

New Hope For P. W. A. Projects; Baker Gets \$105,000

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JOBS AVAILABLE FOR 115 TODAY

CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM IS UNDER WAY

Seven Union County Projects Approved With Others to Come Soon
EXPECT 168 TO BE AT WORK SHORTLY
Remainder of 336 Jobs Allocated Union County Will Be Authorized in the Near Future.

Projects providing immediate work for 115 men in Union county were approved Wednesday night by the civil works administration in Oregon. It was announced today by J. H. Peare, chairman of the county relief committee, who with Angus McAllister, city manager; U. G. Couch, county judge, and S. H. Morgan, county roadmaster, returned from Portland last night.

These 115 men go to work immediately. A few were called today, and scores will begin work tomorrow, with all of them scheduled to be on the job Monday.

Union county's quota of men to be put to work is 336, and 168, or half of them, will be working within a week or so. The remainder will be taken care of probably by the middle of December.

Several projects were submitted by Union county to Raymond Wilcox in Portland, and the following were given immediate approval: Wooded lane, employment for 40 men; High valley road, 30 men; Glass hill road, 5 men; Bushnell lane, 5 men; Fox hill road, 5 men; Robbs hill road, 5 men; Second street viaduct in La Grande, 25 men.

Work on the viaduct will include the south side approach in addition to work unfinished on the other end of the overhead crossing, the city manager said today.

Meyers Disbursing Officer
P. L. Meyers, of La Grande, has been appointed as disbursing officer for Union county and first pay checks will be written next weekend. Mr. Meyers was to attend a meeting in Portland tomorrow.

A relief committee meeting will be held at the court house tonight to go further into the civil works program. It is planned to develop some project to put unemployed women to work also, possibly library work, etc.

Mr. Peare is confident approval will be given to other county projects, including the river job near North Powder, within a few days. Mr. Wilcox also informed the local delegation there would be an opportunity for work on school building repairs, etc., and the school board is busy developing projects today. The city hopes to replace some of the wooden water mains in La Grande, also.

The civil works administration in Portland picked projects for first approval closest to the largest number of unemployed. By the time 336 men have been put to work in this county, all sections will have been taken

73 Willowa Co. Men Given Work Under New Plan

JOSEPH, Ore., Nov. 24 (Special)—Seventy-three men on the unemployment rolls of Willowa county started work today on three projects which presumably were approved Wednesday by the state relief committee at a meeting in Portland, says the Joseph Herald. These projects and the number of men which are to be worked on each are: Little Sheep creek secondary highway, 40 men; Enterprise-Lewis road, 13 men; Pow-waska hill on Willowa-Troy road, 20 men.

These 73 men include half of the 147 which have been allotted as Willowa county's quota for relief employment. The balance will be given work shortly after the first of the month.

OPEN WINTER AHEAD? SOME BELIEVE IT

As the fall progresses, and winter continues to remain thoroughly in the background in Eastern Oregon, old timers become more and more certain that this may be an open winter. Now comes the report that some of the fur-bearing animals in this neck of the woods haven't as thick a coat as usual at this time of the year.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 23.—The Cubans sent a big delegation to Montevideo, South America, to attend a peace conference. That leaves 'em kinder short-handed in their war at home till these get back.

There certainly is not much incentive for anything to be done right nowdays. A U. S. stamp printer made a mistake on one little batch of 20 4-cent air mail stamps (had it turned crosswise) and they brought \$12,000. If he had had it plum upside down it would have brought \$100,000.

We get another illustration of an "expert." This fellow Spruff that left the treasury in such a huff has been all this time finding out Mr. Roosevelt had already inflated. Yours, Will Rogers

CHAMPIONS IN RING CROWNED ON THURSDAY

Largest Crowd of Amateur Tournament Attends Finals Staged by Eagles

The largest crowd to ever witness a boxing card in La Grande gathered in the Sackajawa arena last night for the finals of the amateur boxing tournament sponsored by the Eagles lodge. Winners were crowned as Northeastern Oregon champions in their weight classes. Proceeds of the three-night tournament were to go into the Eagles relief fund.

