

"Model" Liquor Control Ordinance Gets No Support

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PUT FULL C. W. A. QUOTA TO WORK

383 MEN ON PAYROLL IN COUNTY SOON

Additional Civil Works Projects Approved By Oregon Board

FLOOD CONTROL AMONG THE GROUP

Wolf Creek and Elgin Schools, Dobbin, Ladd Canyon and High Valley Roads Approved.

Approximately Union county's full C. W. A. quota of 383 men will be at work tomorrow, it was announced by J. H. Peare, chairman of the county civil works board this morning. Authorization to go ahead with several additional projects came last night from Burton E. Palmer, assistant to the administrator for Oregon. New projects approved include the following: Project 30—Wolf Creek school district repairs. Project 31—Elgin school district repairs. Project 32—Clearing and graveling of Ladd Canyon road. Project 33—Graveling of Dobbin road. Project 34—Control of flood waters between La Grande highway and Ladd Canyon road. Project 35—High Valley No. 2, extension of original request. Some of these projects will be used to replace others now nearing completion, but some of them will permit hiring new men to complete the (Continued on Page Six)

Dec. 27 Like May Day Here; High Mark 56 Above

It would have passed for a May day—or late September. The mercury reached a high of 56 above, and the little breeze present was not of the chilly kind. The sun shone most of the day, there was no rain, and the ground underfoot was without a trace of frost. It was yesterday in La Grande—Dec. 27. And today promised to be a close rival, with a minimum of 34 above for last night and the mercury at 43 above at 7 o'clock this morning. Residents were hopeful that the unusually mild weather this month would endure at least until after New Year's day—and the weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow was for little change in temperature.

STORES AGREE ON OPERATING HOURS TODAY

Operating hours for dry goods stores during January, February and March will be from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., including Saturdays, it was decided this morning when a group of merchants met at the chamber of commerce, according to a report given the Observer.

RETURN FROM WEST OREGON

Judge and Mrs. L. Denham returned Wednesday from Portland where they spent the Christmas holidays, leaving Thursday, Dec. 21. On Saturday they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mays, in Salem; they spent Sunday with another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Halsey, in Vancouver; while on Monday the family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Snyder in Portland for Christmas. Mrs. Snyder also is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Denham. (Continued on Page Six)

STATE INCOME TAX BLANKS DUE SOON

Single wage earners in Oregon, who make more than \$70 a month, will have to dig into their pockets between Jan. 1 and April 1 and pay a state income tax for the first time in history. The new income tax, adopted earlier this year, is in effect and the state tax commission is at work now preparing 120,000 income tax blanks, to be placed in the mails within the next two weeks. The returns for 1933, payable in 1934, impose higher rates, and include lower exemptions, and must be filed with the commission by April 1. The old state income tax originally allowed personal exemptions of \$1,500 for single persons, \$2,500 for married persons and \$400 for each dependent. Under the new amendment exemptions for single persons are reduced to \$600, married persons to \$1,500 and \$300 for dependents. The income tax rate has been increased from 1 to 2 per cent for the first \$1,000 to 7 per cent on taxable incomes in excess of \$5,000.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 27.—This is a day and time when everybody gives opinions on something they know nothing about. So today I discuss opera—grand opera. The Chicago opera house opened for the first time in two years. It was never a success because it was constructed wrong. It was built so everybody could see the stage, but nobody could see each other, so now its been remodeled so you can't see the stage, but can see the price mark on every dress in the house and it's doing fine. New York opened its season with an American opera for the first time in history. American music has always been considered, by the opera goers, as fit for nothing but the car, but never looked good through a lorgnette from a box. That's about all the opera news fit to print. Yours, Will Rogers

LEONHARDT CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

La Grande Educator Seeks Nomination For School Superintendency

First of the 1934 candidates for state office, it is believed, announced himself yesterday in Portland, when J. W. Leonhardt, of La Grande, said he planned to file for the Democratic nomination for state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Leonhardt, a Portland visitor yesterday, is a graduate of the University of Oregon, for 20 years a teacher in Oregon and ex-city school superintendent of Milwaukie, Ore. He is now principal of Central school here. The office is now held by Charles A. Howard, Republican.

GRALAPP TAKES LEADING PART IN O. S. T. A. SESSION

A. L. Gralapp, principal of the La Grande High school, had a leading part in the sessions of the Oregon State Teachers' association in Portland yesterday. Mr. Gralapp was one of five giving discussions of the monographs on the national survey of secondary education published by the U. S. office of education during 1932-33. Others joining with Mr. Gralapp were John F. Boward, University of Oregon; Henry E. Rufus, Miss Alice Polymton and Mrs. Ethel Hickey. A resolution urging that "every voter in the state of Oregon who has the interest of... boys and girls at heart, work and vote for the sales tax" in event the referendum is in (Continued on Page Six)

BRATTON-JORDAN HEARING FRIDAY

Several cases were placed before Judge L. Denham in the court of the justice of the peace Wednesday following his return from a weeks vacation in Portland. Joe Bratton and John Jordan, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, were hailed before Judge Denham and upon their request a hearing was set for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. They are alleged (Continued on Page Six)

BAER MAKES BROADWAY



Nero fiddled while Rome burned, and Max Baer danced while Primo Carnera and Tommy Loughran signed for a title fight. Ignoring of Baer by Carnera didn't ruffle the happy-go-lucky Maxie, however, for he was busy on Broadway. Here he is shown with girls with whom he sings and dances in a New York theater.

