

Severe Rainstorm Hits Mid-Columbia Region Today

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PRESIDENT SEES BRIGHT FUTURE

BUILDING IN 1933 TOTALS \$42,285.00

Sixty-Four Permits Issued in La Grande — Work in May \$29,253.

REBUILDING OF L. H. S. MAIN JOB

Majority of Permits Were For Minor Construction, Including Remodelling of Homes.

New construction in La Grande during 1933 totaled \$42,285, which included one large job in May — the reconstruction of the La Grande High building. Sixty-four building permits were issued at the city office.

Building ranged from nothing in February to \$29,253 in May, with the average per month a little over \$3,000.

The last permit issued last year was to R. A. Tull, to alter and repair a home on Eleventh street between L and M avenues, work to cost \$100.

Building records for the year follow.

Month	Permits	Cost
January	1	26
February	0	0
March	5	1,583
April	9	1,520
May	7	29,253
June	9	2,876
July	8	645
August	5	1,550
September	7	1,285
October	4	2,559
November	5	385
December	4	1,010
Totals	64	\$42,285

Fire Department Elects Officers For Coming Year

The La Grande volunteer fire department elected officers for 1934 at a meeting held last night in the city fire department headquarters.

Fred Colip was elected president. Elmer Case vice president. Louis Evans secretary-treasurer. Frank Suddam treasurer. Orlie Esterline captain. S. A. Sanderson first lieutenant. C. A. Riley second lieutenant, and H. A. Klinghammer lieutenant.

STOWE RITES ON THURSDAY AT PINE GROVE

Funeral services for Carl Thomas Stowe, 29, of Elgin, who died here yesterday of injuries received in an automobile accident, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Pine Grove church, east of Elgin. It was announced today. Burial will take place in the Pine Grove cemetery.

COUNTY COURT IN FIRST MEET OF THIS YEAR

The January session of the county court opened this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the offices of County Judge U. G. Couch. Today will be spent in allowing monthly bills before transacting business on the docket.

LIBRARY BOARD HOLDS MEETING

The book chat evenings planned for the remainder of the winter by the public library staff were discussed and approved by the library board at a meeting Tuesday night at the library. Other plans for the winter were discussed.

Those present were George T. Cochran, Herbert Evans, Mrs. J. K. Charlton, Mrs. John Hodgins and members of the library staff, who entertained the board at a social hour and refreshments.

VERY LITTLE SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS

Very little snow remains in the higher mountains of Eastern Oregon as compared with the amount usually in the hills at this time of the winter, due to the mild weather of the last two months. Reports received here today from Walla Walla said that only 1/8 inch of snow was reported

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 2 — The big Columbia-Stanford football game. Mr. Hoover was there, looked fine and got a big reception. He was the main old grad from Stanford, I was the main old grad from Columbia. I took a correspondence course from there one time in tenor singing.

Just the name of the skin that covers the ball beat Stanford. If instead of a pig skin the ball had been covered with porcupine hide (with the quills on) maybe Stanford could have held onto it, but the game was in keeping with everything else that happened. In sports, government and economic the past year. The experts were wrong again. Yours, Will Rogers

Will Rogers
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ROTARIANS HEAR REP. ECKLEY ON MAJOR MEASURES

Local Rotarians, at their luncheon meeting at the La Grande hotel this noon, received first hand information of the actions of the recent session of the state legislature from a talk given by Rep. Victor Eckley of this city.

Rep. Eckley recited the four principal reasons — liquor control law, truck and bus regulation, employment relief and school relief — for which the session was called and then gave a brief resume of the manner in which each item was cared for by legislation.

The liquor situation was cared for by the making of the Knox plan of liquor control into law — legislation that gives the state exclusive distribution and control of retail sale of spirituous liquors of over 14 per cent alcohol. The unemployment relief was cared for by diverting the first three millions of dollars of expected revenue from state liquor control to the employment relief fund. By this latter action the state showed its part of its contract with the government fulfilled and already federal aid is being received to improve the unemployment situation in the state. Truck and bus legislation of the previous regular session was remedied, the speaker said, to more equalized costs levied against trucking companies and the tax upon small trucks.

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DUDLEY-JOHNSON TRIAL DATE SET

Dean Dudley and Hobart Johnson, of near Athena, will be tried on a charge of careless and negligent waste of a game animal on Jan. 17 before Judge L. Denham in the court of the justice of the peace. C. E. McCarty, Portland attorney retained by the game commission, will assist District Attorney Carl G. Helm in the prosecution.

Dudley and Johnson were arrested in Union county following the 1933 open season on elk.

JOSEPH TO PLAY HERE SATURDAY

Coach Ira Woodie, with his first team squad cut to 18 members — including half a dozen hard working sophomores, is preparing this week for the heavy January-February basketball schedule, which precedes the sub-district and district championship tournaments.

