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DRUGGISTS SUBMIT LIQUOR PLAN

NO DEFINITE WORD YET ON C. W. A. WORK

Reports Indicate at Least Some of Local Projects Approved.

DELEGATION WILL BE HOME FRIDAY

Portland Civil Works Office Swamped and Tabulation of All Contracts Not Completed.

Although no word was received this morning from Union county's official delegation at Portland to attend the civil works conference, it was taken for granted here that at least some of the \$35,000 road projects in this county had been approved, possibly all of them.

Reports from Portland today said that "Representatives from each of Oregon's 36 counties were on their way home to undertake immediately the welcome task of providing work for men and women on their county relief rolls. Work on some of the projects approved at the state-wide meeting yesterday was expected to get under way today. All should be started by Dec. 4."

County Judge U. G. Couch and Roadmaster S. B. Morgan, J. H. Pearce, chairman of the county relief committee, and Angus McAllister, city manager, attended the meeting and were to leave Portland today for La Grande.

The committee was so swamped by the flood of applications that no complete tabulation of projects could be kept, it was explained in Portland today, so the observer was unable to ascertain what local projects had received an O. K. Such a list was expected to be prepared as soon as possible.

The men and women employed for this relief work, Raymond Wilcox, chairman of Oregon's C. W. A. movement, said, will enjoy their jobs as long as they satisfy their foreman and do their work. In each county work will be given at once to half of those on the county allotments, announced last week, and the rest of the workers will be put on jobs after Dec. 15. Common laborers will be paid not less than 50 cents an hour and

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Tax Turnover Of \$20,197.57 City Portion in Week

The city received a tax turnover from the county of \$20,197.57 this week, it was reported at the city commission meeting last night. During the week general warrants in the amount of \$3,124.62 were retired.

Cash on hand at the end of the week amounted to \$23,576.25, divided as follows: La Grande bank \$12,959.11, Portland bank \$680.16, cash \$4,301.79, remainder in warrants. Applications for licenses were received from Doyle Zimmerman, E. H. J. Busch and John M. Waldron for second hand stores. All were granted.

FOUR CASES OF DISEASE IN UNION COUNTY

Four cases of communicable diseases were reported in Union county during the last week, according to the weekly state board of health report. There was one case each of measles, flu, pneumonia and chickenpox.

Scarlet fever outbreaks were reported in several counties, with 41 cases over the state, but there were no cases in Union, Baker, Umatilla and Wallowa counties.

KIDDIES WRITE IN NORMAL CHIEFTAIN

The second copy of the Normal Chieftain, mimeographed newspaper published at the J. H. Ackerman Training school, made its appearance this week and is being read eagerly by youngsters and parents alike.

The frontpage has an Armistice day drawing by Lawrence Evans, of the 5B. Every grade comes in for its share of items. Janice Moon, 7B, first grade reporter says: "You should see the first grade room. It has a doll house in one corner and in the opposite corner are their bird and gold fish. I think their room is very nicely arranged."

From all indications the second grade has a total collection. "One day

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 22 — These breeds of scientists. They risk their lives, receive no money, all to find out something. They are awful queer to us dumb ones. They fly over the poles when there is no pole. They go 11 miles straight up to see something when there is nothing to see but air. Now air is a mighty fine thing (when not cooing from a public speaker), but to take your life in your hands to go 11 miles up just to see it when there is nothing more uninteresting to look at than air? Yours.

CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLES SET FOR TONIGHT

Amateur Boxers of East Oregon Ready For Final Tests At Sacajawea.

Boxing disciples will assemble in the Sacajawea hotel arena to witness the championship fights of the Eagles great amateur boxing tournament tonight. Surviving ringmen of the first two nights of fighting and a few who have not yet seen action are to enter the ring and bombard each other with flying gloved fists for the Eastern Oregon amateur titles tonight. The first will fight starts at promptly 8 p. m.