Threshold of A New Era Crossed Roosevelt Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—President Roosevelt expressed the view today that "we enter the New Year with a realization that we have crossed the threshold of a new era." "This was contained in a letter he wrote to Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, president of the General Federation of Women's clubs. The letter said in part: "The dawn of a new year always is a challenge. . . . We have the opportunity of improving conditions and making our country a better home, materially and spiritually, for more than 120,000,000 people. "To do this will require the concerted aid and continued efforts of many forces—of government, federal, state, and local; of social, spiritual, industrial and financial agencies. "I welcome this opportunity to express my thanks for the splendid co-operation which you and members of the General Federation of Women's clubs have given to me and the government. . . . "I ask that we, men and women of the present and the new generations, continue to work together. With such united effort, we can attain strength and force necessary to cure existing ills and give us a new national health and prosperity."

Russia Desires Peace But Makes Ready For War

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Joseph Stalin, head of the Communist party in Russia, says the Soviet government desires friendly relations with Japan but he sees a "grave danger, and we cannot but prepare to meet it." That is what Stalin told Walter Duranty, Moscow correspondent of the New York Times, in an interview today. Stalin said that if the more "reasonable" elements and more "prudent" counsels prevail in Japan, the two countries can live in amity, but he added that Russia "feared that the militant faction may push the saner policies into the background."

Presidential O. K. On Five More Codes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Approval by President Roosevelt of five new NRA codes was announced Tuesday, but none of the major pacts now before him was in the list. The codes approved were silverware manufacture; medium and low priced jewelry; watch case manufacture; commercial refrigeration industry; and paper distributing industry.

TAKEN FOR A SLEIGH RIDE



COMMISSION TURNS DOWN ORDINANCE

View Taken That Attempt Made By State to "Pass The Buck."

VALIDITY OF LAW IS NOT ASSURED

Spirited Discussion of Ordinance Submitted By League of Oregon Cities Occurs.

Spirited discussion of the proposed liquor control ordinance submitted by the League of Oregon Cities occurred at last night's city commission meeting, with the city refusing to take any action, although the ordinance was given to City Attorney E. R. Ringo for further study. Victor K. Melville, president of the commission, adhered to the belief that the state was running into many unforeseen difficulties in putting the Knox law into action, and that such ordinances as this were being submitted to cities through the league in the hope that municipalities would take the initiative in putting (Continued on Page Six)

STORM WARNINGS ARE ORDERED UP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Southeast storm warnings were ordered up on the Oregon and Washington coastline today for strong southerly and easterly winds, at times reaching gale force. Higher temperatures prevailed over (Continued on Page Four)

Anyway, It Will Be Easy License To Remember!

Haskell Andrew, fruit inspector, isn't so delighted about his new automobile license for the year 1934. In fact, he's wondering whether it'll get him through the next 12 months safely. The license is number 1313, and that's double measure on the old unlucky—13, or would you call it lucky?—13.

SAFE AT HOME



Renowned as the speculator who won and lost fortunes totalling as much as \$400,000,000, Jesse Livermore, the "Wizard of Wall Street" (upper), is safe at home after a mysterious disappearance from his Park Avenue home in New York. His third wife (lower), a bride of less than a year, reported his disappearance to the police, who are still investigating the case.

FIRST COURT SKIRMISH WON BY KNOX LAW

SALEM, Dec. 28 (AP)—Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling today denied a temporary restraining order against operation and enforcement of the new state liquor law which was asked by the city of Klamath Falls. Arguments on merits of the case will be heard Tuesday when the state's demurrer to the Klamath Falls complaint comes up in circuit court. Attorney Elton Watkins, represent- (Continued on Page Six)

MAN IS SHOT BUT BODY DISAPPEARS

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—E. T. Bowers told police today he was awakened by a shot at 4 a. m. today, and looking out his bedroom window, saw three men standing over a fourth man who was stretched out on the pavement. "You shouldn't have shot him," (Continued on Page Six)

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 33 1/2 cents, bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 71 cents. CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—In the face of stock market advances, grain values suffered setbacks today, wheat a maximum of about a cent a bushel. Modification of the cold wave over the winter wheat belt did much to bring about relief from uneasiness which had prevailed regarding likelihood of crop damage. Wheat closed unsettled, at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/4 cent lower, corn 1/4 cent off to 1/4 cent up, oats unchanged to 1/4 cent down and provisions unchanged to a rise of 7c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