One game is scheduled for this week, Joseph here on Saturday. Joseph has been playing some excellent basketball in Wallowa county and will come to La Grande expecting to chalk up a victory, particularly after the Tigers' recent loss to Imbler High.

The game will be played in the L. D. S. Recreational hall.

Pen for \$1; Mercy for \$27,100



Mrs. Retta Munhall, a cashier, pleaded guilty to theft of \$27,100 from her employers, and received a suspended sentence. The same day John McDaniel (above) appeared before the same jurist, Judge Harry F. Sewell (below) at Los Angeles, and pleaded guilty to theft of \$1 in nickels. He was sentenced to San Quentin for one to 15 years. Gov. Rolph has opened an investigation, after newspaper comment.



E. O. N. WILL OPEN SEASON AGAINST BOISE QUINTET

Fifteen basketball games have been scheduled for the Eastern Oregon Normal school cagers during January and February. It was announced by Coach Bob Quinn today.

Included are home and home games with Ore. Normal at Nonmouth, man college, College of Idaho, Lewis and Clark, and Boise Junior college. In addition, the Mountaineers will be host to the strong House of David basketball team from Michigan on Feb. 20, in La Grande.

Coach Quinn, who has a squad of around 15 men working out daily this week, also plans to try to schedule games in Western Oregon for Feb. 14 and 17, and hopes to line up another game or two in La Grande, bringing the schedule up to 19 or 20 games.

Boise Junior college, defeated decisively by the University of Idaho Pacific coast conference team two

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Smith Agency Will Hold Sales Conference Here

A total of 157 policies were sold by members of the Smith Agency of Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company, of which Edgar W. Smith, Portland, is general agent, during a seven week campaign, November 13—December 30, closing the first seven months of operation of the agency. Forty salesmen qualified to attend a two-day sales conference to be held in La Grande January 5 and 6, as guests of the company by writing two or more policies.

Fendleton district under the direction of Ben H. Smith, was leader in volume written and accomplished, 95 per cent of quota assigned to it. Lewiston was second and the La Grande district, directed by H. E. Coolidge, led in number of agents qualified to attend the meeting with 12 members.

Vernon H. Robinson, Pomeroy, Wash., was leading agent in point of volume written, while Vera L. Fox, Union, Ore., wrote the largest number

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HIGHWAY IS FLOODED AT SOME POINTS

Slide, Caused By Down-pour, Partially Cleared East of Portland.

FEAR CLOSING OF ROAD MAY RESULT

Storm Reaches Into Northeastern Oregon, Bringing La Grande Rain Tuesday, Today.

One of the most severe rainstorms the Mid-Columbia region has experienced in several months occurred this morning, and rain also stretched into Northeastern Oregon, although not so severe a down-pour. Unless the storm ceased, it was feared at The Dalles the Columbia River highway would be closed.

In La Grande .38 of an inch of rain fell yesterday and last night, and estimates were that nearly as much fell here this morning, although the skies had broken up enough by 1 p. m. to permit occasional sunshine to filter through.

The Columbia River highway was under water in several places between The Dalles and Hood River, the Associated Press wire reported today. One-way traffic was required between Quinton and Dodson.

A slide at Dodson, about 40 miles east of Portland, crashed down on the Columbia highway during the night, covering it with huge rocks, boulders and mud. This slide was soon cleared sufficiently to permit one-way traffic.

TWO STATES GET LARGE CASH SUM

SEATTLE (AP) — Representing 25 per cent of the receipts for timber, grazing privileges and other products and uses of the national forests during the fiscal year 1933, road and school funds amounting to \$115,431.00 have been allocated from national forest receipts to Oregon and Washington, the forest service has announced.

Thirty-one states and Puerto Rico will share in the \$650,390 constituting the 1933 receipts, the forest service said, with the payments being turned over for local county road and school uses in counties including national forest lands.

California ranked first in volume of receipts, with Washington second Oregon third. The grand total was somewhat larger than that for the previous year, based on a small increase in national forest receipts.

WINNER!



Winner of the posture contest, a main event of annual health week activities among University of Oregon co-eds, is Miss Marlan Vinson, who comes from Cottage Grove.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT OUT

HEAR DISBARMENT CASE

150 COAL MINERS BURIED

RECOMMEND RIVER PROJECTS

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 3 (AP) — The government of Premier Constantine Angelescu, successor to the assassinated Ion G. Duca, resigned today.

SALEM, Jan. 3 (AP) — Testimony in disbarment proceedings against J. G. Arnold, Portland attorney, was taken by the Oregon supreme court today. Decision will be handed down later.

Proceedings against Arnold were started by the Multnomah Bar association charging him with misappropriation of funds.