One of the most sensational and

CHANDLER SET FOR LEIGHTON, HUTCHINSON Jimmy Chandler, one of La Grande's brilliant amateur middleweights, is set and primed to make a valiant attempt to batter his way to victory over Adam Leighton or Lowell Hutchinson for the midweight crown tonight at the Sacajawea arena.

thrilling ring conflicts ever waged in

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NO REPORT FROM GRAND JURY YET

The county grand jury, called into session by an order by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, met this morning at 10 o'clock at the court house.

No report had been made by the inquisitorial body early this afternoon.

WEATHER HERE WARM, CLEAR; MINIMUM AT 40

Weather like that of early October was visiting the Grande Ronde valley today, following a maximum of 60 above yesterday. The minimum this morning was 40 above, the warmest in several days, and at 7 o'clock, the mercury was up to 49 above.

A maximum of between 65 and 70 was expected before the day ended. The weather forecast predicts generally fair skies for Oregon with no change in temperature tonight and tomorrow.

MRS. SHERWOOD BETTER TODAY

Mrs. Flavia Sherwood, who has been quite ill at her home, is reported as being some better today.

Life Is at Stake



On trial in a Santa Cruz, Cal., courtroom, charged with the slaying of Francis J. M. Grace, wealthy shipping man and her former employer, Frieda W. Weltz, above, 43-year-old nurse, watches the parade of witnesses.

PLAYS COMBINE HUMAN INTEREST, HUMOR, FANTASY

Humor, human interest, and fantasy are combined in the three one-act plays which will be presented by the Eastern Oregon Normal school tomorrow night at 8:15 p. m. Opinion is prevalent that these superior performances have a treat in store for the audience which attends.

The casts went through a final dress rehearsal Wednesday night and Miss Florence Day, director, announces them to be ready for the curtain. According to Miss Thelma Whaley, art director, an excellent trio of stage sets have been constructed, all realistic to their periods.

The casts for the three plays are: "The Princess Marries the Page" by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Shirley Ernster, Princess; Shirley Ernster, Page; Ted Thomson, King; Burke Inlow, Chancellor; John Dunn, Soldiers; Arthur Steffan, Marion Pulk, Wendell Green. "Trifles" by Susan Glaspell. Mr. Hale, Leonard Marshall; Sheriff, Neil Ross; County Attorney, Bob Cunniff.

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WOODWARD'S BILL VOTED DOWN 11 TO 1

Ways and Means Committee Refuses to Consider "Economy" Move.

PART OF MEASURE MAY COME UP AGAIN

Committee Willing to Receive Some of Woodward's Suggestions Separately, Report.

A measure, designed to bring about a reduction in state expenses and including in its provisions merger of the three normal schools in Oregon, submitted by Senator Woodward at Salem, was voted down overwhelmingly in committee of the legislature last night, it was learned today.

Much concern had been shown in East Oregon over the introduction of the bill, because of the bearing it would have had on the future of the E. O. N., located here.

The Associated Press report of the action taken on the bill follows:

SALEM, Nov. 23 (AP) — The joint senate and house ways and means committee, blue pencil welders of the regular session, yesterday rejected reconsideration of the entire budget during the special legislative session. The consensus was that such an undertaking could not be accomplished in 20 days and would clog the session. Senator Woodward's joint resolution calling for complete budgetary scrutiny to effect economies was defeated 11 to 1.

Members expressed willingness to consider separate economy bills. Senator Woodward said Senator Strayer would back him in several economy measures.

Three vetoed measures, recommended by the committee for passage.

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GUN CLUB TO HOLD TURKEY SHOOT SUNDAY

The La Grande Gun club will hold a turkey shoot Sunday at the Lone Tree trapshooting grounds east of this city, with the shoot open to the public.

The event will begin at 10 a. m. with luncheon to be served, on the grounds. Plenty of turkeys and geese are available, officials of the club said today.

HIS MARK



Renounced a Throne, But He's Not Sorry



Love and domestic happiness still mean more to Lennert Bernadotte than a kingdom. Here you see the grandson of King Gustaf of Sweden with his commoner wife for whom he renounced his royal title and his rights to the Swedish throne in a new picture of the couple just arrived in this country.

