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SCHOOL BUDGET REDUCED \$16,867

BOARD VOTES REDUCTION AT HEARING

Estimate For Principal on Warrants is Lowered to \$10,000.

SCHOOL BUDGET TOTAL \$111,713.00

Action Taken By Board Regardless of Fact no Public Objectors Made Request.

Action of the school board in reducing its 1933-34 annual budget from \$128,580.96 to \$111,713.00 at the public hearing held yesterday afternoon came as a new note of cheer for taxpayers of the La Grande district. The budget adopted is \$26,867.00 lower than for the year of 1932-33.

The voting of the reduction came in one item, an estimate of \$25,607.00 for payment of principal on warrants. After studying the matter thoroughly, board members came to the conclusion an estimate of \$10,000 would take care of this item and so the motion was passed.

Every item in the general budget received study but it was felt that no other item offered an opportunity for reduction without a considerable loss of efficiency.

Chairman Colon R. Eberhard presided over the hearing, which began at 2 p. m. at the Central school building. No public objections were made to the budget at the hearing.

16 Basketball Games on Tiger Court Schedule

With the pre-tournament season basketball schedule lined up, hoop practice at the L. H. S. began Tuesday afternoon with Coach Ira Woodie in charge. Practice, now in the gym, will be moved to the L. D. S. Recreational hall Dec. 1, when the football men will join the squad after a rest. Inter-mural basketball also will begin the first of the month.

Sixteen games have been scheduled, two before Christmas, and Athens High has been added to the list of out-of-district teams the Tigers will play.

The schedule follows: Dec. 15—Union in La Grande. Dec. 21—La Grande at Imbler. Jan. 5—La Grande at Elgin. Jan. 9—Joseph in La Grande. Jan. 12—Wallowa in La Grande. Jan. 13—La Grande at North Powder. Jan. 19—La Grande at Enterprise. Jan. 20—Cove in La Grande. Jan. 26—La Grande at Baker.

GRIFFITH IN COUNTY TODAY

L. D. Griffith, field representative of the state land board, is transacting business for the board in Union and Wallowa counties this week. He was in La Grande today.

What is Today? Write It Down 11-22-33

Take a look at your calendar today. And then be sure to write down the date in figures because you won't have another chance like this in 109 years. It is 11-22-33.

IT'S "SQUADS RIGHT" AGAIN IN THE ARMY

"Squads right . . . squads left . . . squads right about!" Those commands, not voiced for nearly a year, are again being backed at enlisted men in the Oregon national guard. And pity the poor rookie who learned his soldierin' under the column of three plan! About a year ago the national guard, following the army's lead, quit the old drill regulations and tried out the new. It began before federal inspection last winter, and kept the officers woody reading all about correct steps, etc. But they finally mastered it, particularly after national

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 21.—After reading Mr. Barney Baruch's noninflation article in a little Philadelphia periodical, run by Benjamin Franklin and Horace Lorimer, I was talking last night on the phone to Mr. Baruch in New York, and here is a very interesting thing he said: "This fellow down in Washington is not going to be stampeded by the United States chamber of commerce or any commerce or any of the rest of us noninflationists, or the inflationists either. He listens to all of us and then, regardless of professors, pedagogues or economists or financiers, he makes up his mind himself. And he is going mighty easy and I think will handle this money situation in a way that is beneficial to the majority, if not to a small minority."

That sounded mighty hopeful, coming from a man like Baruch. Yours, Will Rogers

BONNEVILLE DEPENDS ON FOUNDATION

George T. Cochran Discusses Project at Rotary Club Luncheon.

Common belief is that Bonneville dam will be rushed through to completion and in service from all possible angles of utilization to this part of the northwest in the shortest possible time for its construction. Whether or not Bonneville dam ever becomes a reality will not be determined until the end of the first stage of excavation, contract for which was let by Uncle Sam yesterday to a Seattle contracting firm.

These and other interesting thoughts in connection with this immense project on the Columbia river were presented to members of the

LOCAL WELCOME FOR O. S. C. TEAM IS POSTPONED

La Grande's welcome to the victorious Oregon State college football team, scheduled for Thursday night at the U. P. depot at 9:05 p. m., has been postponed.

The reason is that the Beavers last night scheduled a Thanksgiving day game with Nebraska university, Big Six champion, for Lincoln, Neb., and will remain in Omaha until the game is played.

The Beavers probably will pass through La Grande next weekend, the exact time not being available as yet.

RAINY PERIOD COMES TO END THIS MORNING

Rainfall of the last few days, totaling 1.1 of an inch in La Grande, apparently was at an end, with the weather clearing this morning. Temperatures remained moderate, with the minimum here this morning 39 above, the warmest low mark made during the last week. Tuesday's maximum was 47 above, with 99 of an inch of rain falling during the 24-hour period ending at 7 o'clock this morning.

The weather forecast indicates fair skies tonight and tomorrow with little change in temperature.

UNION CO. IS READY TO PUT MEN ON JOBS

Conference Under Way in Portland Today to Designate Projects

WORK ALSO WILL INCLUDE WOMEN

But No One Will be Given Employment Who is Not Registered at the Court House.

