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WHEAT, HOG RAISERS ARE SHARING CASH

Swine Purchases Already Bring New Federal Money Into District

WHEAT PAYMENTS DUE ANYTIME NOW

Checks Amounting to \$170,000 Will Be Received in the Near Future.

Farmers of Union and Wallowa counties, particularly wheat and hog growers, have much to be thankful for this winter...

Union county farmers are expecting their first checks within the next week, and the total will be from \$110,000 to \$115,000.

Then, next spring, Union county farmers will get \$45,000 and Wallowa county farmers \$19,250 more, the final payment.

These payments are to continue for three years, and if no great changes occur, Union county farmers will receive over that period of time \$480,000—almost half a million dollars.

In addition to this, Wallowa county hog raisers sold between 400 and 450 hogs to the government during October, bringing in between \$25,000 and \$30,000, according to an estimate by County Agent N. C. Donaldson, of Enterprise.

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Investigation Of Two Suspects Continues Here

Investigation of Joe Breiten and John Jordan, arrested here Christmas morning by city police as suspects in connection with the holding up of Dwight Smith, was continuing today.

FORESTRY MEN IN NEW HOME IN ENTERPRISE

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—Forest officials are moving into their new Enterprise offices. The quarters will occupy the old Masonic hall in the former Wallowa National bank building, which has been remodeled.

SCOUTS LEAVE ON COVE TRIP

Harvey Carter and a troop of Boy Scouts left this morning for Cove where they will remain until Friday evening.

BOOZE BARRED TO MEMBERS OF GUARD

The repeal of the 18th amendment will have no effect on the stringent orders pertaining to the use of liquor in the Oregon national guard, that have been in effect for the past decade, according to orders issued by Major General George A. White, commander of national guard forces in the northwest, and received here by Captain Walter A. Bean, commanding Company E, 186th Infantry.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 26 — I got my berries mixed up this morning. I mentioned Stobbsbury when I meant Atterbury. Now I don't know which one to apologize to.

They say Japan imitates us in everything, but they certainly didn't get this idea from us: "In appointing an ambassador to the United States at this important time, with the 1933 crisis ahead, such consideration as dignity, past career and sentiment must be discarded and a man of ability appointed."

Then they wonder why that country is going ahead. They appointed a fellow named Saito who hadn't contributed a cent to the last campaign. That's political treason. Yours, Will Rogers

SILVER PURCHASE ANOTHER LINK IN RECOVERY SCHEME

A. A. Smith, of Baker, Gives Analysis of Government's Latest Move

Analysis of the recent action of the government in resuming purchase of silver and the effect of that action upon our unemployment situation, our currency and the future prosperity of the nation was given this noon by A. A. Smith, prominent attorney of Baker and Eastern Oregon in a talk before the La Grande Rotary club.

The principal effect of the resumption of purchase of newly mined silver is at the present time more psychological than anything else, according to Smith.

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U. P. CELEBRATION PREPARATIONS GO AHEAD SMOOTHLY

The celebration scheduled for July 20 and 21, commemorating the coming of the railroad to La Grande, is assuming epic proportions under the able direction of a committee of railroad men and a group from the chamber of commerce, directed by Chairman R. R. Huron and Vice Chairman A. McAllister.

The year 1934 is the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the railroad here and in the celebration it is planned to reproduce the spirit of adventure of the early settlers, the stability that made La Grande grow from a small village into a modern city.

One of the highlights of the celebration promises to be the pageant in which the story of the beginning of settlement in this vicinity and subsequent events will be revealed in brilliancy.

NO IMMEDIATE THREAT OF SNOW

Milder, clearer weather was La Grande's portion today, with the mercury at 40 above at 7 a. m. — the same as Tuesday's maximum. Rain amounting to .30 of an inch, fell yesterday in this city, swelling the total for the year to 22.86 inches, with four more days to go.

