

TWO FARM LOAN BOARDS ACTIVE

At present, only the farm loan association at Elgin and the farm loan association at La Grande — local units of the Federal Land bank of Spokane, are operating. It was announced today by Vernal Hug, secretary-treasurer of the Elgin association, who was here on business with C. E. Moore, of Rockwall, president of the association.

As a result, any new farm loans sought in either Union or Wallowa counties must be filed through one of these associations.

Both returned to full operation this month, after several organizations had become inoperative because of financial conditions. Charles H. Reynolds is secretary-treasurer of the La Grande association.

Interest rates on this type of loan is five per cent, or for five-year periods, four and a half per cent, Mr. Hug said.

NEW COURSE IS EXPECTED TO AID STATE

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highway bridges to be constructed. At all points the commission's plans were approved. All that remains to be done now is to obtain necessary right of way and the federal loan approval.

State To Benefit By Move

As far as the proposed \$25,000,000 federal loan was concerned, the commission believed that instead of incurring that debt it would best be future work on the regular federal aid appropriation which in ten years would approximate \$20,000,000.

Chairman Scott calculated that under the proposed loan plan, Oregon would in the years the loan ran, have put out \$7,400,000 and would still owe the government \$6,500,000. Under the federal aid plan the state would contribute \$7,400,000 and at the end of ten years would owe the government nothing.

Aimee Also Files Suit For Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (AP) — In an unexpected cross-complaint to the divorce suit of her night club husband, Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson Hutton seeks a divorce and elimination of "Hutton" from her name.

The nine page reply takes particular exception to reports Dave Hutton's association with "sexually dressed" show girls would be permitted to caress and kiss him.

BIG YULETIDE PARTY FRIDAY

The Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters will hold their annual Christmas party Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the K. of P. hall. A short program has been arranged after which candy and nuts will be distributed to the children.

HOLD SERVICE AT COVE, ORE.

Rev. J. D. Lee, of Baker, will hold Catholic services at the Episcopal church in Cove on Christmas day at 10:30 o'clock. Confession will be held before mass. Everyone is invited to the services.

World production of boots and shoes during the first half of this year reached the grand total of 675,000,000 pairs.

CHURCH PARTY FOR CHILDREN ON SATURDAY

The Episcopal church's annual Christmas party for the church school will be held Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at Hogan hall. A Christmas tree will be a feature, and grade roll mothers are especially invited.

The boys' choir of the church will be entertained with a Christmas party with tree at the rectory tonight after practice. The choir is practicing for Christmas caroling.

Legality of Liquor Act is Facing Test

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city attorney, to prepare a complaint in the case of Klamath Falls versus Governor Julius L. Meier. George H. McMorrin, John D. Burns and Alex G. Barry, members of the state liquor control commission, and Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police, enjoining them from enforcing the Knox law. He said he should receive the papers today, and that he will then proceed at once to Salem to file the action.

Meanwhile, the liquor control commission met here today and one of its first moves was to ban the window display or other advertising of liquor by retail dealers. Until the establishment of state stores, expected to be about a month from now, the commission has indicated a policy of leniency in the matter of retail sale of hard liquor by private concerns.

A. J. Tourtelotte, accountant, who was sent to British Columbia to make a survey of liquor stores for the Oregon commission, told the state board that "the board controlling the liquor business in British Columbia is one of the most efficient organizations I ever encountered."

There are 70 provincial liquor stores in operation in British Columbia, with a staff of 300 employees and executive officers, he said.

Sales each six months approximate \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000. A merchandise inventory of \$1,250,000 worth of liquor is now on hand. The inventory turnover is about 10 to 14 times a year.

Tourtelotte said one large store in Vancouver, B. C., made 28,000 transactions in November. The larger stores have about 10 employees each to handle records, retail sales and rehousing activities.

Net profits from operation of the 70 stores in the province amount to from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a year. The population of British Columbia is considerably less than that of Oregon.

JAPANESE FLIERS MAP HEINCHING UP

HEINCHING UP — Japanese aviators are making a complete survey of Manchuria for the Manchukuo government, using German aerial cameras. Detailed maps will be made from the pictures.

TWO GDYNIA IN EUROPE

GDYNIA, Poland (AP) — This city has learned that there is a village of the same name in Yugoslavia and has sent there some amber good luck charms and an album showing how this former fishing village has grown in 10 years into a big port.

RIBBON REWARDS TURIN PARENTS

TURIN, Italy (AP) — A white ribbon, to be used as a cradle decoration, is sent by the local fascist women's club to every home wherein a birth is recorded. In needy cases a set of baby clothes accompanies the trophy.

Seventy-four miles of pear trees and 31 miles of peach trees are being cultivated in a single orchard in northern Italy.

