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# TAXES TO BE LOWER HERE IN 1934

### RATE HIGHER BUT VALUES ARE REDUCED

La Grande People to Pay \$67.60 on Each \$1,000 Assessment.

### CUT IN VALUATION OFFSETS MILLAGE

Taxes Next Year Payable Quarterly; Levy For all Districts Not Yet Announced.

If one's assessed valuation is enough below last year to make up for an increased millage rate, one will pay less taxes in La Grande in 1934 than this year. This was determined after receiving announcement today that the 1933 tax levy payable next year, had been made by county officials.

The new millage rate for those taxpayers who reside within La Grande is 67.6, compared with a rate of 62.2 in 1933. This represents an increase of more than 8 per cent.

However, to offset this, assessments generally are lower, due to an application of a 10 per cent blanket cut in determining valuations.

The complete figures on the levy for all districts in the county have not been announced, but figures for La Grande are completed.

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### Jury Session To Begin In Circuit Court on Dec. 11

A jury session will open in the circuit court on Dec. 11 with Judge J. W. Knowles presiding. One case, that of the state vs. Lewis May charged with non-support, has been set and others are expected to be put on the calendar later. J. D. Slater is attorney for the defendant.

Mason Morris, sentenced to a year in the penitentiary Monday by Judge Knowles, was taken to Salem yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer, who made the trip by automobile.

### The Story of Christmas



When the angel had gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said, one unto another, Let us go into Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass; let us look upon our Saviour.

### 15 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

### OLD AGE PENSION LAW EFFECTIVE SOON

Machinery for putting into effect the old age pension law in Oregon January 1, is now being assembled in the various counties over the state. In Union county forms for applications have been printed, after approval by the attorney general, and the blanks are on hand in the county clerk's office. However, the county is not ready to receive applications as yet, pending receipt of additional information regarding the law.

### WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 5 — Talk about the "noble experiment." "The noble experiment" is just starting, every state is in doubt as to how their liquor will be handled.

Say, it's not how the state will handle its liquor, it's how the folks will handle theirs. States are going to have scandal over the sale of it, and politicians will fight over the taxes of it, but anyhow the first week will be the hardest. Yours, Will Rogers

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### RELIEF WORK IN COUNTY EXPLAINED AT ROTARY LUNCH

Jack Peare, chairman of county, state and federal relief work, and Fred E. Meyers, recently appointed disbursing officers for the same district, explained to Rotary club members this noon the progress of unemployment relief in this community and environs.

Since January 1, this year, there has been over \$40,000 paid out for relief of the needy of this county through the relief committee office, said Mr. Peare. This has been accomplished at the low administration cost of only five per cent. Over 4250 families have been aided at the rate of anywhere from 200 to as high as 600 families a month.

Recently Mr. Peare's county relief office took over the distribution of money and employment under the C. W. A. plan. This scheme, an improvement over the original public works plan of the administration, is expected to put over 4 million unemployed back to work before Christmas.

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### REV. WALZ NAMED COMMITTEE HEAD

Several weeks ago Rev. Harold L. Bowman, D. D. resigned from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, Portland, and accepted the call of one of the leading Presbyterian churches in Chicago. This occasioned his resignation as chairman of the Synod's committee of national missions. Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, has been elected to the position of chairman of the national missions committee of the Synod of Oregon of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., which position Dr. Bowman had held for a number of years. Mr. Walz has been a member of this committee of the Synod for the past four years.

### KNIGHTS SELECT 1934 OFFICERS

At a regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias, Monday evening, officers were elected for the year 1934. The officers-elect follow: chancellor commander, H. C. Buckalter; vice chancellor, F. B. Tharp; prelate, O. G. Williams; master of work, C. L. Graham; master of exchequer, C. K. McCormick; K. P. S. and M. of F., D. L. Gally; master of arms, O. Moss; inner guard, Odus T. Bales; outer guard, H. E. Dixon; trustee for 3-year term, H. W. Riley. Installation of the new officers will be held on January 3.

Other matters of interest were disposed of. A committee, appointed at a former meeting, is preparing for a benefit dance to be held in the near future, the date to be determined later.