Although the fights were not quite as vicious as on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, some hard battles resulted, particularly in the lighter weight divisions. Probably the one scrap that stood out in the crowd's interest was the battle between Bobby Daugherty, Willowa, and Francis McClure, La Grande, coote weights, a special match. McClure won the slugfest on a decision, but Bobby was awarded the tournament trophy for the gamest loser.

Only one title was won by default, Orville Bowers receiving the feather weight crown by that method. Stanley Bessey, conquerer of Big Jess

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DEATH COMES TO MRS. ANNA LOVELY

Mrs. Anna Lovely, a resident of La Grande for the last 41 years, died at her home at 1403 S avenue about 10:30 o'clock this morning after a long illness.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. She was born in Michigan Sept. 6, 1868 and was 65 years, two months and 13 days of age. She leaves her widowed husband, Ed Lovely; three brothers, W. G. and C. V. Trill, of Medford, and R. E. Trill, of La Grande, and a sister, Mrs. Ida Lyman, of Cadillac, Mich.

Anyway, His Advice Was Well Intended

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24 (AP)—Anyway the advice was well intended. Lucrezia Bori, grand opera singer, concluded here today.

She dropped into a music store, accompanied by a gentleman friend, and out of curiosity tried the voice recording machine.

A clerk, a pleasant chap, told her she had "a nice voice" and that it should be trained.

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SECRET SORROW



Hollywood, seeing Sylvia Sidney in doleful poses such as this, often attributed to her a secret sorrow. The reality of this sorrow was revealed the other day when the demure screen star, who always had been known as the daughter of a New York dentist, filed papers in New York Supreme Court against her real father, Victor Kosow. She charged Kosow with attempting to extort \$18,000 from her under threat of having her adoption by Dr. Sigmund Sidney annulled.

CURTAIN WILL GO UP 8:15 TONIGHT ON E. O. N. PLAYS

The stage is set for the three one-act plays which will be presented by Sock and Buskin at the Normal school auditorium this evening at 8:15 p. m. It is announced by Miss Florence Day, director of dramatics. The three plays to be presented, "Trifles," by Susan Glaspell; "The Flattering Word," by George Kelly; and "The Princess Marries the Page," by Edna St. Vincent Millay, are expected to appeal strongly to the audience. All are well chosen and their presentation will represent careful preparation by the respective casts. Specially constructed stage sets have been prepared, each appropriate to the plot and spirit of the play.

Practically all members of the casts

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NEW SEWAGE PLANT GIVEN U. S. APPROVAL

Baker Public Works Project Given Loan and Grant by Ickes.

LA GRANDE HOPES MOUNT AS RESULT

Local People Feel Chances For Training School and Pipeline Work Are Much Better.

Renewed hope for Oregon public works projects was born this morning, when the P. W. A. in Washington allotted \$105,000 for the Baker sewage disposal plant (loan and grant) and \$14,000 for the Weston, Idaho water main project (loan and grant).

Some time ago Secretary Harold Ickes said no more allotments would be made to far western states until other sections of the country had their share, but the action today indicated to local people that a few northwestern projects would be granted by Ickes. La Grande has two projects in which it is vitally interested, the Eastern Oregon Normal school campus training school building and the Beaver Creek pipeline project.

On the Baker project thirty per cent of labor and material costs, totaling approximately \$80,000 was a grant, the balance a loan secured by 4 per cent revenue bonds with recourse to general taxation. Work can start in one month and public works officials estimated 55 men would be employed 10 months.

Wiggin Resented Hoover's Action In Fox's Behalf

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—William Fox told Senate investigators today that Claudius Huston, when chairman of the Republican national committee, conferred with Albert H. Wiggin, chairman of the Chase National bank, in an effort to get financial help for the movie magnate.

Fox, who lost control of 1000 movie houses through financial difficulties, added that Huston returned and said Wiggin had turned him down with the statement to "tell the president to mind his own business."

