

Railroad Celebration Program Taking Shape Here

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GOSS LIQUOR PLAN BEFORE STATE

MEETING OF COMMITTEES HERE DEC. 4

Semi-Centennial Celebration Here Next July to Be Outlined

GROUND WORK IS WELL DEVELOPED

Five Hundred Committees to Be Included in Organization in Its Final Phase

An initial meeting of committees concerned with the semi-centennial railroad celebration in La Grande next July, has been called for Monday evening, Dec. 4. It will be held at the city hall and all persons thus far appointed to any committee are vigorously urged to be present. The whole set-up so far as now created will be explained in detail, and such committees as have drafted their final plans will be on hand to report.

The executive committee in general charge of the program has decided on a general meeting at this early date in order to acquaint everyone with the plans thus far evolved, and to give widespread local publicity to the general scheme of things. The meeting will be open to any friends of the celebration even though they may not yet have been assigned to specific duties.

The chairman of committees who have thus far been appointed to duties are urged to complete the personnel of their respective committees and have them present at the meeting, and to have their respective budgets prepared by that time.

The executive committee members, consisting of a group from all railroad branches, and another group of chamber of commerce representatives already have had a first meeting and during the present week, Walter Parker, chairman of the railroad section.

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Fair Weather To Continue During Weekend Locally

Cloudy skies prevented the mercury from going beyond the 62 above mark here Friday, but with clearer weather this morning, warmer weather may result this afternoon.

The mercury dropped to 32 above last night, the first freezing weather in a week in La Grande.

The weather forecast indicates moderate temperatures for the next week, with the weekend clear.

TURKEY SHOOT AT LONE TREE

The annual turkey shoot at the Lone Tree grounds of the La Grande Gun club will be held tomorrow, with the public invited and lunch to be served at noon. Plenty of geese and turkeys are available for shooters, the club officials stated today.

PORPOISE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Porpoise club held a meeting Thursday evening at the La Grande hotel. During the business session Maurice Weiss was voted into the group. Plans were made for a swim and picnic to be held at the Cove pool, Sunday, Nov. 26. It is announced that members will meet at the La Grande hotel at 1:45 o'clock.

LOVELY RITES SUNDAY AT 2

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Lovely will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with Rev. J. George Wals officiating. Burial will take place at the Masonic cemetery with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge of arrangements.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 24.—Big headlines in today's papers say that the big bankers, to show Roosevelt his financial scheme don't suit them, they are unloading government bonds and securities by the bushel. He won't play their way so they are going to sell their ball and bat and get out.

I can't just recall, but as well as I remember, wasn't they the fellows that the government was helping so much not so long ago?

"They ought to pray every night," "God bless mamma and papa, and all my family, and interest, and Roosevelt." Yours,

WILL ROGERS. P. S.—I want to apologize to the president for putting interest ahead of him, but interest has been helping 'em out longer than he has.

Will Rogers
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FOREST FIRE LOSS IN THIS AREA SLIGHT

Actual Damage to Union County Timber \$19,50, L. C. Morehead Reports.

During 1933 there were fewer forest fires, less damage and less suppression costs than for many years, according to a report by L. C. Morehead, district engineer. Actual damage to timber in Union county was only nineteen dollars and fifty cents. Thirty-three fires occurred in this Union county district, burning approximately 18 acres. Fire fighting costs were \$117.00 of which \$56.80 was paid by the state and \$60.10 by individuals, logging companies, etc., who were responsible for the starting of the fires. Causes of the 33 fires were as follows: smokers 14, campers 6, lightning 5, brush burning 3, miscellaneous 1.

The late spring afforded opportunity for the field men to do improvement work rather than spend all their time fighting fire. This resulted in the building of a new telephone line from Mt. Harris lookout to Imbler and a new cabin and horse pasture at Clark's Creek patrol station.

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EXTRA MEN WILL BE EMPLOYED AT THE POSTOFFICE

The La Grande post office will be allowed \$150.98 from the federal government for special employes during the Christmas rush period, according to Associated Press reports from Washington.

Throughout the state \$16,275.14 has been allotted to various post offices to enable them to handle the annual rush period.