Fords See New Cars Thrill Pre-view Crowd



Thrills were provided for more than 125 newspaper correspondents and special writers when Henry and Edsel Ford first put their new Ford V-8 cars on display at a pre-view at Ford Airport, adjoining the Ford Engineering Laboratory at Dearborn, Mich. Guests put the new cars through their paces over mile-long concrete runways and over rutted dirt roads in the airport. They rode over a giant ramp surmounting the Airport Terminal building and watched test drivers put the new cars over the ramp at high speed.

Photos show Henry Ford and Edsel B. Ford watching one of the test cars coming over the ramp at high speed with all four wheels off the ground.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF COMMANDER BYRD'S STAY AT LITTLE AMERICA WAS 12° BELOW ZERO.



WINTER begins in the northern hemisphere at the time the sun reaches its greatest distance south of the equator. But the sun has been setting later for a week or two before winter actually begins, and it is not until some two weeks afterward that both mornings and afternoons begin to lengthen.

Novelist

HORIZONTAL
1 Who is the novelist in the picture?
11 Misrepresented.
12 Departed by boat.
14 1.1.616.
15 Washes.
17 To drag through mud.
19 Snake.
21 To lease.
22 Nothing.
23 Pronoun.
25 Inlet.
26 To exist.
27 Pertaining to the poles.
29 Measure of area.
31 Designating a method of shaft excavation.
33 Roof covering with final.
35 Theme of a talk.
37 Suffix for forming nouns.
38 Structural unit.

Answer to Previous Puzzle
ROBERT DOLLAR
MADE AILED BROO
USE VICINAL ADO
MD CALK SLOT SC
B HAS
EVENT ROMAN
M IDE
AD AS
NOB SAILING ALE
NUT TRICE FEE
MERCHANI MARINE

11 She wrote "Death Comes for the Arch."
13 To slich.
14 Father.
16 To raise freely.
18 Fragrant oleoresin.
20 Helmsman.
24 Flavor.
27 She won the "One of Ours" prize for "One of Ours."
28 To repulse.
30 Homes for bees.
32 Verses.
34 One who writes tediously.
36 Quotes.
38 Fate.
41 Bulb flower.
43 Above.
44 Pedal digit.
45 To renovate.
47 Deportment.
49 Plantain tree.
52 Billiard rod.
54 To skip.
57 Southwest.
59 Southeast.

40 To relax.
42 The pictured lady is a successful —ess.
46 Male cat.
48 Cessation.
50 Balance.
51 Pertaining to animals.
53 Biblical exclamation.
55 Equable.
56 Wrens.
58 Powder vats.
60 Before.
61 and 62 She secured her

start writing for a — (pl).
1 You and I.
2 Sick.
3 Falsifier.
4 Starting bar.
5 General glandular enlargement.
6 Like.
7 Small flap.
8 To hasten.
9 Tree, genus Ulmus.
10 Bridle strap.

DEMOLAYS TO MEET TONIGHT
New members of De Molay will be given the initiatory degree tonight when the organization meets at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic hall.

H. X. BERGMAN VISITS HERE
H. X. Bergman, of Walla Walla, was in La Grande this morning looking after business interest. He is the owner of Bergman's dress shop.

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MARKET CAUTIOUS AFTER SHAKE-OUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP) — The stock market had little appetite for recovery today and the majority of issues mulled about in an extremely narrow range. There were a few soft spots and some gains, but the list, as a whole, stepped cautiously after the sharp shake-out of yesterday. The close was mildly irregular, transfers approximated 1,000,000 shares.

Closing figures included:

Air Reduction	99 1/2
Al Chem. and Dye	142 1/2
American Can	93 1/2
American T. and T.	100 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	34 1/2
J. I. Case	64 1/2
Col. G. and E.	10 1/2
Continental Can	75 1/2
General Motors	32 1/2
Johns Manville	35 1/2
Libbey-O-Ford	33 1/2
Liggett and Myers B.	58
Montgomery Ward	20 1/2
National Distill.	23 1/2
J. C. Penney	61
Pub. Ser. of N. J.	33 1/2
Southern Pacific	18 1/2
St. Oil of Cal.	39 1/2
St. Oil of N. J.	44 1/2
Union Pacific	110
United Corp.	45
United Aircraft	30
U. S. Indus. Alcohol	49 1/2
U. S. Steel	45 1/2

CITY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR YULETIDE

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er, although it hints at a "dark Christmas," has been a good influence, merchants report.

Organizations and churches have practically completed their plans for the Christmas weekend. The program of the churches will appear in tomorrow's Observer in detail, and practically all of them are planning special services, ranging from programs and visits of Santa Claus for the Sunday school children to cantatas featuring the finest voices of the city.