The weather forecast is: "Unsettled tonight and Thursday, occasional rain in west and north portions; little change in temperature; moderate to fresh southeast wind offshore." Apparently, the threat of snow in Eastern Oregon has passed for the present, and indications were that the maximum today would range somewhere between 45 and 50 above.

LIQUOR SALE ORDINANCE IS GIVEN STUDY

League of Oregon Cities Makes Recommendation to La Grande.

CITY DADS WILL DISCUSS PROBLEM

Suggested Ordinance Cooperates With State While Designed to Benefit Municipalities.

PENDLETON TAKES ACTION — Sale of liquor in Pendleton under the Knox state control plan will be legal January 1, the result of adoption last night by the city council of a new liquor ordinance. A plan similar to that adopted by Portland was favored.

A liquor control ordinance, recommended to municipalities of this state by the League of Oregon Cities, has been received here and will be discussed at tonight's meeting of the city commission. It was said today by City Manager A. McAllister. The ordinance is designed to work hand in hand with the Knox liquor control law adopted by the state, and at the same time give cities proper authority for law enforcement and also some revenue from the sale of beer, wine and hard liquors.

The ordinance, somewhat lengthy, was received in La Grande yesterday, and city officials have had little time as yet to give it a thorough study, but there was a possibility that it might be adopted here — or possibly adopted in an amended form.

In brief, it gives the cities adopting it the right to license places where liquor and beverages up to 14 per cent alcoholic content are sold, and is designed also to bridge the gap until the state law goes into effect by providing for sale of hard liquors through wholesale houses, drug stores and package stores. In the event the Knox law were declared unconstitutional, the ordinance would allow the cities to go ahead without confusion.

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MRS. McCULLOUGH TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon McCullough, pioneer resident of Eastern Oregon, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Wolfe, 1603 Second street, following a short illness.

Funeral services will be announced later. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Elizabeth H. Teale was born Feb. 2, 1848 in Coshocton, Ohio and was 85 years, 10 months and 24 years of age. She was married to William McCullough in Ohio April 5, 1866 and in the spring of 1875 they went to California, remaining three years before moving to Emery, Wash., their home for seven years. They then moved to Clackamas county, Oregon and later came to Summerville where they resided for ten years. The next move was to Wallowa where Mr. McCullough died June 26, 1906. Two years later Mrs. McCullough moved to La Grande where she made her home until death.

Nine children were born to the couple of whom the following are living: Charles H. and Chester M. of Athena; Elenia G. Venable, of Pendleton; Emma T. McKee, of Portland; William C. of North San Juan, Cal.; Mrs. J. M. Choate, of La Grande; Mrs. J. T. Wolfe, La Grande; Mrs. J. H. Tish, Echo. One son, Josiah H., passed away in La Grande five years ago. Besides other relatives she leaves a host of friends who mourned her passing.

NORMAN FREES TO SEE ROSE BOWL CONTEST

Norman W. Frees, of the Larson-Frees Chevrolet Co., will represent La Grande at the Rose bowl game on Jan. 1 in Pasadena. Stanford university will meet Columbia university of New York City on New Year's day.

KNOWLES WILL HOLD COURT IN PENDLETON

Chief Justice John L. Rand today assigned Judge J. W. Knowles, of Union county, to hear Umatilla county circuit court cases for which Judge Calvin L. Sweet has been disqualified, according to an A. P. dispatch from Salem.

BOATS, HORSES MOVE WASHINGTON FLOOD VICTIMS



Old-time methods of transportation have replaced the auto around Woodland, Wash., where flood waters have inundated wide areas. Above a Woodland resident uses a horse to get to and from his home. At left, two young refugees travel by rowboat to get to higher ground.



WORLD WIDE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT POINTED TO BY WESTERN BANKER

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—The first 32 railroads to report for November had net operating income totaling \$27,446,000, an increase of 21.6 per cent over November, 1932 and a rise of 13.1 per cent over the same month of 1931.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (AP)—World wide improvement in business was stressed today by A. P. Giannini, chairman of the board of Bank of America, in a year-end statement dealing with the economic situation. "A forecast seems to me unnecessary," he said. "What we need today is a recognition of the improvement that has already taken place. Better times are here, and only the many false starts heretofore made and the confidence-shaking controversies concerning the president's recovery program have prevented recognition of this fact."