Each December it is necessary for the local post office to put on extra men to take care of the extra work due to mailing and receiving of Christmas cards and packages.

LONGER HOLIDAY FOR EAST NORMAL

Regular classes were being held today at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. In order that the students and faculty might have next Friday as a holiday in addition to Thursday, Thanksgiving day, the student body petitioned the state board of higher education for the change and their request was granted. This gives the Normal school a vacation period extending from Wednesday evening until Monday morning.

MORE TAXES PAID DURING FALL SEASON

Collections Here Since July 1 Show Increase Over First Half

\$355,938.18 PAID SO FAR THIS YEAR

Substantial Payments Are Likely Before End of Year—Delinquent Figures Given

Tax collections apparently are on the upgrade in Union county again, after reaching a "low" early this year. Records at the tax collecting department of the sheriff's office reveal that with more than a month of 1933 yet ahead, tax collections since July 1 are \$1,498.38 higher than collections for the six months ending July 1.

If payments continue during this coming month at a fair rate, which is entirely likely, an even better showing for the last half of this year appears possible. According to Dick Claycomb, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections, \$177,219.99 in taxes were paid in Union county during the first half of this year. Since July 1 the payments have reached the figure of \$178,718.38.

This brings the collections to \$355,938.18 so far this year—not a glowing showing, but because of the increase in the last few months, not so bad, either.

Right now, payments of 1932 taxes

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EASTERN OREGON AG TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE HERE

An Eastern Oregon annual vocational agricultural teachers' conference was under way at the Sacajawea Inn today, the sessions beginning at 9 o'clock and scheduled to continue throughout the day. The meeting is under the direction of Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor of vocational agricultural education in Oregon high schools.

Mr. Cooley, during the last week, has visited the ag departments at Imbler, Union, Wallowa and Enterprise and next week will visit Ontario, Halfway and Pendleton.

This educational work is carried on under the Smith-Hughes act passed by congress about 15 years ago, and

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RIISING STAR ON BROADWAY



One of the ranking beauties in New York's early theatrical season is lovely Linda Watkins (above).

SOCK AND BUSKIN STAGES THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS AT E. O. N. AUDITORIUM FRIDAY

Sock and Buskin, dramatic society at the E. O. N., presented its fall show last night at the Normal school auditorium, featuring three one-act plays with different casts of characters handling each assignment. A fair-sized crowd witnessed the productions, directed by Miss Florence Day.

"Trifles," by Susan Gaspell, a play that demonstrated woman's understanding of her neighbor's trials even so far as to withhold incriminating evidence from peace officers, opened the evening. The audience saw two women, while the men fruitlessly searched an abandoned farm house for clues to the motive for a homicide, discover that it had been due to a husband's slaying a pet canary, probably the only ray of cheer in the wife's existence. Robert Cunliffe played the part of the county attorney, Neil Ross was cast as the sheriff, Leonard Marshall as a neighboring farmer, and Winifred Scott and Jean Williams, as the two women, one the wife of the sheriff, the other the wife of the farmer.

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SHOWERS, RUSSELL TO LOCATE HERE

After giving La Grande its greatest boxing classic by managing the Eagles amateur ring tourney here this week, Les Showers and Dick Russell, widely known throughout the country as specialists in their work, announced today they were to make their home in La Grande.

"We have offers for tourneys from points scattered over the West, mid-

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THE HUNGRY BOYS



TROJANS WIN FROM NOTRE DAME 19 TO 0

Warburton Leads Southern California in Inter-sectional Triumph

ARMY OVERPOWERS NAVY ELEVEN 12-7

Harvard Tops Yale 19 to 6 in Their Annual Football Classic on the East Coast

NOTRE DAME STADIUM, South Bend, Ind., Nov. 25 (AP)—The University of Southern California evened the count with Notre Dame today by winning 19 to 0. The result gave each team four victories in their series of football contests of recent years.

"Cotton" Warburton, elusive mid-guard of the Trojan backfield, sent U. S. C. into the lead in the first half by going over for a touchdown after bringing the ball within scoring distance with a 35-yard gallop. Stan Griffith, in the third period, faded back to his 35-yard line and passed to Bescos on the Irish eight. Griffith hit the line for five and then took a short pass from McNeel to score. Warburton scored the third touchdown just before the game ended.