DUX, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 3 (AP) — An underground explosion trapped 150 coal miners today in the "Nelson III" mine. Experts feared every man underground was lost since the whole mine appeared to have caved in.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Cutting \$1,805,177 from the amount available in the last fiscal year, the board of army engineers today recommended \$2,106,000 for rivers and harbors projects in the Portland and Seattle districts for the fiscal year 1935, beginning July 1, next. Of the total, \$1,637,400 was recommended for the Portland district, and \$468,600 for Seattle.

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F. R. REQUESTS CONGRESS TO AID RECOVERY

Roosevelt Seeks Rigid Continuation of the Present Campaign

TIME IS NOT RIPE FOR STABILIZATION

Chief Executive, in Message Today, Hints at Possibility of New Plan on War Debts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — President Roosevelt called upon congress today for a rigid continuation of the recovery campaign on the path of "reform of old methods." In a personal appearance before the joint session of congress, which convened today, Mr. Roosevelt read his message reporting progress in domestic recovery and proposing "stringent preventive or regulatory measures" for income tax evaders, negligent bank officials and speculators. International monetary stabilization could not be established at this time, he declared.

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7000 SEARCHING FOR VICTIMS OF SOUTHERN FLOOD

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (AP) — Searching for victims and rehabilitating stricken areas, an army of 7,000 men, 5,000 of them CWA and CCC workers, was organized today to bring order out of the chaos created by the New Year's day flood here.

A death list of 36 and a report of 75 persons missing was before city and county officials as they dispatched workmen into the flood-ravaged districts. All but three of the dead had been identified. Fifty persons were reported seriously injured.

Conservative estimates predicted a final death list around 50, officials believing that the majority of persons listed as missing here among the homeless being taken care of by relief agencies and had not had an opportunity to report escape from the storm.

Damage estimates generally ranged about the five-million-dollar mark, the principal loss being confined to the Glendale-Montrose area, where the flood originated, roaring down Pickens canyon and demolishing about 300 residences some of them the homes of valuable estates.

In the Venice district, near the ocean some 30 miles from the Glendale-Montrose area, between 1,500 and 2,000 homes were damaged extensively by partial inundation, which occurred when the torrents leaped the banks of flood channels.

A welcome sun and clear skies aided workmen yesterday.

California's Flood Deaths

Missing and dead in the California floods include the following (names published correctly in the list in yesterday's Observer are not repeated today):

- The dead: Jane Doe, possibly Mrs. Ella I. McLean, 60, Montrose; Mrs. Ethel Higley, 50, Montrose; Catherine Wood, 50, Montrose; Joseph Correk, 17, Montrose; Mrs. Eugenia Scully, 45, Montrose; Gladys Fisher, 29, Santa Monica; Richard C. Brummett, 2, Glendale; Mrs. Etta Thomas, 45, La Crescenta; E. A. Higley, 12, Montrose; Betty Wilson, 2, Montrose; Joseph Lavery, 28, Glendale; John Doe, about 35, body found Glendale; Jane Doe, about 6, body found

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LIQUOR PLAN WOULD SPEED RETAIL SALES

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 (AP) — In order that revenue from sale of liquor may accrue to the state immediately, and that rigid control of liquor be insured, the state liquor control commission today was considering a plan for establishment of temporary retail outlets, pending final organization of a state liquor store system.

Hard liquor now is being sold by various retailers until state-owned stores can be established. The commission yesterday and today discussed a plan to authorize qualified persons to import and retail liquor, the state to regulate the price and receive the prescribed tax.

This temporary system could be put in operation within 24 hours, the commissioners said. All that would be necessary would be to make necessary appointments, designating firms of individuals to represent the control commission, which already has more or less definite information on the character and availability of most of the distributing agencies.

Oldest White Man In The World, 115, Dies In California

PLACERVILLE, Cal., Jan. 3 (AP) — Edmund Cooper, one of the oldest white men in the world, died at the county hospital Tuesday at the age of 115 years.

He was born at Dublin, Ireland, Sept. 18, 1818. In his youth he was employed by Lord Tearyn, an English nobleman, whose ship he deserted to come to California during the gold rush. He had lived in the state 89 years, nearly 75 of which were spent in gold mining.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 50 1/2 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 69 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP) — Grain prices underwent sharp setbacks late today following earlier advances.

The setbacks came after the receipts of President Roosevelt's message, which made no mention of a specific monetary program. Wheat values broke more than 2 cents from the day's top.

Wheat closed nervous, 1/4-1/8c under yesterday's finish, corn 1/4c down, oats 1/4c off, and provisions varying from 5c decline to a rise of 12c.

ANOTHER ONE TO EXPLAIN



PREDICTS DRY, SUNNY YEAR FOR THE COAST

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 3 (AP) — Attention, Los Angeles, Western Oregon and Western Washington. Remember F. Napier Denison, director of the Dominion Meteorological Observatory here, at the beginning of both 1932 and

1933 he predicted "exceedingly wet years" for the Pacific coast. He wasn't far from wrong. Now he says: "The Pacific coast generally will enjoy more sunshine and less rainfall during 1934."