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EXPERIMENT STATION BUDGETS CUT

SCHOOLS ARE BENEFITED BY CIVIL WORKS

Every Building in La Grande Receiving Share of Improvements.

ATHLETIC FIELD JOB IS LARGEST

Kalsomine, Paint Being Used in Every Building - General Repairs Are Made.

Schools in the La Grande public school system have taken full advantage of the opportunities for improvement work offered by the civil works administration...

All school buildings of the La Grande system will "dress up" as a result of approval of projects calling for painting, kalsomining and general repairs...

Kalsomining in the halls and some of the rooms of the High school is being done at present, and new exits from the gymnasium are being made...

La Grande will boast of the best athletic field in Eastern Oregon when a project, which calls for leveling of the track and field is completed...

Odd Fellows To Install At Meet Friday, Jan. 12

Galen F. Durkee will be installed as noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge at a meeting on Friday, Jan. 12...

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET JAN. 9

Arrangements for a special chamber of commerce meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, for the purpose of discussing the U. P. celebration to be held here July 20 and 21, have been completed...

FIRE SCARE THIS MORNING

The fire truck was called to the Normal school at 5:55 a. m. this morning but upon arrival found the supposed fire was merely workers warning concrete. The trucks were back in the station by 6:10 a. m.

AUTO LICENSE RUSH IS NEARING AN END

The rush for new automobile license plates in Union county is practically at an end. It was felt most keenly in the sheriff's office, where requests for temporary licenses have been heavy during the last several days...

La Grande Gets Cage Tourney



WILL ROGERS says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 5 - This country runs to the figure 10. There has been many who have had to say, "Master, can you spare a dime?" but President Roosevelt is the first man in the history of the world who looked a nation right in the face and said, "Master, can you spare ten billion dollars?" well, congress and the American people considered it such a compliment to be asked for that much that they really liked it. Yours, Will Rogers

Enthusiastic Conference Near Close

The two-day sales conference of the Edgar Smith Agency of the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Co. was in its concluding sessions here today...

Banquet of Smith Agency of Insurance Company Held Here Last Night

Some 75 or more members of the agency and invited guests gathered in the Sackajawa Inn dining room at 7 p. m. Friday, to hear addresses by J. S. Williams, of Portland; Mr. S. H. Williams, agency head, and W. C. Schuppel, executive vice president of the insurance company...

Weather Turns Colder Locally

The temperature in La Grande took a sharp drop late Friday, continuing down until it reached a low of 24 above - six below freezing point - early today. At 7 a. m. it was up one degree to 25 and continued to climb steadily during the morning...

Eight Prisoners in County Jail

Eight prisoners are imprisoned in the county jail on various charges at present, according to Sheriff Jesse Breshears, proprietor of the Breshears hotel. Barney Twidwell and John Steward, who robbed the High school and other business and private houses, are serving 90 days before being taken to the state penitentiary at Salem...

Legislator Worrying About How to Levy Taxes

Legislator worrying about how to levy taxes. A cartoon illustration showing a man sitting on a bench, looking thoughtful, with a speech bubble above him saying 'LEGISLATOR WORRYING ABOUT HOW TO LEVY TAXES'.

Another 'Terror Bandit' Caught

The lawless trail of Wilbur Underhill, "Tri-State Terror," led to a losing battle with authorities at Shawnee, Okla., in which he was riddled with bullets, and should he recover - he faces trial for machine gunning four U. S. officers to death at Kansas City, as well as for bank robberies and leadership of a Kansas penitentiary escape. Photo shows Underhill in a hospital after capture. His bride of one month - Hazel Underhill, captured with him - also is shown.

BASKETBALL TEAMS WILL COME MAR. 8

Southern Members of District Board Make Surprise Move.

MEETING HELD AT BAKER ON FRIDAY

La Grande Makes No Bid For Tournament But Agrees to Accept 1934 Offer.

For the first time since district basketball championships have been decided in Eastern Oregon by tournament play, La Grande will be host to the eight winning quintets of Wallowa, Malheur, Baker and Union counties in the play-off. The district championship tournament was awarded to La Grande at board meeting held yesterday afternoon in Baker...

Now that we've recognized Russia you ought to recognize a Soviet stage star when you see one. One of the talented Soviets you're likely to see soon is exotic Mlle. Moshilevskaia (above), current ballet favorite of Moscow. She is appearing in Salambo in the Moscow Big Theater.