"The improvement that has already taken place is subject to statistical proof and is a matter of common observation. Ten months ago trade was paralyzed, banks were closed, and unemployment was at the greatest

total ever reached in this generation. Now our citizens are returning to work, employment and payrolls of manufacturing industries are up fifty per cent above 1932 levels; corporations are restoring dividends and increasing their disbursements; collections are better; wholesale prices have risen sharply; electric power production, automobile sales, car loadings, construction contracts, steel production — all have shown significant increases. "The improvement is not confined to any specific area. It is world wide, Europe, particularly Great Britain, has felt the upturn. "In America we have a leader who has shown an uncanny control of economic and political forces. He has held to the sanest and soundest course — a course that has kept the country behind him and has forced congress to recognize his leadership. I hope that no further obstacles will be placed in his path and that our American people will have the good sense to look about them and recognize the unmistakable signs of the improvement that has already taken place."

SPY SUSPECT



Among the ten persons arrested by French political police on the suspicion that they are Soviet spies was 22-year-old Mrs. Robert Switz (above) and her husband, an aviator, both Americans. Mrs. Switz is the former Marjorie Thiley of New York.

GAS GOES HIGHER TODAY ON COAST

Although gasoline jumped from half a cent in Portland to as high as two cents in California today, no change had been ordered in La Grande prices, early this afternoon, according to inquiry made by the Observer. Portland oil companies said the advance was "local," and was made as "an adjustment to conform to prices in other parts of the state and the coast."

New prices in Portland set ethyl at 24 1/2, first structure 22 1/2 and third structure 21 cents retail. San Francisco's new prices were premium grade 22, regular grade 20 and third grade 17 1/2 cents. Prices in Los Angeles were half a cent lower. La Grande prices today were third structure 23, first structure 23 1/2 and ethyl 27 1/2 c.

UNION MASONS NAME R. DAVIS

UNION, Ore. (Special)—The Masons held their annual election Saturday evening and selected Richard Davis as worshipful master. Grant Tucker will serve as senior warden; Don Gale, jr. warden; Walter Cook, treasurer; T. D. Smith, secretary; C. G. Barnard, jr. deacon; C. E. Davis, jr., steward; L. Z. Terrall, jr. steward; and J. R. Jones, tiler. Installation was held the same evening.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

- PROPERTY TAX ABOLISHED
HATCHERIES UP TO C. W. A.
MAY IMPROVE COLUMBIA
TRAIN WRECK KILLS FIVE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 27 (AP)—Illinois today, after the state tax on property, which last year was 50 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation. Revenues from property will be replaced next year by the two per cent retail sales tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The public works administration today referred to the CWA a request of the Oregon game commission for funds to improve its fish hatcheries and game farms. The project, to give employment to more than 100 men in 14 Oregon counties, was immediately forwarded by CWA to the Oregon Civil Works Administration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Representative Martin (D-Ore.) said today he had been given "the distinct impression" by H. M. Walte, deputy public works administrator, that funds would be needed for improving the Columbia river between Celilo and Wallula, Wash.

CALVERT, Tex., Dec. 27 (AP)—Three members of the crew and two hoozes were killed when a Missouri Pacific freight train struck some livestock near Calvert early today and was derailed. R. J. Delhomme, 46, Engineer, Fred Wallace, 45, fireman, and O. C. Brown, 47, brakeman, all of Mart, were killed when the engine and eight cars left the track.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Edward Lyons, 83, one of the pioneer railroad men of the Pacific Northwest, died at his home here today.

STEINER DOUBTS HIGHWAY BRIDGES WILL BE APPROVED

PORTLAND, Dec. 27 (AP)—A special dispatch to the Journal from Washington, D. C., today said Senator Steiner believes Oregon PWA projects to be approved tomorrow will not include the coast highway bridge, reclamation or river and harbor work. After an interview with deputy Public Works Administrator Walte, the dispatch said, Senator Steiner expressed confidence that Thursday's meeting of public works board will develop final adoption of some of the Oregon projects submitted by the state board and state engineers.

