

# County Budget Reduction Down To \$21,961 For 1934

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## CIVIL WORKS TO AID 336 IN COUNTY

### \$33,000 IN ROAD WORK IS PLANNED

County Officials Wire Projects to Washington for Approval

### MEN ON RELIEF WILL GET WORK

Road Projects Include, Elgin-Weston, Mt. Emily, High Valley, Ladd Canyon, Others

Under the new federal civil works program, announced early this week by President Roosevelt and designed to put four million men to work during the next two weeks, Union county expects to have work for 336 men, and receive about \$33,000 for this purpose. If the request for this sum is approved, the money will be spent improving roads.

County Judge U. G. Couch reports that application for this \$33,000 has been wired to Washington, and that approval is expected soon. With the coming of approval, the work can begin immediately, as there is no engineering or other preliminary work to be done.

Sixty-five per cent of the sum must be spent on hand labor, the remainder to go for trucking, machine work when necessary, gas, etc. The figure of 336 is arrived at by

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### Final Staging Of Senior Play Friday Evening

Another capacity crowd witnessed the final staging of the L. H. S. senior play "The Intimate Strangers" by Booth Tarkington, presented last night at the high school gym. As on the opening night, the performance went through without a hitch, each member of the cast handling his or her part in capable manner. The work of Opal Conner as Isabel Stuart perhaps was the most outstanding.

The play was directed by Miss Kathryn Sartain and those in the cast were Glenn Victor, Ray Wilson, Opal Conner, Elizabeth Miller, Hugh Buntin, Leola Wilcock, John Williams and Mildred Keagle. The management was headed by Charles Ekiner with Dorothy Wall and Elbert Wattenburg as assistant business managers. Myron Wheeler was stage manager, Troy Becker and Helen Hendrickson assistant stage managers.

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### BOOK CHATS AT LIBRARY FRIDAY

The second of the evenings of informal book chats was attended by more than 100 at the La Grande public library last night. Miss Amanda Zabel, Betty Burns, Mrs. Wilbur Zurbick, Alfred Meyers and Miss Annette Johnson furnished reviews.

Tea was served with Mrs. J. K. Wright and Mrs. Herbert Evans presiding. Plans are under way to hold the book chats, planned originally in observance of Book week, during the winter.

Miss Zabel reviewed three charming Virginia Woolf, a story of Elizabeth Barrett's cocker spaniel; "Wild December," by Clemence Dane, a study of the Bronte family, especially Charlotte, the poet; "Pleasures and Pains" is a group of informal essays by Frances and Gertrude Warner.

Betty Burns, in the 8th grade at the Ackerman school, reviewed "Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze," the book was awarded the Newberry

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### 29 SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Only 29 shopping days until Christmas—and the U. S. postoffice in La Grande, in preparation for the usual pre-Yuletide mailing rush, has issued suggestions to those who plan to send packages by parcel post.

### WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 17.—The senate went out investigating, some went east, some went west and some went over the cuckoo's nest. New Orleans, the home of the Baserack cocktail and the best food in America, but they won't stand investigation. My good friend Senator Connelly of Texas was among 'em and the committee have been making their entrances into the courtroom by sliding down the flag pole and retiring through a trap door.

The Washington bunch with Pecora (the last word in digging up devilment on the evil doer). And the California committee, who were looking into receiverships and fake stock sales schemes (which are one and the same). They found out Californians will buy anything in the way of stock if it's phony enough. Yours,

Will Rogers

### ELKS CHIEF TO SPEAK AT FORUM LUNCH

Walter Meier, of Seattle, Guest of Chamber of Commerce Tuesday

Walter Meier, of Seattle, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, will be a visitor in La Grande Tuesday and will speak before the joint luncheon meeting of the La Grande and Baker chambers of commerce, it was announced today. Mr. Meier will arrive in Baker by train and will be brought on to La Grande by automobile.

He plans to spend the afternoon here and leave later in the day for Pendleton.

The chamber luncheon will be at the La Grande hotel beginning at noon. The public is invited but reservations should be made with the

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### ART SANFORD'S CONDITION SOME IMPROVED TODAY

Art Sanford, whose skull was fractured yesterday in an accident at the Standard Laundry, is improved this morning and is partially conscious at intervals, his physician reports. He is at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Some believe Mr. Sanford was injured by the machinery and others believe he was struck by a belt. He formerly operated a candy shop in La Grande and is a former first lieutenant of Company E, 188th Infantry, resigning a few years ago because of business reasons.

### PIERCE TO LEAVE FOR EAST NOV. 22

Congressman and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce will leave next Wednesday for Washington, D. C., making the trip by boat from San Francisco through the Panama Canal. They will leave the California port on Nov. 30 and reach New York on Dec. 16 for the opening of congress. Mr. Pierce is the representative from the Oregon second congressional district to the national congress.