Every person of 70 years or older is eligible. The amount of each pension is to be determined by the commission and in no case is to be more than \$30 a month including other income of pensioner. The applicant must have been a citizen and resident of the United States and of Oregon at least 15 years and of the county at least two years. He must not have been convicted of any criminal offense in 25 years. He must not have deserted wife (husband) or children at any time. He must not have been a professional beggar.

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### COMMUNITY CREDIT PLAN DECIDED ON

Meeting Held Here Last Night—Changes to be Effective Jan. 1.

A community credit policy in accordance with the objectives of the national recovery act was drawn up by a large group of merchants who met last night at the city hall. Arrangements are expected to be completed and the code ready for adoption by Jan. 1, 1934.

Six points comprise the code. Avoidance of practices which may result in the consumer becoming involved beyond his ability to pay and thereby impairing his future purchasing power heads the provisions. Reasonable measures as may be necessary according to local conditions will be taken to insure the prompt payment of debts in accordance with contracts, so as to secure the necessary turnover of capital.

An adequate charge will be made covering the financing function incident to all deferred payment sales and at the time of sales the merchant agrees to state the amount of such charges as distinct from the price of merchandise. A carrying charge also will be made on accounts past due beyond the period of 30 days.

In order to insure the safety of credit granting, all seekers for credit will be properly investigated for credit before extending such accommodations by making use of a reliable credit bureau or mercantile agency which specializes in such information, and to whom the merchant.

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### Contest Winners Are En Route To Portland Today

Much interest in the outcome of the McKesson Opportunity Contest, which reached its climax with the finals on the Liberty Theatre stage last night, prompted many to witness the contest in spite of the unfavorable weather.

From the twelve acts which appeared under the direction of Skipper Don Mills, state contest manager and master of ceremonies, three acts were chosen to represent La Grande in the special La Grande broadcast over KEX in Portland at 4:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The winners included Fred Bales, of Willowa, son of C. L. Bales; Gene Gassett, and Bert Wardell, of Cove; and Molliebeth Cooper, daughter of Al W. Cooper.

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### PROHIBITION RECEIVED ITS DEATH BLOW HERE



Utah, long one of the most arid states in the Union, dealt the final blow to prohibition at 2:31 P. M. Pacific Coast time, Dec. 5, as the 36th state to ratify the twenty-first amendment. The historic action took place in the chamber of the House of Representatives in the capitol at Salt Lake City, the building shown above. At the left, inset, is M. H. Welling, secretary of state; at right, Gov. Henry H. Blood. Blood acted as temporary chairman. Welling read the certificates of election and the repeal amendment.

### STUDY OF NEGRO IS PRESENTED AT E. O. N. ASSEMBLY

Three shades of blue, characterizing the gamut of the rich emotional nature of the American negro, inspired the program which was presented by the oral English class at the Eastern Oregon Normal school before the student body Tuesday at the weekly assembly. Deep blue characterizes the tragedy of the white man's incapacity to assimilate the negro and the latter's suffering, medium blue is the dramatic in the life of the black man, while light blue is the vivacity and the comedy.

Miss Florence Day, director of the class, arranged the program, assisted by the students. Ernest Bredow introduced the program and presented the study of blues.

Harry Dawson discussed negro poetry which had its beginning in Phyllis Wheatley, a slave, to the present day when the poetry of Countee Cullen, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Langston Hughes and others express the negro's emotion in all its shades. Emil Geist, whose rich voice is especially suited to that type of reading, presented two negro poems, "Do I Marvel," by Cullen, and "Mem-

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### Worshippers Pay Homage Today To Saint Nicholas

EARL Italy, Dec. 6 (AP)—Thousands of worshippers paid homage today to the memory of St. Nicholas, traditional original of Santa Claus. Pilgrims poured into St. Nicola church throughout the day to bow before a coffer containing his bones.

### SCRUTINIZE HIGH PRICE OF LIQUOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Federal liquor control chiefs gave indication of displeasure today over the soaring prices reported for newly legalized beverages.