An innovation this year is the Christmas caroling in the lobby of the La Grande hotel; early Christmas eve to which the public is invited and also urged to share in the singing.

The Elks lodge is going ahead with its juvenile relief, and making preparations for the community Christmas tree here Monday morning, with candies and nuts for all youngsters.

The Lions and city firemen are nearing completion of their toy repair and distribution project, aimed to bring cheer to the needy children of the city.

Schools of the city will wind-up their pre-holiday program of work tomorrow, to take a vacation until Jan. 2—and many of the rooms plan for Christmas programs and assemblies.

Most of the business activity will be at a standstill both Sunday and Monday, the 24th and 25th, giving full homage to Santa's reign.

Lodges and various organizations have been holding their Christmas parties and programs during the last week, and will bring them to a close in the next few days.

And probably most important of all in the minds of hundreds of people dependent on Uncle Sam, for their Christmas cheer, will be the distribution of some four thousand dollars, more or less, to nearly 300 C. W. A. workers Saturday night. Many of them will be able to enjoy the first real Christmas they have had in recent years because of that payroll.

The 1933, bean crop in California has been valued at \$12,000,000.

PLAN TREAT FOR THE CHILDREN

A Christmas tree and a short program with treats for the children will be features of the party to which Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the I. O. O. F.

EAGLES MEET THIS EVENING

The Eagles will hold a regular business session tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the hall. It was announced this morning.

LITTLE SNOW IN MOUNTAINS

Winter sports enthusiasts who have been anticipating snow in the hills for a long time, that even in the high mountains the snow is disappearing rapidly and in the words of one disappointed skier "there isn't enough snow left to wad a gun."

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT			
	Open	High	Low
Dec.	.78 1/2 @ 3/4	.79 1/2	.77 3/4
May	.81 @ 8 1/2	.81 1/2	.79 3/4
July	.79 1/2 @ 3/4	.80 1/2	.78 1/2 @ 3/4

CHICAGO CORN			
	Open	High	Low
Dec.	.41 1/2	.42 1/2	.41 1/4
May	.48 1/2 @ 3/4	.48 1/2	.47 1/2
July	.49 1/2 @ 3/4	.50 1/2	.49 1/4 @ 3/4

PORTLAND WHEAT			
	Open	High	Low
May	.71 1/2	.71 1/2	.71 1/4
Dec.	.67 1/2	.67 1/2	.67 1/4

BUTTER CLIMBS IN OREGON MART

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP) — Late advance of 1/2 to 1c lb. in the price on cube butter here follows an actual shortage of fresh churning. So great was the increase demand from the public when the price dropped several cents early in the week that most distributors were unable to fill orders.

There was a general scramble for cubes and for butterfat which finally resulted in price betterment. Butterfat advanced 1c lb.

Trading in the fresh egg market was somewhat better as a result of the low prices and the better quality of offerings. Consumers were buying more eggs now that they can get fresh goods.

GOLD PRICE UNCHANGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The RFP's offer for newly mined domestic gold was reset today at \$34.06 an ounce.

This quotation represented the fourth repetition of this peak figure, which was reached Monday.

In London, sterling opened at \$5.00 1/2, to 1c pound and on the exchange bar gold was bringing \$32.14 an ounce.

OMAHA SHEEP

OMAHA, Dec. 21 (AP) — (U. S. D. A.) — Sheep: 5,600; lambs strong to 10c 1/2c higher; sheep and feeders steady; fed wooled lambs \$7.00; native lambs \$6.50; fed clipped lambs \$6.00; light ewes up to \$3.25; feeding lambs \$6.35 @ \$6.50.

SUGAR AND FLOUR

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP) — Sugar—Cane, granulated, \$4.45; fruit or berry, \$4.50; beet sugar \$4.30.

Domestic flour — Selling price, mill delivery, 25-bbl 100-lb. patent, 49c; \$6.40 @ \$7.10; blended flour, \$5.75 @ \$6.50; blue-stem, \$5.90 @ \$6.00; soft white pastry flour, \$5.40 @ \$5.55; baker's hard wheat flour, \$5.65 @ \$6.50; rye, \$5.60 @ \$6.10; whole wheat, \$5.40 @ \$5.50; graham, \$5.30 @ \$5.50.

Danish Explorer Dies of Poisoning

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 21 (AP) — Dr. Knud Rasmussen, Danish Arctic explorer, died here today after a long illness brought on by food poisoning contracted on his last expedition to Greenland. He was 54 years old.

Dr. Rasmussen was born at Jakobshavn, Greenland, June 7, 1879. His ancestors on the maternal side were Eskimos.

BUS SERVICE

For WALLAWA, ENTERPRISE, JOSEPH and Way Points. Leave La Grande, Daily 10:30 A. M. — 4:10 P. M.

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