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ARMY 12, NAVY 7

FRANKLIN FIELD, Philadelphia, Nov. 25 (AP)—Army whipped Navy today, for the fifth straight time, 12 to 7, and ran the Cadet winning streak to nine straight for the season. A capacity crowd of 79,000, biggest in the east this year, saw the midshipmen yield only after a close and spectacular football battle.

All the scoring was confined to a seesaw first half which witnessed a trio of thrilling touchdowns. Stan Wichek between Army's brace of tailbacks, the first on an 81-yard run back of a punt by Paul Johnson and the other on a 25-yard gallop by Jack Buckler, was Navy's touchdown on a 39-yard run by Walter Baumberger.

The Navy had opportunities in both

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C. W. A. WORK BEGINS HERE THIS MORNING

Fifteen men went to work today on the Bushnell lane and Glass Hill civil works projects, the first of 300 who eventually will be taken from the unemployed rolls and given real jobs. Monday morning another hundred men will begin work, completing the first 115 of the 330 to be put on the U. S. treasury payroll.

First payday will be Dec. 2 and F. L. Meyers, appointed Union county disbursing officer, was in Portland today acquainting himself with his new duties.

Of the first group of men going to work 41 will come from La Grande, 15 from Cove, 20 from Union, and the remainder from other sections of the county, including Summerville, Alice and Imbler. Sections not taken care of in this first group will be given work as quickly as possible, it was said.

Several additional Union county projects are before the civil works administration board in Portland and others are being developed as rapidly as possible, with indications that approval will come shortly.

J. H. Peare, chairman of the Union county relief committee, announced today he had received word that compensation will be paid to C. W. A. workers who are injured on the job, after three days time has elapsed.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood today at about 49 1/2 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 48 cents.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Stop-loss selling in wheat and profit-taking sales in corn led to all-around breaks in grain values late today.

Wheat tumbled to a new low for the week and since early this month. At the close, wheat was off 2 1/2¢ a bushel. When closed unstable at the low end figures reached, 2 1/2¢ @ 2 1/2¢ after yesterday's high, corrected 1 1/2¢ @ 1 1/2¢ down, oats at 1 1/2¢ decline, and provisions varying from 22 cents setback to a rise of 10 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

WALLOWA PROJECT ACTED ON
LITVINOFF LEAVES U. S.
DISTILLERS DISAGREE
CUBAN EX-OFFICERS SLAIN

PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (AP)—Applications for four PWA projects amounting to \$205,032, have been forwarded to Washington by C. C. Hackley, state engineer for the public works administration. The four projects were approved yesterday. They were: Grants Pass sewage disposal plant, \$45,000; Corbett, water supply, \$50,000; Newberg, grade school building, \$40,085; Wallowa, water supply, \$60,977.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (AP)—Maxim M. Litvinoff, Russian foreign commissar, departed on the Conte Di Savoia today after completion of his mission which resulted in the United States' recognition of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Organized distillers today failed to heal their sharp disagreement with the president's special interdepartmental committee on alcohol control, but hearings on the government-drafted code and marketing agreement were concluded. Meanwhile, the president's committee filed with the agricultural adjustment administration a proposed substitute for the alcoholic beverages importing agreement. A quota permit system for imports was suggested. A code hearing has been set for next Wednesday.

MATANZAS, Cuba, Nov. 25 (AP)—Five former officers of the Cuban army were massacred on a highway near Colon today by a group of unidentified men who forcibly removed the officers from guards conveying them from Matanzas to Santa Clara.

BOARD UNWILLING FOR DR. KERR TO RESIGN JUST NOW

PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (AP)—Declaring that "this board will not countenance disregard of its authority or insubordination," the state board of higher education had today taken steps to investigate the action of Dean Wayne L. Morse, University of Oregon law school dean, in demanding the resignation of Roscoe C. Nelson as board president, and of Dr. W. J. Kerr as chancellor of Oregon's educational system.

