTED BY OFFICERS TODAY

Confession Says Hart Beaten to Death Before Making Telephone Call For Ransom.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 16 (AP) — Louis O'Neil, prominent San Jose attorney announced today a suspect named Thomas H. Thurmond had admitted participating in the kidnaping here of Brooke Hart, 22, and had confessed killing the young man shortly thereafter.

The announcement was made after O'Neil had appeared early today in the role of intermediary between the missing youth's father, Alex U. Hart, wealthy San Jose merchant, and shortly before two suspects were arrested in a burst of police activity here.

Thurmond, one of the two men arrested, named Jack Holmes, the other suspect, as his accomplice. He said they threw the body into San Francisco bay.

The purported confession said Young Hart was beaten to death before he was thrown into the bay. (Continued on Page Three)

Grange Asked To Endorse Acreage Reduction Plan

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 16 (AP) — The National Grange, in convention here, was called upon today to endorse an acreage reduction program that would not narrow an unfair burden upon southern states.

The resolution was introduced by D. B. Anderson, state master of South Carolina, who declared for a reduction of acreage as suggested by National Master Louis J. Taber in his annual address yesterday. Anderson tagged it with a request, however, that it take into consideration the fact that southern states already had reduced their cotton acreage and urged that any blanket acreage curtailment not taking note of this would work a hardship on cotton growers.

A part of his resolution specified that whatever system of acreage reduction was adopted should make provision that land taken from production in one commodity should not be permitted to go again into production of other commodities to the extent of causing additional distress.

N. R. A. Inquiry To Check on Reports Of Profiteering

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — The NRA hopes next month to prove or disprove oft-heard assertions that profiteering merchants and manufacturers are gouging the public. Public hearings on the question will start December 12 with only the industries under NRA codes subjected to scrutiny. At these hearings, the NRA announced, any person may submit charges that he or she paid more than increased costs justified. Those complained against also may be heard. Those desiring to appear personally must notify Deputy Administrator Arthur D. Whiteside by December 2.

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