### SCOUT REVIEW NEXT MONDAY

The Boy Scout board of review will meet Monday evening at the offices of Charles H. Reynolds at 7:30 o'clock. A court of honor will be held Friday evening, Dec. 1.

danger of breakage or spoiling. The post office also urges against mailing of Christmas greeting cards in red, green or other dark colored envelopes, or in very small envelopes, making addresses difficult to decipher. More definite information on mailing of packages to foreign countries may be obtained from Ralph R. Huron, postmaster.

### CHANGES IN BUDGET ARE DUE TO LAW

Levy to Pay Road Bonds Required; Refunding Plan Is Dropped

### ADDS \$53,000 TO THE BUDGET TOTAL

Old Age Pension Item of \$40,000 Cut in Two; Some Other Totals Are Changed.

An unexpected obstacle thrust into the county budget hearing yesterday afternoon resulted in changes which reduce the tax levy for 1934 as compared with 1933 to \$21,961 instead of more than \$50,000.00, which was the figure adopted by the budget committee in October. In other words, the tax levy for Union county for 1934 will be \$296,526.00 instead of \$268,153.00.

Although the budget is less than last year, approximately the same amount of taxes must be raised over the county as a whole as the non-high school districts also will pay an additional \$32,000 under the new state law.

So Mr. Average Citizen can expect to pay approximately the same county tax next year that he did this year.

The unexpected obstacle that came

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### La Grande Grid Fans Interested In Four Contests

Four football games today were of especial interest to La Grande fans. At Ashland, the Eastern Oregon Normal school was meeting the Southern Oregon Normal eleven this afternoon in a battle for the state normal school championship. It also was the last game on a very successful E. O. N. gridiron season.

At Pendleton, the La Grande Tigers were meeting the Buckaroos, previously beaten here, in a game that—if victory settles on the blue and white team—would give L. H. S. a second consecutive Northeastern Oregon championship.

General interest also pointed to New York, where the Oregon State college team was playing Fordham university, and to Los Angeles, where the Oregon university squad was meeting the Trojans of Southern California in a game to decide the Pacific coast conference championship.

### OREGON AND OREGON STATE SEE ACTION TODAY



### MEETING IN SALEM TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION TO AID OREGON JOBLESS

SALEM, Nov. 18 (AP)—For the purpose of drafting definite recommendations on unemployment and general legislation for presentation to the special session, a conference was being held in Salem today by the Civic Emergency league, state federation of labor, Farmers' union, Peoples' Protective league and the Unemployed Citizens league.

In addition to legislative matters the conference will discuss a mass conference to be held in February for the purpose of creating a new political and economical alignment, Harry L. Gross, unemployment leader of Portland announced.

Among the recommendations to be drafted today will be increased unemployment relief over the report of the governor's committee of 32 which set the figure at \$5,000,000 of state funds; public school relief; a capital levy; creation of a state bank; construction of power transmission lines

### WELL, LOOK WHAT NEW YORK DID!



### JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

F. B. FAYRE APPOINTED

GOLD PRICE UNCHANGED

MAY BE AID TO PEACE?

H. H. WESTINGHOUSE DIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—Francis B. Fayre, son-in-law of the late President Woodrow Wilson, today was named assistant secretary of state.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The administration today fixed the RFC purchase price for newly-mined domestic gold at \$33.50 an ounce, a figure unchanged for the last five days.

The figure was just below the world price of gold at \$33.58, converted into dollars at the opening exchange rate of \$24 to the pound.

TOKYO, Nov. 18 (AP)—Conservative Japanese businessmen, long hopefully awaiting developments which would tend to weaken military domination of the empire's policies and curb the war spirit, expressed belief today according to Tokyo (Japanese) news agency interviews, that American recognition of Russia might prove such an influence.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (AP)—Henry Herman Westinghouse, 80, chairman of the board of the Westinghouse Air Brake company, died today at Goshen.

ST. HELENS, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—Jake Silverman, Portland rooming house operator, was today sentenced to three years in prison, and was fined \$1000 on his conviction of manslaughter for the slaying last April of James Walker, an ex-convict.

### BEAVERS WIN IN NEW YORK TODAY 9 TO 6

Franklin's 93-Yard Run to Touchdown on Opening Kickoff Big Thrill

POLO GROUNDS, New York, Nov. 18 (AP)—A 93-yard run with the opening kickoff by Norman Franklin and Ad Schwann's field goal from the 37-yard line gave Oregon State a 9 to 6 victory over Fordham at half time in a thrilling intersectional battle before a crowd of 40,000 today. Ed Danowski scored for the Rams in the second period after a 47-yard drive following an Oregon State fumble.

Neither team was able to score in the last half but thrill followed thrills as both teams fumbled frequently

### ODD FELLOWS TO ELECT OFFICERS

Nomination of officers was conducted last night when the Odd Fellows met at their hall. Galen F. Durkee was nominated for noble grand; Jake Rostock, recording secretary; Melvin Bork, financial secretary; William Bork, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Richardson and Putnam Yeck, treasurer.

The election will be held next week and winners will take office the first meeting in January. J. H. Blunt, of the high school faculty, discussed past, present and future Odd Fellowship.