Huston, Fox said, reported that Wiggin had told him he "resented Mr. Hoover's interference in this matter."

This testimony was given by the retired movie owner as part of the second reel of the drama he was

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ROOSEVELT IN GEORGIA SPEECH



"Mr. Litvinov and I believe that through the resumption of normal relations the prospects of peace over all the world are greatly strengthened." Thus, as pictured above, President Roosevelt indulged in his first public discussion of Russian recognition in a speech at Savannah, Ga. He also rebuked "doubting Thomases" who oppose his administrative program.

JOHNSON STATES BUSINESS DUE TO STAGE NEW GAIN

ATLANTA, Nov. 24 (AP)—Gen. Hugh S. Johnson believes business is on the verge of "another forward surge."

The NRA chief in an address last night voiced the conviction that the Roosevelt policies have lifted the nation "25 per cent out of the depths of this depression" and that compared with conditions early last spring "we are a fortunate people."

"You hear nowadays a growling because prosperity has not come overnight. I wonder if any of the grouches has ever thought where we would be if the president had not taken the big plunge," he said.

"Where would the south be if cotton had remained at 6 cents, for example? What would have been the prospect if we were going into this winter with 13,000,000 unemployed?"

Johnson called fees of the recovery program "a few little men with loud voices frantically warning puny red flags of false and futile warning in the path of a resistless advance of a great people."

"Away slight men!" he cried. "You may have been leaders once. You are

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

FOR "CORRECTIVE INFLATION"

AL FAVORS SOUND MONEY

FRIEDA WELTZ ACQUITTED

OREGON MAN APPOINTED

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 24 (AP)—The National Grange voted today for "corrective inflation" of the currency "to re-establish the 1926 commodity price level."

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP)—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith today made public an editorial in a coming issue of the New Outlook magazine in which he will declare himself emphatically against the current administration policy of "currency experimentation."

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Nov. 24 (AP)—Acquitted of a murder charge, Frieda Wilhelmina Weltz was free here today to seek again the health and happiness she claims were shattered by the man she was accused of slaying, Francis J. M. Grace, 58 year old retired capitalist.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Nov. 24 (AP)—Fred Perkins of Warm Springs, Ore., has been appointed superintendent of the Shawnee Indian agency here effective December 1, the agency was notified today by civil service officials at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—Pending allocation of funds from the civil works administration, the U. S. forest service today said no definite program has been laid out for employment in the national forests.

NEW BILLS MAKE APPEARANCE IN THE LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Nov. 24 (AP)—Installment payment of taxes with various rebates provided and increase in penalty for tax delinquency were included in bills introduced in the house today. The fifth day saw the number of measures introduced in the Oregon legislature near the 100 mark, 52 in the house and 40 in the senate.

Two other proposals were being drafted for introduction, the tax on gross utility earnings and a measure to exempt one cent of the gasoline tax to county roads. It was expected both would be introduced before the house adjourns tomorrow noon. The senate was expected to join the house in holding sessions tomorrow.

Status of members in the house was set at rest by favorable adoption of the credentials committee report that all members now holding seats be approved. There were no dissenting votes.

Progress on the liquor control bill was reported when it was announced the third of a series of public hearings would be held late today, giving hotel owners and restaurant representatives a chance to be heard on the matter of serving drinks with more than 14 per cent alcoholic volume with meals. The committee announced it would make a decision late today on the contest of state owned liquor stores vs. licensed

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Slight Error Costs Church Janitor His Job

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Nov. 24 (AP)—Charles Heath, church janitor who takes a bromine medicine for sleeplessness and takes it in grape juice, got his sedative mixed with the communion grape juice. A hundred communicants partook of the soporific mixture. The congregation drowsed; several members reported slight sickness. The First Christian church is seeking a new janitor.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51½ cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 70 cents.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24 (AP)—Corn took leadership of the grain markets today, and jumped more than two cents a bushel, pulling wheat up later in an almost equal degree. Indications were that within the last three days more than 200,000 bushels of corn had been bought for export both to Great Britain and to continental European countries. Prospective licensing of imports of black strap molasses and of tapioca starches was also a factor as to corn.