LITVINOFF TALKS OF SOVIET DEBTS BEFORE LEAVING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — Seeking to avoid public receptions, Maxim Litvinoff left for New York today by motor on the first stage of his trip home.

The soviet commissar quietly left the Russian embassy shortly after 8 o'clock for the drive to New York. He will sail from there Saturday, Ivan Divilkovsky, an aide who accompanied him from Russia, and a state department special agent, drove with Litvinoff.

In the last days of his stay here, it was learned, Litvinoff on behalf of the soviet government, had acknowledged to the extent of discussion the old Russian governmental debts from money loaned by the United States to the Kerensky regime.

FOREST FIRE VEERS AWAY FROM TOWN

Blaze Near Los Angeles Causes Property Damage of About \$3,000,000.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23 (AP) — After destroying numerous small cabins and some larger homes in the northern section of Tijuana and imperiling scores of fire fighters, a stubborn forest fire veered away from the little foothill town 20 miles north of here and apparently left it safe today. Most of the population had evacuated it.

Estimates of the number of cabins and houses destroyed ran as high as 150 but fire fighting officials said there was no way of accurately checking the number until later. Damage to the valuable foothill watershed, including loss of homes, was estimated as possibly \$3,000,000.

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ARREST HUSBAND IN MURDER CASE

CHICAGO, Nov. 23 (AP) — Shortly after Chief of Detectives William Schoemaker declared "some member of the household" was the killer, Earle Wynkoop, 27, was held by the police for questioning and denied any knowledge of the operating room murder of his wife, Rheta, 23.

Chief of Detectives William Schoemaker asserted that chemists and detectives had turned up evidence which "practically established" that Rheta Gardner Wynkoop was shot to death after partaking of the Tuesday evening dinner at the Wynkoop home and that "the murder was committed by someone in the household."

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 59 1/2 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 60 cents.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23 (AP) — Much selling on strip less orders plunged wheat prices down late today almost 4 cents a bushel.

The tumble of values carried the wheat market to below the prices which prevailed when the United States government started its gold buying program Oct. 25. Monetary conditions today overshadowed all other grain market factors. Wheat closed futures, 3 1/2 @ 3 1/2 under yesterday's finish, corn 2 3/4 @ 3 1/4 down, oats 1 1/2 @ 20 off, and provisions varying from 40c decline to a rise of 20c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SMITH PLANS NEW FIGHT
POSTPONE PENSION LAW
WARNS AGAINST FLUCTUATION
CASH C.W.A. CHECKS AT PAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP) — The World Telegram said today that Governor E. Smith, former New York governor who took a prominent part in the fight for repeal of the 18th amendment, took up a new fight today — a fight to break the hold rum runners, bootleggers and speakeasy owners obtained during prohibition.

SALEM, Nov. 23 (AP) — To meet the serious situation arising out of tax delinquencies by the counties representative E. J. McAlear of Washington county proposed a bill introduced in the house today to postpone to January 1, 1936, the date for putting the old age pension law, enacted during the 1933 regular session, into effect.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP) — The office of Walter E. Few, chairman of the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., and member of the Federal Reserve advisory council, today confirmed the adoption of a resolution by the council warning against "a currency of fluctuating value" and stating that monetary uncertainty "has affected and will continue to affect adversely the entire economic structure."

ATLANTA, Nov. 23 (AP) — Oscar Newton, chairman of the board of the sixth federal reserve bank district, today made public an executive order from President Roosevelt, issued at Warm Springs, calling on the nation's banks to cash checks at par for the more than 1,000,000 civil works employees who receive their first week's pay Saturday.

LINDBERGH'S WILL FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

PONTA DELGADA, Azores, Nov. 23 (AP) — Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, flying from Horta, arrived here this afternoon. Ponta Delgada is the largest city on St. Michael Island.

Colonel Lindbergh announced shortly before his takeoff from Horta that he planned to return to America by way of Cape Verde, Africa.

"We contemplate reaching the American continent," said Colonel Lindbergh, "by way of St. Michael Island, Madeira, Lisbon, and Cape Verde."