With a conference under way today in Portland to reach a final decision on county work over the state under the new civil works plan, expected to give work to 21,000 men and women in Oregon, indications were that Union county unemployed would be put to work not later than next Monday.

"If any Oregon county fails to have men and women at work by next Monday on the new civil works administration program, it will, according to Raymond B. Wilcox, chairman of the movement in this state, 'be the fault of the individual county's relief structure.'"

And in Union county projects have been designated, list of men obtained, and in fact, everything is in readiness to go to work within a day's notice.

County Judge U. G. Couch, City

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ADVANCE TICKET SALE FOR PLAYS IS ENCOURAGING

After a final week of strenuous rehearsals, Miss Florence Day, director of dramatics at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, announces that the casts of the "Princess Marries the Page," "Trifles," and "The Flattering Word" are ready with finished performances.

On Friday, Nov. 24, the curtain will rise at 8:15 p. m. for the first Sock and Buskin presentation of the year. Already these plays are being recognized as superior productions.

Robert Cunliffe, business manager, announces that advance sales point to an excellent house.

When the three one-act plays were chosen some months ago, it was decided to get the most representative of American plays. "The Princess

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Rush for Liquor Permits in Wettest State



New York—the nation's wettest state by virtue of its 8 to 1 vote against the Prohibition Amendment—is doing a rushing business in issuing liquor licenses. Here's a group of eager applicants lining up for permits at New York City's Beverage Control offices.

14 BOXERS ELIMINATED BEFORE RECORD CROWD; SEMI-FINALS TONIGHT

BULLETIN!

Big Jess Phillips wants another crack at Stanley Bessey, sensational heavyweight of Congressman Walter Pierce's ranch, on tonight's thrilling semi-final program at the Sacajawea hotel arena.

Waging furious combat before the largest boxing crowd in the La Grande history, game amateur fighting men of Eastern Oregon tore into each other like strange bull dogs in the official opening of the Eagles big relief fund benefit championship amateur boxing tourney on the Sacajawea hotel arena battle front last night.

Last night's fights were just the preliminaries of the big meet with the semi-finals on tonight's bill. Tonight's first fight starts at 8:15.

With the prelims out of the way, the most powerful amateur fighters of Eastern Oregon, including La Grande's stars, swing into action tonight. The fighting is due to be more vicious and furious than last night's conflicts. Among the many favorites to see action tonight are Lowell Hutchinson, of Union, middleweight champion of Oregon State college, who fights either Adam Leighton or

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SOVIET K-7, HUGE PLANE, IS WRECKED

Largest Airplane For Overland Flying in World—14 Persons Are Killed.

MOSCOW, Nov. 22 (AP)—A dispatch from Khar'kov said the newly constructed airplane K-7, said to be the largest airplane for overland flying in the world, crashed there yesterday killing 14 persons.

The dead were reported to include the chief pilot and mechanic and several Khar'kov aviation officials, but beyond these bare facts no details were given out.

A Soviet government commission was appointed immediately to investigate the cause of the crash and establish responsibility for it.

This is the second major aviation

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MURDER MYSTERY Baffles Police

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—Earl Wynekoop, 27, was reported today to have been in Chicago not more than a few hours before and perhaps at the time his pretty wife, Rheta, 23, was killed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—A baffling murder mystery in which the victim, a 23-year-old woman, was found shot to death on an operation table of a physician's private office faced police for solution today.

The body of the victim, Mrs. Rheta Wynekoop, was discovered last night by her mother-in-law, Dr. Alice Lindway Wynekoop, well known physician, in her offices in the basement of her West Monroe street home.

Aside from the fact that Mrs. Wynekoop was almost entirely stripped of her clothes police said they found no evidences of a struggle and admitted that they were at a loss for clues. In fact, the killer had evidently taken pains to handle the body as carefully as possible as it was covered with a blanket that had been tucked in at the ends and the head, face down, reared on two small pillows.

Nearly lay a revolver covered with a cloth, but police scoffed at the suggestion that Mrs. Wynekoop might have killed herself for she had been shot in the back just below the left shoulder. Three bullets had been fired from the weapon, but her life had been taken with a single shot.

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"Pig Latin" Ixnay To Judge; Asks For Help

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22 (AP)—Childhood's mystic language, "Pig Latin," had Judge Theodore Rosen stumped but an interpreter saved the day. Mrs. Agnes Dewlin, suing her husband for support, presented a letter in the cryptic code which she said was written by another woman. It was signed "ovela ometra ourya onkemya."

The judge had to have help to learn this means "love from your monkey."

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51 1/2 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 70 cents.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—A late outbreak of selling today more than wiped out the effect of rallies from early sharp setbacks of wheat values.

Mixed sentiment regarding the influence of changes in United States treasury officials was regarded as largely responsible for rapid fluctuations in wheat and other grains. Most of the day's business was between professional traders.