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WALKERS HAVE BABY DAUGHTER

A seven and one-half pound baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker at their home, 1913 Washington, on Dec. 23. The little girl has been named Carolyn Mae.

It's Hard To Teach An Old Dog New Tricks!

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP)—Will Rogers, the actor-humorist, today proved the truth in the saying that it's difficult to teach an old dog new tricks. A sequence in a motion picture he is appearing in called for Rogers to smoke a pipe. He smoked. Presently he began to take on a greenish color. "Jim," he yelled to Director Cruze, "I'm sick." Rogers never before smoked. Production was held up for ten minutes while a messenger went to a corner drug store to purchase an aromatic herb commonly smoked to relieve asthma.

AIR RACE WITH DEATH IN HAPPY ENDING

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27 (AP)—The condition of Sue Trammell, five months old baby flown here from Houston, Texas, in what was thought to be an air race with death, was described as "satisfactory" at Johns Hopkins hospital today. The child had rested so well since taken from the plane, which James R. Wedell, speed flier, landed in the snow here early this morning, that Dr. Walter E. Dandy, the brain specialist, decided to postpone his examination until later in the day. Dr. Dandy's assistants assured him that the child was in no immediate danger. Asked if hydrocephalus, or water on the brain, from which the baby was reported to be suffering, was susceptible to successful surgical treatment, Dr. Dandy said it was. He

WINTRY WAVE OVER NATION TAKES TOLL

Scores Reported Dead in Mid-West and Eastern States Today.

FLOOD SLACKENING IN THE NORTHWEST

Relief Plane Flier Crashes At Osborn, Ida.; Red Cross Checks Cowlitz County Damage.

RELIEF PLANE CRASHES

OSBORN, Idaho, Dec. 27 (AP)—Russell Owen, former airmail pilot and a veteran flier, and a passenger, E. J. Murphy of Kellogg, Idaho, were critically injured when their plane fell 200 feet and was demolished at the airport here today.

Owen, flying a private plane in the emergency operations set up by N. B. Mamer, of Northwest Airways, to aid residents of this region after floods isolated them from the outside world, had been making several trips daily from Spokane to this point. The wings of the ship were heavily coated with ice in the 12-mile hop from Kellogg here.

By the Associated Press Winter continued its icy roll of much of the North American continent today, with howling winds, snow storms and far below normal temperatures that brought both death and suffering to many.

There was no let-up in sight for the affected areas, except the promise of some moderation in the central west. Colder was the prediction for the east, and even Dixie, which escaped the first of the week's bitter cold, was threatened.

Several scores of persons were estimated to have died as a direct result of the blizzard blast, most of them in traffic mishaps. The east was blanketed by snow. New England suffered yesterday and last night.

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Deficit Noted As F. R. Resumes Budget Planning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt displayed no surprise today at the latest treasury statement showing a deficit in government finances of a billion dollars and it was reported at the White House the figure would mount even higher as a result of the recovery drive. The chief executive was said authoritatively to be interested in making certain that income in revenue keeps pace with the normal current expenditures and he understands this income and outgo is about on an even basis.

The deficit is expected to represent only a part of the extraordinary expenditures being made by the government in behalf of the recovery drive. Continuing his preparation of the budget to be submitted to congress next week, President Roosevelt called in Henry Morgenthau, acting secretary of the treasury, and Lewis Douglas, budget director.

Women's Endurance Record Threatened

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27 (AP)—Hovering close over the home field because of low hanging clouds, Frances Marsalls and Helen Richey today had the women's endurance record almost within their grasp. At 1:03 p. m., today they will enter their eighth day aloft, and, if all goes well, the women will equal the present record of eight days, four hours and six minutes at 5:09 p. m. tomorrow.