Good whiskey, with the present tax of \$1.10 a gallon, should sell for about \$1.50 a quart, one official asserted.

While the alcohol administration intends to be lenient for a few days, it is preparing its machinery to force down the initial prices quoted in New York, Chicago, Baltimore and other wet spots if necessary. It has the power to cancel licenses to importers and distillers whose prices are out of line.

### LIQUOR BILL FIGHT NEAR IN SENATE

Report Expected Today; Radical Changes in Excise Tax Expected.

SALEM, Dec. 6 (AP)—While the senate committee on alcoholic control juggled the Knox liquor bill with indications a hard fight will be made on the floor to wipe out the state-owned store features, and initial floor action on the bus and truck bill deferred by the house until later in the day, the two chambers of the Oregon legislature swept through lesser issues today with the result that many bills were either killed or withdrawn.

Two measures which would divert portions of the state tax on gasoline to unemployment relief, were indefinitely postponed on adverse committee reports. The house bill, number 107, which would divert two cents of the tax, was indefinitely postponed and the senate proposal, number 94, which would divert one cent, met the same fate in the upper house.

Some radical changes in the excise tax law were expected as a result of an executive committee meeting of the house group last night. The report of the committee on the bill, known as HB 92, had not yet been announced, and newspapermen were barred from the sessions of the committee. It was understood the move

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### ORGANIZE SCOUT TROOP AT UNION

A Boy Scout troop was organized at Union last night by D. B. Stoddard and Nephthi Combs. Warren Orrin is the new scout master and Dale Baxter is his assistant.

Bernel Nielsen, Kenneth Kofford, Laurel Anderson, O. A. Cline and Ernest Kohner form the troop committee. Members of the troop are Junior Bissell, Gene Conklin, John Edvalson, Lewis Connolly, Gordon Geertsen, Harold Hess, Keith Kohler, Darrell Irwin, Vance Farrell, Grant Zaugg and Darrell Cline.

The scout committee plans to go to Imbler tonight to organize a new troop and conduct a court of honor at 8 o'clock. Those who are to make the trip are N. W. Fross, Herbert Evans, D. B. Stoddard, Nephthi Combs, Harvey Carter and Elmo Stevenson.

### Wheat Today

The price of local wheat stood at about 31 1/2 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 79 cents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (AP)—Reactions from advances formed the rule in grain values today toward the end of trading, but the market finished with slight gains. Wheat closed unsettled, at the same as yesterday's final to 1/4 cent higher, corn 1/4 cent off to 1/4 cent up, oats 1/4 cent advanced, and provisions varying from 10c decline to a rise of 5c.

### JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

LEAGUE REFORM PLANNED  
LONG CLAIMS VICTORY  
PROMINENT MEDIC KILLED  
ANOTHER NEGRO CONVICTED

ROME, Dec. 6 (AP)—The Associated Press learned in highest quarters today that diplomatic conversations have begun in the various capitals of Europe seeking reform of the league of nations. Absolute divorce of the league from the principles of the treaty of Versailles which would eliminate from the league covenant articles which guarantee preservation of boundaries created by that treaty is under discussion, it was learned.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 6 (AP)—Senator Huey P. Long and the state administration today claimed to have elected "unopposed" Mrs. Bolivar E. Kemp, the Long candidate, to the vacant sixth district congressional seat after an election held amidst protesting demonstrations in three fourths of the district yesterday. Mrs. Kemp today offered to cancel her election and enter a party primary.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (AP)—Dr. W. Dewey Wightman, prominent physician and anesthetist, was shot and beaten to death in his palatial home overlooking Silver lake early today. Detectives immediately took into custody for questioning his attractive, red-haired wife, Josephine, a former nurse.

DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 6 (AP)—Clarence Norris, the second of seven negro defendants in the "Scottsboro case," retried on a charge of attacking a white woman, was convicted today by a Morgan county jury. The sentence automatically carries the death penalty.