Wheat closed nervous, 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4 under yesterday's finish, corn 1/2 @ 1/2 off, oats 1/2 @ 1/2 down, and provisions showing 5 @ 40c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRES TIME

NEW SENATOR APPOINTED
GRANGE CONDEMNNS STRIKE
CALL SPECIAL SESSION
DINARM PARLEY SUSPENDED

MONTEPELLIER, Vt., Nov. 22 (AP)—Former Congressman Ernest W. Gibson today was named U. S. senator by Governor Stanley C. Wilson to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Porter H. Dale.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 22 (AP)—The national grange today voted condemnation of the farm strike as a means of securing "economic justice" for agriculture.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 21 (AP)—Gov. Clarence D. Martin today issued a call for a special session of the Washington legislature Dec. 4, to adopt state liquor control laws and consider other pending problems.

GENEVA, Nov. 22 (AP)—The steering committee of the disarmament conference voted today to suspend the parity until January.

HAVANA, Nov. 22 (AP)—Three persons, including a boy of 12, were killed in Camaguey today by the explosion of 17 bombs as new disorders developed in the interior.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22 (AP)—Dozens of families living in Blanchard Canyon fled from their cabin homes today as a forest fire which menaced fashionable estates in La Crescenta and La Canada areas last night spread to the north and west at the head of Dunsmore canyon.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 22 (AP)—Lee Tracy, movie actor who left Mexico, D. F., after a tilt with police there, arrived here by air today.

F. R. REFUSES TO MAKE CHANGES IN MONETARY POLICY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—The administration went forward with its gold program today undeterred by the contention of Dr. O. M. W. Sprague that grave dangers lie ahead if the policy is pursued.

Resigning as special financial adviser

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SPEED WORK ON DAM AT OWYHEE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)—Dr. Elwood Mead, chief of the bureau of reclamation, said here today that work will start immediately at the Owyhee dam in Eastern Oregon on contracts which have been let for construction of siphons, additional canals and structures.

It is planned, Dr. Mead said, to have the dam partly in operation next year, and that the job will be completed much earlier than had been expected. It has been possible to speed work on all reclamation projects, Mead said, through allotment of more than \$150,000,000 from the public works administration.

GRAND JURORS CALLED TODAY FOR THURSDAY

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles today called the grand jury to meet in session at the court house at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

No regular term of court is held during December, but special cases may be called if necessary.

SANDPAPER, CARPET TACKS AID WRESTLER

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 22 (AP)—Al G. Peewee, Indiana's three-in-one fire marshal, state police chief and athletic commissioner, pondered today on the problem of which of his powers he should invoke in dealing with the case of Chief Chewshki, heavyweight wrestler.

The chief, billed as being from Ardmore, Okla., set the fans afire, disturbed their peace of mind and committed a breach of athletic etiquette when he came into the ring last night for the third and deciding fall of a wrestling match with two pieces of sandpaper tucked under his tights.

The Chief's opponent was "Irish" Pat O'Shocker, of Salt Lake City, recent favorite of the Detroit society grand dames who not long ago were

MEIER PICKS MEN TO FILL EMPTY SEATS

Legislature Confirms Governor's Appointments Without Protests.

LIQUOR CONTROL HEARING TONIGHT

Bill For Unemployment Relief Calls For \$3,000,000 Revenue From Liquor Sales.

SALEM, Nov. 22 (AP)—Confirmation of Governor Julius L. Meier's appointments to fill the four vacancies in the Oregon house and senate was speedy and without any protesting votes in both chambers as the two legislative groups convened today. It was expected the new members would be sworn in this afternoon.

Those named were Arthur P. Ireland, of Forest Grove, to succeed Senator Edwin Allen, and Senator Linn E. Jones to succeed himself. In the house the new members are Clean O. Taylor, of Medford, to succeed Earl B. Day and Alvah E. Brockway, of Medford, to succeed E. O. Kelly.

Liquor Bill Hearing
First public action on the Knox liquor control bill will be taken late today when a hearing was called by the alcoholic control committee to listen to suggestions and changes proposed by members of the house. Outside views will be heard by the committee tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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Prison Riot In Philadelphia Is Under Control

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22 (AP)—Embolter over their imminent segregation in a "prison within a prison," a band of 75 recalcitrant convicts are blamed for the most destructive riot in the history of the century-old eastern state penitentiary.

Running wild during a recreation period in the penitentiary yard yesterday, the enraged convicts smashed into and fired prison buildings and destroyed valuable machinery.

They wrecked and set ablaze the weaving shop and the dye shop and wrecked destruction in part of the kitchen and the chaplain's quarters.

For two hours they had the penitentiary in an uproar—the fourth revolt behind its grim walls within the last six weeks.

Then the guards, reinforced by several hundred city policemen, detectives, state troopers and state highway patrolmen forced them into cells with the aid of streams from fire hose and shots fired from riot guns but not aimed directly at the prisoners.

Strong details of extra guards were kept on duty today to quell possible new outbreaks.

Condition of Film Actress Critical

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22 (AP)—A development of peritonitis after an operation for acute appendicitis caused concern to be expressed today for the recovery of Maureen O'Sullivan, black-haired motion picture actress.

So critical was the condition of the little Irish-born screen player that her physician, Dr. W. E. Branch sent to the University of California medical school at San Francisco for serum.



ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC?

HERGOLD