### LICENSES TO WED ISSUED TO 3 COUPLES

Marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk C. K. McCormick to Robert McPetrie and Dorothy Booher, both of La Grande, who received theirs today; Irvine J. Howard and Opal Helmick, the latter of Starbuck, Wash., on Nov. 16, who were married yesterday by Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore; W. H. Stoltenberg, of Hillsboro, and Johanna MacIntyre, who received their license Nov. 15.

### Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52½ cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring mills, Portland cash 70 cents.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (AP)—Almost 3 cents a bushel setback in wheat prices today went hand in hand with trade reports that all talk of stabilization of the dollar merely because gold had reached a certain figure could be disregarded.

In the aggregate, today's trade in grain was not large, and operators were inclined to go slow on either side of the market, pending developments.

Wheat closed unsteady, 2½¢ @ 23¢ under yesterday's finish, corn 1½¢ @ 11½¢ down, oats 3¼¢ @ 16¢ off, and provisions ranging from 12 cents decline to 17 cents advance.

### WORLD WELCOMES RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA BY U. S.

By the Associated Press  
The renewal of diplomatic relations between Russia and the United States announced yesterday by President Roosevelt in Washington, brought forth instantaneous world-wide reaction.

From Geneva, where diplomats assembled in an effort to save the disarmament conference from oblivion, from London, Paris, Berlin, Rome and Tokyo came official and semi-official comments that the American government's action should result in international betterment.

MOSCOW, Nov. 18 (AP)—All Soviet Russia hailed news of American recognition today in a burst of popularity.

### GROUT, HADDEN GIVEN PAROLE

Fred Grout and J. P. Hadden, of North Powder, yesterday sentenced to serve three months in county jail on a charge of negligent waste of elk and deer, were given a parole by Justice of Peace L. Denham.

### Rule Designed To Prevent "Passing" Heavy Sluggers

GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 18 (AP)—Minor league baseball officials traveling homeward today from their annual convention here debated the Southern Association's startling new rule designed to prevent the issuance of intentional bases on balls to heavy hitters in the pinches.

The rule, adopted yesterday, provides that when two are out and one or more runners are on base, the pitcher of four straight balls means that "any and all runners shall advance two bases, except the runner on third shall score and the runner on second shall advance to third."

### WOMAN IS VICTIM OF "TORCH SLAYING"

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18 (AP)—A woman victim of what police termed a "torch slaying," was identified today as Tanika Hetman, 35, of Philadelphia.

Her beaten and burned body was found yesterday in a field near Glenside, Pa., by two hunters. It was badly charred. As the identification was announced, Philadelphia police said they were questioning a woman whose husband is being sought for interrogation in the case.

### LEGISLATURE WILL TACKLE BIG PROBLEM

Emergency Problems of Major Nature to Face Oregon Law-Makers

### LIQUOR CONTROL PROBABLY BIGGEST

Other Matters Must Receive Action—School Row May Force Way Into the Capitol

By Clayton V. Vernehard  
SALEM, Nov. 18 (AP)—Faced with the most pertinent emergency program schedule in recent years of Oregon's colorful political history, all to be jammed into the short space of 20 days, members of the state legislature will be called to order in extraordinary session here Monday morning.

And from the fall of the gavel in the house and senate the first day, these 90 lawmakers will either make progress in liquor control and relief or be summoned to return after 30 days to unravel what then might be a tangled political skein.

Today it appeared improbable the legislative program could be held down to the consideration of the four or five major problems as suggested. The proposed steering committee idea seems to have been dropped, but other efforts to curtail the measures up for consideration will be made.

Governor J. Milton Meier has prepared his message, understood to be less than 3000 words in length. It has been learned the executive will present a definite program.

Liquor control stands out as the major project of the meet with which considerable relief plans will be tied. The many ramifications caused by the repeal of the 18th amendment, the two state constitutions on prohibition and the state enabling statute.

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### The Palm Cigar Store Safe Is Robbed of \$233

The Palm Cigar store safe was robbed of \$233.40 in cash Thursday night, it was learned by the Observer today. The theft was reported to the police, who are investigating. Entrance to the building apparently was by using a pass key, officers said, after which the thief worked the combination of the safe.

### MISS KIDDLE AT MEDFORD

Miss Maravene Kiddle has accepted a temporary position in the Crater Lake national park office at Medford, Ore. She was formerly employed by the Meier and Frank Co. in Portland.

### FOOTBALL RESULTS

TODAY'S FINALS  
Michigan 0, Minnesota 0 (tie).  
Colgate 13, Syracuse 3.  
Penn Military 0, Army 12.  
Lafayette 6, Columbia 45.  
Oregon State 9, Fordham 0.  
Pittsburgh 6, Nebraska 0.  
Carnegie Tech 19, Georgetown 0.  
Penn State 6, Penn 6 (tie).  
West Virginia 25, Wesleyan 13.  
Cornell 7, Dartmouth 0.  
Navy 0, Princeton 13.  
Brown 6, Harvard 12.  
W. and J. O. Temple 13.