C. W. A. PAYROLL TODAY \$6759.65

Three hundred and eighty-three C. W. A. workers received federal checks today for a total of \$6,759.65, according to F. L. Meyers, disbursing officer for Union county.

Today was the first pay-day in which the county's complete quota figured. All of the latest additions, however, did not get in a full week of work, so that next week's payroll total is expected to be even larger than this week. The total today showed around seven hundred dollars increase over last Saturday's.

Organized Labor Plans Drive For A 30-Hour Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) - Organized labor, with an assurance of some sympathy in both the senate and house, today drew plans for a legislative drive to bring a 30-hour work week into all industries.

U. S. Hog-Corn Control Plan Is Explained

H. L. Lindgren, O. S. C. Livestock Specialist, Speaks to Farmers. Hog and corn control under the national recovery act have been designed to take care of the surplus of these products in order to enable farmers to receive a better price...

Change Time of J. A. Bugg Funeral to 3

The time of the funeral of James A. Bugg has been changed from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the chapel of Walkers Funeral home, it was announced today.

Bank Must Face 4 Civil Actions

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 6 - Four suits have been started in circuit court here by Carl Christiansen and wife, Adolph Oldsen and A. G. Schnoor against George S. Craig and the Wallowa National bank and some of its directors. Plaintiffs ask damages and ask to be put in possession of the market in Enterprise and the slaughter house a mile north of town formerly conducted by the Enterprise Packing company.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 70 1/2 cents.

Find Woman's Body On Detroit Highway

DETROIT, Jan. 6 (AP) - Believed to have been slain in an attempted attack and then thrown from an automobile, the body of Mrs. Virginia Gibson, 33, was found today on a highway just west of the city limits. The body had been run over possibly two or three times, Deputy Coroner Foster Knobloch said.

Mrs. Thomas Massie Will Seek Divorce

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) - The marital affairs of Lieut. and Mrs. Thomas Massie, which figured prominently in the sensational murder trial of the naval officer and others in Honolulu last year, headed today for the Reno divorce courts.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

TREASURY OFFICIAL QUILTS TAKE UNDERHILL TO PEN NEW GOLF TOURNEY PLAN NO LIQUOR ADVERTISING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) - Earle Balle, special assistant to Secretary Morgenthau, today resigned, effective at the secretary's earliest convenience.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 6 (AP) - Wilbur Underhill, wounded desperado, was put into an ambulance at city hospital here today and started to state's prison at McAlester with an escort of eight heavily armed officers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP) - The United States Golf association, at its annual meeting today, decided upon a drastic change in the conduct of the national amateur championship, eliminating the qualifying rounds at the tournament and substituting a complete week of match play for a maximum of 180 entries.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) - The radio commission's legal division prepared today to recommend revocation of licenses of stations broadcasting advertising for hard liquors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) - Negotiations with Great Britain for an exchange of American farm products in return for Scotch whisky imports were deadlocked today, with a ban on the beverage a possibility.

Five Oregon Bridges Are To Be Built

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP) - In a telegram to the Oregon State highway commission today from Washington, J. M. Devers, counsel for the commission, advised that the public works administration had allowed all of the five proposed highway bridges for Oregon and that funds for the projects were allocated today.

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NO REDUCTION REPORTED AT UNION FARM

Hermiston Station is Eliminated and Expenses of 3 Reduced

UNION CO. PEOPLE IN HOPEFUL MOOD

No Mention of Corvallis and Union Stations is Regarded As An Optimistic Sign.

Strong belief was held in Union county today that the budget for experiment stations at Corvallis and Union would not undergo reductions this year, in spite of sharp cuts in the federal budget for agricultural experiment stations. Lacking definite information as to the Union and Corvallis farms, the belief was based on an Associated Press dispatch from Washington received by the Observer today.

The item said: "Because of a sharp reduction in the budget for agricultural experiment stations, one Oregon station, at Hermiston, has been eliminated, and appropriations for three other Oregon stations have been considerably reduced, it was disclosed today."

"Research activities in dry land farming will be eliminated from the work of the experiment station at Pendleton because of a \$5,500 reduction in its appropriation. The budget provided \$2,470 for research crops and diseases."

"The budget for the Medford station was reduced by \$5,000, eliminating provisions for agricultural engineering. The Medford station still retained a budget of \$22,400 for the bureau of entomology and \$6,848 for the bureau of plant industry. "The budget for the station at

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