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U.S. RECOGNIZES SOVIET RUSSIA

HEARING ON BUDGET NOW BEING HELD

County Officials Expect Only Minor Changes Will Be Made.

NO OBJECTIONS DURING MORNING

Session is Being Held This Afternoon With the Non-High School Board of County.

Although the county budget hearing had not been completed at the time the Observer went to press, no objections were heard this morning, and county officials expected the budget to be approved with possibly no more than minor changes. The budget, as adopted last month by the county court and budget committee members, calls for a tax levy of \$268,163.00, which represents a reduction of about \$45,000 as compared with the budget adopted for 1933. Several citizens were in attendance at the hearing this morning, held before the county court with Judge U. G. Couch presiding, but no objections were made. This afternoon the court was to

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ELKS PLAN TO GREET GRAND EXALTED RULER

The B. P. O. Elks met last night for a regular business session at the Elks temple. The proposed visit of Walter F. Meyer, of Seattle, grand exalted ruler, was announced and arrangements for his entertainment will be announced in the near future.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 16 — Well, in one of the papers I read today (it had an awful lot of information if true) said Al Smith, No. 99, was to go to the senate, replacing Dr. Copeland, No. 86; Copeland to go to France as ambassador, replacing Jesse Straus, No. 63; Postmaster Farley, No. 77, to go in as next Democratic governor of New York, replacing Lehman, No. 66; Raakob, No. 55, to replace as U. S. treasurer, Mr. Woodin, No. 44. Even if this is just a rumor it makes good reading and if it's a fact it makes Democratic history. It means the shock troops are going in. Yours, Will Rogers

2 PENDLETON MEN FINED IN LOCAL COURT

Finis and J. C. Kirkpatrick Plead Guilty; Other Elk Cases Disposed of. Finis Kirkpatrick and J. C. Kirkpatrick, of Pendleton, charged jointly with careless and negligent waste of elk meat were fined \$200 each and about \$10 costs this afternoon by Judge L. Denham, justice of the peace, after entering pleas of guilty. Chester E. McCarty, special prosecutor of Portland, and Carl Helm, district attorney, represented the state, and Alfred Kunz, of Baley, Bates and Peterson, Pendleton law firm, represented the defendants. Dean Dudley and Robert Johnson, of Athena, members of the same party, also are charged with negligent waste on a joint complaint. Mr. Dudley pleaded not guilty, and Johnson failed to appear and will be tried on two charges, negligent waste and failure to appear. Their trial will be set for some later date. Yesterday afternoon after the jury had been called and the district attorney ready to proceed, Fred Grout and J. P. Hadden, both of North Powder, changed their pleas from not guilty to guilty and were sentenced to three months each in the county jail for negligent waste of elk and deer. They were paroled by Judge Denham. The motion to quash evidence due to alleged irregularity in the search warrant against George Blanton, of La Grande, was overruled and upon

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO OPEN MONDAY

Special Meeting Called to Handle Immediate State Problems.

LOCAL LAW-MAKERS LEAVE FOR SALEM

Kiddles En Route; Hess to Leave Today — Eckleys to Depart Saturday or Sunday. By Sunday morning, all three members of the state legislature who reside in La Grande, will either be in Salem or en route to the state capital. Senator and Mrs. Fred E. Kiddie left yesterday by automobile, expecting to arrive in Salem this afternoon. Senator Henry Hess probably will leave today for the special session of the legislature, which begins on Monday, and Representative and Mrs. Victor Eckley will go west either tomorrow night or early Sunday morning. Mr. Kiddie represents Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, Mr. Hess Union and Wallowa counties and Mr. Eckley Union county. Called primarily to settle the liquor control and unemployment fund questions, generally it was believed that this session of the legislature may also go into other matters, not the least of which may be the tur-

EDUCATION BOARD TO MEET FRIDAY

SALEM, Nov. 17 (AP)—The state board of higher education will meet in Portland next Friday at 2 p. m. Chairman Willard L. Marks told the Associated Press today. Marks called the board "in special session to consider the higher education situation." Phases of the higher education muddle which will be discussed will be determined when the board meets, Marks said. DR. KERR SPEAKS CHICAGO, Nov. 17 (AP)—How Oregon evolved and embarked on a revolutionary system of unified state supported higher education after 70 years of largely uncoordinated institutional growth, was described today at the meeting of the national association of state universities by Chancellor W. J. Kerr, executive head of the Oregon system.

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Barbary Coast Essays a Comeback Effort



Now that John Barleycorn made a successful comeback, San Francisco's world-known Barbary Coast section—subject of many a song and story—is attempting a renaissance, with choruses replacing the girls of another era, and 3.2 beer on the bars. Photo shows interior of one of the recently reopened "spots."