OPEN HIGHWAY BIDS
SMUGGLER, OFFICER KILLED
T. R. ATTACKS F. W. A.
NEAR ENDURANCE MARK

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—Bids on 12 highway projects costing about \$500,000 were opened by the state highway commission here today. Most of the work will be on secondary highways. The regrading and surfacing with bituminous macadam of the Bruns Corner-West Salem section of the Dallas-Salem highway was the largest item on today's list, from east standpoint.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 28 (AP)—A deadly exchange of shots between United States border patrolmen and Mexican smugglers in the slums of South El Paso—near the Rio Grande—brought death to Patrolman Bert O. Walthall and a smuggler identified by local police as Jose Estrada of El Paso. Another patrolman, Louis A. Smith, was wounded slightly.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 (AP)—Theodore Roosevelt, former governor of the Philippines, attacked the public works program today as costly and wasteful, and said that direct cash aid for the unemployed would cost only half as much.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28 (AP)—Frances Maxwells and Helen Richey battled new foes today—raw nerves and trouble fraught imaginations—as the minutes that separated them from a new women's reeling endurance record were clipped off by their whirling propeller. Their "Flying Boudoir" if all went well, was to cross the old mark of 8 days, four hours and five minutes at 5:08 p. m. today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Secretary Wallace today threatened to use all powers of the farm administration to prevent the evasion of processing taxes by hog buyers.

COLD CAUSE OF MORE THAN 100 DEATHS IN EAST

By the Associated Press
The fury of winter's onslaught had subsided considerably today, over much of the United States, but intense cold still prevailed in many sections. More than 100 persons have died, according to unofficial estimates, as a result of blizzards, ice, snow and cold. Three street department employees were drowned in St. Louis Bay, Wis., today when a heavy snow plow broke through the ice. In New York City, 34,000 men struggled beneath a leaden sky and in far below freezing cold today to complete the task of removing a 10.7 inch snowfall from the streets. Homeless men and women straggled over (Continued on Page Six)

AMERICANS MIXED UP IN SPY CASE

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 28 (AP)—Authorities announced today they had discovered a large scale plot to poison high officials of the Finnish army's technical groups and ordered a dead official's body exhumed in the belief he was murdered. The alleged plot, they claimed, is part of what they describe as the espionage conspiracy in connection with which two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Jacobson of Michigan, were arrested Oct. 27. Jacobson was a mathematics instructor in the Northville, Mich., high school three years. The body to be exhumed is that of Lieut. Col. Fritz Walter Asplund, director of the state munitions works until his sudden death last April. (Continued on Page Two)

Wilson's Birthday Honored by Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—With President Roosevelt taking a leading part, nationwide commemorations of the 77th birthday anniversary of Woodrow Wilson today were centered in the national capital. As a prelude to an address tonight by the president, associates and friends of the war time chief executive arranged to place a wreath upon his tomb in the Bethlehem chapel of the Washington cathedral during the afternoon. Smith denied the charge

"YOUNG 'UNS" SEWED IN FOR THE WINTER

HINDSVILLE, Ark., Dec. 28 (AP)—High up here in the Ozarks the "young 'uns" have been sewed in for the winter. On the heels of the first big cold spell the elders corralled the children and sewed them into flannels, which will not be removed until warm weather comes again to the hills. Baths are taboo with the youngsters in the wintertime. They simply can't get out of their flannels once they are "sewed in." No buttons are used. CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Cold weather or no cold weather it's strictly against government rules to burn mail to keep warm. The government alleged that Robert Smith, a substitute mailman during the pre-Christmas rush, made a bonfire of 200 letters on December 4 to warm his hands. A United States commissioner held him in bonds of \$1,000. Smith denied the charge

HARMONY IN CONGRESS IS HELD LIKELY

Expect January Session to Be Devoted Largely to Financing.

NO TINKERING WITH RECOVERY PROGRAM

Part of Pay Cut For U. S. Employees May Be Restored; Short Session is Predicted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—A harmonious congressional session devoted almost entirely to appropriation and revenue bills was predicted today by Speaker Rainey after a talk with President Roosevelt. The speaker told reporters there would be no tinkering with the Roosevelt recovery program enacted at the last special session. He expressed belief a part of the pay cut for government workers might be restored. "We are going to have a short, harmonious and constructive session," said Rainey. "It will be a very important session but a working one rather than a dramatic one. "We will pass the supply bill, the tax bills and the liquor measure and adjourn early in May. "There will be no attempt to overthrow the recovery program or to oppose the president. It isn't possible. If there is any sniping the snipers are apt to be left at home. "We had the extra session and enacted the recovery program and it is just beginning to work. Recovery is on the way."

High Democratic spokesmen described President Roosevelt as determined today to concentrate the primary attention of the 73rd congress upon a budget designed to provide an \$800,000,000 surplus above ordinary federal operating costs in 1934-35. Although reconciled to a present-year deficit well above the billion mark because of emergency expenditures, the administration was said to (Continued on Page Four)

Women Arrested For Curling Hair; Shaved

TSINAN, China, Dec. 28 (AP)—A firm military man is General Han Fu-Chu, a man notably unresponsive to the blandishments of Shanghai women who wear their hair in foreign-fashion curls. A large number of Chinese girls and women of modern tendencies, whose freshly-shaved heads today were bald and shining as so many eggs, offered evidence of the general's old-fashioned ideas on the subject. Han Fu-Chu is governor of Shanghai province, and he rules with an iron hand. The modern fashion of wearing the hair in curls was espec-

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