The investigation was ordered by the board at a brief meeting here late Friday. Willard L. Marks, of Albany, vice president, was instructed to appoint a committee of three members to conduct the Morse hearing. Nelson resigned several weeks ago after Morse had accused him of prejudice in connection with statements the former board president made at Eugene and Corvallis. The university

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F. R. CHECKS ON RECOVERY WORK

By Francis M. Stephenson
WARM SPRINGS, Ore., Nov. 25 (AP)—President Roosevelt checked up today on his recovery and monetary programs with his chief lieutenant, Henry Morgenthau, the acting secretary of the treasury; General Hugh S. Johnson, the industrial administrator; William C. Bullitt, the new ambassador to Russia; and others of the government were here to talk with the chief executive.

Outside attacks on the administration policies brought a quick reply from the field marshals but Mr. Roosevelt laughed and proceeded on his way. The severe attack of Alfred E. Smith on the commodity dollar plan failed to provoke a presidential response.

In a roadside interview with newspapermen, Mr. Roosevelt made it clear last night that he was going along on his dollar devaluation plan.

LEGISLATIVE PRICE-FIXING IS PROPOSED

New Problems Confront Joint Senate and House Liquor Board

GOSS EXPLAINS HIS CONTROL PLAN

Would Keep Liquor Out of Politics and Eliminate the Bootlegger, He Declares

SALEM, Nov. 25 (AP)—New problems, plans and proposals confronted the joint senate and house liquor committee of the legislature today as the session neared the end of its first week.

Senator Goss proposed that the state dictate prices on retail hard liquor, which would be sold only in original packages by qualifying retailers. Retailers would be bonded, must have untainted criminal records and must have been established at the selling point for at least one year.

A commission and administrator would be appointed as under the Knox plan. Liquor prices would be set at low figures to make handling an accommodation and not a profit-making enterprise. Local option and local licensing would be guaranteed municipalities.

Goss said the retailers would be required to keep detailed accounts of all transactions, which would be filed with the commission. Retailers could buy their wholesale liquor from any source, subject to inspection for purity by the commission. The plan would keep liquor control out of politics, eliminate the bootlegger, offer no state financing problems, and minimize state control problems, Goss said. He declared the temptation and implication of political graft would be ever-present under the Knox plan.

His plan, Goss said, could readily be embodied in the bill now before the joint committee. Otherwise he will introduce it as a separate senate bill.

Financial problems of the Knox

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Son Refuses To Believe Mother Killed His Wife

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Earle Wynkoop will be booked on a charge of murder in the death of his wife, Rheta, late today. Prosecutor Charles S. Dougherty announced after another round of questioning the young widower.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Taken into criminal court after a night of fitful sleep, Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynkoop was remanded to the custody of the sheriff to await possible grand jury action for the murder of her daughter-in-law.

A habes corpus hearing was de-

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

FINALS
Army 12, Navy 7.
Syracuse 0, Columbia 16.
Tufts 13, Massachusetts 0.
Washington & Lee 13, Maryland 33.
West Virginia 14, Georgetown 12.
Illinois 6, Ohio State 7.
Carnegie Tech 0, New York U. 7.
Rutgers 6, Princeton 26.
North Carolina State 0, Duke 7.
Villanova 24, Temple 0.
Michigan State 0, Detroit U. 14.
Duquesne 28, Geneva 0.
Yale 6, Harvard 19.
Southern California 19, Notre Dame 0.

TAXABLE PROPERTY TOTALS \$18,793,209

Union county's taxable property this year, on which the 1933 taxes—payable next year—will be based, stands at \$18,793,209, plus tax commission county ratios, according to announcement from Salem.

Earlier this month the Observer carried a story giving the taxable property in this county at \$14,148,206 but this was exclusive of public utilities, which are included in the new figure. Wallowa county's total is \$9,447,645.95.

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MARINE FREAK FOUND OFF VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Nov. 25 (AP)—A marine freak without eyes, six feet long, less than three inches at its greatest width, smooth without fins or scales, was caught off Sitwash rock, Stanley park yesterday by three Barclay brothers, Charles, Fred and William. It was taken on their cod lines at a place where the water is 180 feet deep.

The theory was advanced it might be a "sea-ship" which is really a colony of minute creatures attached to each other, giving the appearance of one body.