Corn and wheat both closed unsettled at fractional setbacks from the day's top level, corn 1½¢, 1½¢ above yesterday's finish, wheat 1½¢ up, oats ½¢ advanced, and provisions varying from 12¢ decline to a rise of 50¢.

DR. WYNEKOOP ADMITS SHE KILLED GIRL

Puzzling Chicago Operating Room Murder Cleared up by Confession

CHLOROFORM USED BEFORE SHOT FIRED

Woman Medic Says She Killed Her Daughter-in-law Because of Sudden Panic.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24 (AP)—The confession of Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynekoop that she fired a bullet into the heart of her daughter-in-law, Rheta, while the girl was unconscious was announced today by Capt. John Stege.

Breaking down at last after nearly three days of exhausting examination, the 62-year-old woman physician acknowledged that she had administered chloroform to her son's 23-year-old wife, in examining her for a pelvic pain of which the girl had complained.

She had gone to her surgical office in the basement of her Monroe street house Tuesday afternoon to find Rheta partly undressed, weighing herself.

Rheta complained of severe pains, Dr. Wynekoop said, and she placed the young woman on her operating table and began to administer chloroform to ease the pain and facilitate examination.

Dr. Wynekoop told Capt. Stege she kept asking Rheta if she could feel the pain and that her daughter-in-law continued to answer affirmatively. Finally, the physician explained, Rheta lost consciousness and for 25 minutes she tried strenuously to revive her.

When she realized she was losing ground, Dr. Alice said, she became panic stricken.

"All the events of my life flashed through my mind," Dr. Wynekoop was quoted, "and I thought of a pistol in an adjoining room."

Fearful of blame for killing the girl with the anaesthetic, she said she obtained the pistol and, holding it five inches from the bare back of the unconscious girl, fired a single shot. That shot penetrated the

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Lumber Business Shows Big Gain During the Week

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24 (AP)—New business amounting to 75,000,000, about 81 per cent above the three-year weekly average for November, and 43 per cent more than for the previous week, was reported by the Western Pine association today for the week ending Nov. 18. Of the 148 mills reporting, 81 were operating.

Shipments were 39,366,000 feet, and production, 41,399,000 feet, putting production at 24 per cent of capacity compared with 27 per cent for the previous week, and 23 per cent for the year to date. Current orders were 47 per cent of sawmill capacity.

For the year to date orders have increased about 10 per cent, shipments 5 per cent, and production 23 per cent over the 1932 totals for the same period.

Rhododendrons In Bloom In Oregon

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Nov. 24 (AP)—An unusually mild fall has brought some curious natural developments to this Pacific coast region. Rhododendrons which usually flower in June, are in full bloom on the south slopes of Grizzly mountain. Azaleas are reported blooming up the Rogue river. Scotch broom along the coast highway is budding.

LOCAL POWER CO. DISPUTES MEIER

Governor Meier's quoted statement to the effect that public utilities in the state of Oregon have for many years past earned fair dividends, plus large surpluses, is badly out of line with fact, as applied to the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, says Gene Walker, manager of the power company's interests here in a statement issued this morning.

Records show that since 1910, when the present management took hold, there have been only two dividends ever paid on common stock by the E. O. L. & P., says Walker. These consisted of a two per cent dividend in 1931, and two per cent in 1930. The company has had outstanding three hundred forty-three thousand, five hundred dollars of preferred stock since 1918. Dividends on this stock has been met in only four years.

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THE MILLENNIUM

OH BRIGHT TOMORROW! HAPPY DAY!
WHEN NATIONS BORROW THE WAY THEY PAY

HAPPIER DAY AND BRIGHTER TOMORROW!
WHEN NATIONS PAY THE WAY THEY BORROW