The route to America by way of Cape Verde already is being flown by the German foreign Air Line company Lufthansa. That company uses a base steamer, the Westfalen, which is kept in position midway between Africa and South America to serve as a base for trans-Atlantic airmail flights.

Regular service over this route has not yet been inaugurated, but it is understood such a step is contemplated for the near future.

The Lindberghs are conducting a survey of proposed transatlantic routes for Pan-American Airways, the American International flying company.

FEDERAL CREDIT "SOUND AS ROCK"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — An assertion that the federal credit is "solid as the rock of Gibraltar" was Acting Secretary Morgenthau's reply to assertions that it is threatened with collapse by the administering monetary program.

He made this assertion in replying to contentions that the weakness in government bond prices was attributed to the federal credit.

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STATE STORE OPPOSITION HEARD TODAY

Druggists Would Have Liquor Sold Through Their Retail Firms.

PRESENT PLAN IS CALLED EXPENSIVE

Governor Julius L. Meier Delivers Special Message Concerning Bonneville Power.

SALEM, Nov. 23 (AP) — Retail druggists today had their inning with the Oregon legislature's alcoholic control committee in the second of a series of public hearings being held by the group. Last night members of the legislature presented their views and this afternoon the committee will conduct a general discussion at which Dr. William S. Knox, chairman of the governor's liquor committee, will be present.

Opposition to the state liquor store plan, as proposed by the Knox plan already introduced in the house, was strongly voiced by representatives of the retail druggists. They propose retail business be handled by druggists, that the state designate wholesale concerns and the tax be collected from wholesalers in an economical manner.

The druggists argued the present state liquor store plan was expensive, that small towns would suffer because of the prohibitive cost in es-

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Balloon Reaches Record Height, Barometer Shows

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — A calibration of the barometer carried by Lt. Comdr. Settle in his stratosphere flight showed the balloonist had ascended 61,237 feet.

The National Aeronautic association, in announcing the figure, said it would be forwarded to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale as a new world height record.

Ray Cooper, of the N. A. A., said although the Soviet stratosphere balloonist had claimed a height of more than 62,000 feet, the U. S. S. R. was not a member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale and that no official proof of their height was held by that organization.

Officially, Cooper said, the 53,153 feet ascended by Auguste Piccard, the Belgian scientist, had stood as the world record.

The flight reached by Settle and Major Chester L. Fordney of the Marines was a distinct surprise to officials here.

Fox "Forced" To Sell Control, He Tells Inquirers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — William Fox told senate investigators today he was "forced under duress" to sell control of the vast theatre chain which he built up from a lone nickelodeon in Brooklyn.

He charged conspiracy by Halsey-Stuart and Company, Albert H. Wiggin, then chairman of the Chase National bank; John Otterson of the American Telephone and Telegraph company; Harley Clarke, Chicago utilities magnate; and "12 of 13 banks in New York."

Testimony that he had gone straight to President Hoover and other high Republican officials in his unsuccessful effort to retain control of his vast movie holdings was given by Fox.

BEE USES 22 'MUSCLE POWER' IN STINGING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — A bee "alts down" to sting, and uses 22 muscles in the process, a scientist reports after detailed study of just how the painful action takes place.

The bee's sting is a modification of an organ quite common in the insect world, the "ovipositor" with which the female insect deposits her eggs, says R. E. Snodgrass in a report just issued by the Smithsonian Institution. In the act of stinging three separate sets of movements take place in the stinging mechanism, actuated by the 22 muscles. First, the stinging shaft, or "stinger" is thrust out, next depressed, and finally thrust into the flesh of the victim.

The bee works its abdomen like a bulb to operate the stinging shaft. When the shaft is extended the abdomen contracts, and then expands when the shaft is retracted. The poison injected with the bee's sting comes from a gland that has been changed over by evolution from one of the accessory glands of the female bee's genital system, says Mr. Snodgrass. Stinging is largely an automatic action. The bee does not even "take aim" with her sting, but strikes at random.