L. H. S. GYM FILLED TO CAPACITY FOR OPENING NIGHT OF SENIOR PLAY

Clever, sophisticated lines, colorful stage sets, a well chosen cast and the impeccable directing of Miss Kathryn Sartain are combined in "The Intimate Stranger," by Booth Tarkington, which opened last night at the La Grande High school for the first of two evening performances. The senior class is sponsoring the production which was enjoyed by a large audience. The curtain will rise tonight at 8:15 o'clock in the gymnasium and the house has been sold out. Charles Skinner, business manager, announces. Every role was played well demonstrating Miss Sartain's attention to detail which marks all of the High school productions. Opal Conner, as Isabel Stuart, the leading lady and a coquette of the first order, was lovely. She caught the spirit of the play and flirted not only with Ray Wilson, the handsome bewildered leading man, but also with the audience. The womanly ideal of three different periods were contrasted in the play. Elizabeth Milne, as Florence Stuart, blond, slim and vivacious, played the part of the modern girl of 19, rowdy and frank. Isabel Stuart, her grand-aunt, although only 30 years old, was typical of the preceding stage when women were believed to be covert and coquettish, while Aunt Ellen, played ably by Leola Willcock, depicted the late nineties. Sweet and collegiate are two adjectives that apply to the performance given by Hugh Bunten in the role of Johnnie White, Florence's boy friend and errand boy. Glenn Victor gave a convincing performance as the station master in the first act. Mattie, the hired girl, although a small part was an

REVIEW FINDS SALES GAINS DURING WEEK

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Dun and Bradstreet Weekly Trade Review said today that "the entire trade picture has been changed almost completely by the momentum gained in retail distribution, following the vigorous movement which started a week earlier." In many of the cities from which reports were received, the Review asserted, the largest sales for the season were recorded and stocks started to move at an accelerated pace. "In addition to the influence of auspicious weather," added the Review, "the substantial headway already made by Christmas shopping has engendered activity in departments aside from those identified with the provision of heavy apparel and winter merchandise. The chief gains have occurred in sales of women's coats, fur garments, men's overcoats, suits, hats, shoes, blankets, dry goods and floor coverings. The best reports were received from widely scattered agricultural sections, where the distribution of government bonus payments have been turned into merchandise, and in urban centers where the sudden lowering of temperatures has almost cleared accumulations of low priced heavy wearing apparel, shoes, hardware, winter automobile accessories

MOVE TO STEADY ERRATIC DOLLAR; COMMODITIES UP

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Rumors from America caused a "bear" rush to purchase United States dollars on the foreign exchange today and it closed at 5.20½ to the pound, a net gain of .17½ since yesterday. WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—For the fourth successive day, the administration held the price of domestic newly mined gold at an unchanged level today, an action many interpreted as increasing evidence of an effort to steady the wildly fluctuating dollar. The dollar ran down to \$5.40 only to recover to \$5.34. Rumors flew thick and fast, prominent among them a report, later denied in government quarters here, that the administration was preparing to clamp an embargo on export

F. R. TALKS WITH MORGAN, TAYLOR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Another tea-cup conference was behind President Roosevelt today—a meeting with J. Pierpont Morgan and Myron C. Taylor at which anything from cabbages to kings might have been discussed. White House attaches told newsmen, after it was discovered that the New York financier and the chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation were late yesterday callers, that the meeting was purely "social."

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 54 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mill, Portland cash 71 cents. CHICAGO, Nov. 17 (AP)—Downturns of value predominated in the grain markets today, with most traders expressing inability to gauge probable developments in the monetary situation. A decided disposition was shown to go slow on either side of the wheat market, and also in other cereals. Liverpool wheat, although somewhat higher in English money, was off equal to 1½ to 1¾c in American funds, the Liverpool close today was figured on the basis of \$5.32 for sterling, compared with \$5.40 Thursday. Wheat closed unstable, ½ to 2½c under yesterday's finish, corn ¾ to 1½c off, oats ½ to ¾c down, and provisions unchanged to 37c lower.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

U. S. MINISTER THREATENED MONETARY POLICY ENDORSED SHIP SINKS; 30 MEN LOST MILLION MEN PUT TO WORK VIENNA, Nov. 17 (AP)—George H. Earle Third, United States minister to Austria, has received more than 30 threatening letters since last Tuesday when he advised Austrians to avoid anti-semitic feelings. Some of the letters threatened him with death. WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—A resolution endorsing the administration's monetary program in its entirety was adopted today by a conference of senators, industrialists and economists called by Senators Thomas (D., Okla.) and Smith (D., S. C.), inflationists. OSAKA, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Japanese freighter Selter Maru, a 1244-ton vessel, was believed to have sunk today with a crew of 30 in a storm off the Loochoo Island. WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt received government reports today that a million men have been changed from relief rolls to the federal payroll through the civil works administration. Forthwith, he ordered the departments concerned to make sure that the first payroll checks are ready a week from tomorrow.

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