### TORRENTIAL RAIN STRIKES MUCH OF NORTHWEST AREA

MILDER TEMPERATURES HERE  
Although wind, snow and freezing weather early last night gave La Grande a taste of blustery winter, the weather moderated during the night and this morning at sun-up the mercury was up to 40 above. Wind combed today from the south, and the sky remained cloudy, but conditions here were much pleasanter than Tuesday.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6 (AP)—Torrential rains heralded the north-west Tuesday and last night bringing to Portland a total of 3.47 inches of precipitation, heaviest December rainfall in 24 hours since 1882, starting rivers roaring toward their banks, interrupting communications and transportation and causing minor damage here and there over Oregon and Washington. East of the Cascades, the rain, at several points, became snow and left a blanket of

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### LOWER COLUMBIA HIGHWAY BLOCKED

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—A huge earth slide, loosened by the torrential rain of yesterday and last night, blocked the lower Columbia highway between Astoria and Portland today, about two miles east of Astoria.

Highway crews were set to work removing the debris, but at 10 a. m. the slide was still bearing down on the road from the hillside.

### FAMED SEA SERPENT VIEWED BY HUNTER

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 6 (AP)—A view of "amy cadboreranus," Vancouver Island's famed sea serpent, from only 10 feet away was almost too much for a young duck hunter, but he lived to write about it. His view of the creature (whatever it is) was the closest of the upwards of 30 or 40 reputable citizens who have reported seeing it in the past three months. Among them were Capt. W. N. Prentzel and First Officer A. E. Richards, of the Grace liner Santa Lucia, who reported sighting it in the gulf of Georgia. In a letter to a Victoria newspaper, Cyril B. Andrews, 21, of Pender Harbor, related that he and another young companion, Norman Georgeason, were duck hunting last Sunday.

### LINDBERGH'S CROSS OCEAN THIRD TIME

Famous Aviator and His Wife Given Great Welcome at Natal, Brazil

### HOLIDAY OBSERVED; CITY IS DECORATED

Americans Complete Trip From Bathurst, Gambia in 16 Hours and 10 Minutes Today.

NATAL, Brazil, Dec. 6 (AP)—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh spanned the Atlantic from Africa in their monoplane in 16 hours 10 minutes today to a raving welcome by the Brazilians.

They had covered about 1,875 miles at an average speed of approximately 120 miles an hour. Both the Lindberghs appeared fresh after their trip. The colonel said: "It was a fine trip with fine flying conditions. We encountered occasional strong south winds."

Col. Lindbergh landed on the water at 3:10 o'clock.

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### Proclamation Of Repeal Is Plea For Temperance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Some high spots in President Roosevelt's repeal proclamation: "The policy of the government will be to see to it that the social and political evils that have existed in the pre-prohibition era shall not be revived nor permitted again to exist."

I enjoy upon all citizens . . . to co-operate with the government in its endeavor to restore greater respect for law and order, by confining such purchases of alcoholic beverages as they may make solely to those dealers or agencies which have been duly licensed by state or federal license.

Observance of this request . . . will result in the consumption of alcoholic beverages which have passed federal inspection, in the break-up and eventual destruction of the notoriously illicit liquor traffic, and in the payment of reasonable taxes for the support of government and thereby in the superseding of other forms of taxation.

I ask especially that no state shall by law or otherwise authorize the return of the saloon either in its old form or in some modern guise.

The objective we seek through a national policy is the education of every citizen towards a greater temperance throughout the nation.

I trust in the good sense of the American people that they will not bring upon themselves the curse of excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

### Roosevelt Speaks To Church Council

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt speaks tonight to the federal council of Churches of Christ in America, but his aides gave no indication today that he would discuss anything but religious subjects. The president's address at Constitution Hall will be broadcast over the nation-wide hookups beginning 10:30 P. M. Eastern Standard time.

They had wounded a duck, and were paddling out to recover it, when the serpent appeared beside their boat and seized the bird. "It was still only 10 feet away, when that thing, to my horror, gulped the bird down its throat," Andrews wrote. "It then looked at me, its mouth wide open, and I could plainly see its teeth and tongue." Then, despite their rush to get their boat to shore, Andrews saw some more. "Its coils rose at least six feet above me, gradually sinking under the water again. Its head was like that of a horse, but without ears or nostrils, and its eyes were in the

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