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SPEND \$15,518 ON UNION HATCHERY

C. W. A. GAME COMMISSION SHARE COST

Fish Hatchery on Catherine Creek to Be Enlarged, Improved

DETAILS OF WORK NOT YET LEARNED

Word of Approval of Game Commission's \$120,000 Work Program is Received Today

A few months ago Union and Eastern Oregon people feared that the state fish hatchery on Catherine creek east of Union might be abandoned. Today comes word that instead, the state will improve and enlarge the hatchery with funds jointly furnished by the civil works administration and the state game commission.

The program at Union will involve the expenditure of \$15,518.42, with a considerable portion of this to be used for payroll purposes.

The C. W. A. is to furnish \$8,100.00 and the game commission \$7,418.42, most of the latter going for materials, etc.

Details of the plans for improvement of the hatchery have not been learned here, but announcement of the authorization of the work was received this morning by J. H. Pearce, chairman of the civil works board for this county. Men for the work will be taken from the regular quota of 383 for this county, he said, and plans are to start the work as quickly as is possible.

To Begin Work Soon

Executive officials of the state game commission were making preparations to leave Portland immediately to begin work. Along with the Union hatchery, projects for several other hatcheries and game farms—totaling an expenditure of some \$120,000—also were approved.

Except for the building of a new hatchery on the Alsea river in Benton county, to cost \$16,673, the Union hatchery received the largest appropriation of any of the projects. The highest was the Eugene game farm, \$14,228.66 and the Pendleton game farm \$12,368.64.

Union Welcomes News

Receipt of news that the fish hatchery improvement work had been given an O. K. was telephoned to Union this morning by Mr. Pearce, and the Union community leaders were overjoyed at the announcement.

The general state program of improvement is expected to increase the game fish and game bird output materially. Oregon streams will be

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Cloudy, Warmer Weather Coming, Prediction Says

Warmer weather and cloudy skies were in store for La Grande in the immediate future, according to the government forecast from Portland today.

"Cloudy tonight and Wednesday," the forecast said. "Slightly warmer in the interior tonight; fresh south and southwest wind offshore."

During the last three days, the minimum temperatures in La Grande have been dropping as low as 24 above, and last night's low was 27 above. The maximum temperatures, however, aided by bright sunshine during the days, has been reaching up to 45 to 47 above.

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OLD TIMERS SAY THIS WINTER IS BEST YET

"I don't remember a winter like it in this country."

Several old timers, men who have lived here 40, 50 or more years, are saying that about this 1933-34 "winter."

And east of La Grande ground squirrels are frolicking about in the fields, and occasionally a venture some one gets killed on the highway.

Buttercups were blooming in protected places several days ago.

New onions have been raised in the valley this month, and tasted just as nicely as the usual March or April variety.

Wood and coal piles are lasting unusually well.

There has been no snow since way

WILL ROGERS says:

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 8 — Among the society notes of Rochester, Minn. I see where Dr. Cary Grayson was Washington, D. C., arrived at Mayors' roadhouse. Admiral Grayson was President Wilson's private physician. Scare him, Charley, but don't hurt him, for he is the best-liked man in Washington, the best story teller, raises good horses and is personal physician to Senator Carter Glass' fighting rooster.

President Wilson used his sense of humor when he made Dr. an admiral. Doc had never been on any water bigger than Culpepper creek and he fished it horseback on a possum hunt.

You Mayo boys get Doc to tell you about when he and Jesse Jones of the R. F. C. got into Buckingham palace with President Wilson and Jesse took off his shoes in the reception hall and was warming his feet by the king's fireplace. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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RECOVERY OF TWO HURT IN CRASH LIKELY

Condition of Mrs. Comstock and Mr. Schooler Improves — Comstock's Funeral on Thursday

Condition of Mrs. Louis E. Comstock, Charles Schooler and members of their families who were injured in an automobile wreck west of La Grande Sunday morning which was fatal to two, continued to show improvement today, and hopes were high that they were out of danger.

Mrs. Comstock and Mr. Schooler are at the Grande Ronde hospital, and for awhile after the accident, condition of both was believed critical. Although seriously hurt, they are given a good chance to recover. Others hurt in the wreck were re-

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223 ENROLLED AT NORMAL SCHOOL; MORE EXPECTED

With an enrollment of 223 students and registration continuing this week, the registrar's office at the Eastern Oregon Normal school announces that these figures show an increase over the total enrollment of 210 for the winter term of last year. The usual high percentage of men, for which the Eastern Oregon Normal school is noted, continues to prevail, it is reported.

TIGERS TO PLAY AT COVE TONIGHT

La Grande High school's basketball schedule for this week has undergone one change, and another one may be made later this week.

Tonight the Tigers—both first and second teams—will go to Cove to play a double header in the Cove gymnasium, the games beginning at 7 and 8 p. m. Coach Ira Woodie probably

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Youngest Sheriff



Beware, you trespassers of the law, or Baby Richard Lewis 3rd will get you. If you don't watch out! He's only six months old, but this "Dick" can catch more than a few winks of sleep now that his grandpa, Sheriff Richard J. Lewis of Albany, N. Y., has officially appointed him a full-fledged deputy sheriff. Yessir, that's the shiny new silver badge he's proudly sporting here.

BANK OFFICIALS RE-ELECTED AT MEETING TODAY

President David L. Stoddard's report of the financial status and the year's activities of the First National bank was satisfactory to the stockholders who met this morning at 10 o'clock in the city hall. The board of directors was re-elected and they in turn also re-elected the present officers.

Mr. Stoddard is the president; F. L. Meyers, vice president; A. K. Parker, cashier; C. L. Thompson, H. A. Zurbach and L. H. Bramwell, assistant

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REYNOLDS ON LOCAL VISIT

Ralph Reynolds, of Portland, son of J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande, was in La Grande yesterday transacting business in connection with the government survey for farm mortgages which is being conducted at present. Mr. Reynolds, who is well known here, returned to Portland last night.

BUSINESS MEN ENDORSE BIG JULY FETE

Semi-Centennial Celebration Program Announced at Luncheon.

TO BE OUTSTANDING EVENT OF THE YEAR

Chamber of Commerce Hears Speech By Lee Hanford; Supt. Connitt Guest at Meeting.

A unanimous vote of endorsement and support to the semi-centennial celebration in La Grande next July, was given this noon by close to 80 representative local business and professional men gathered at a luncheon meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce at the La Grande hotel. The celebration, which will recognize the anniversary of the coming of the railroad to this section of the country, is already, in its tentative state, reaching proportions that will make it one of the outstanding events of its kind in the west this year.

Explanation of the celebration was given the meeting in some detail by Lee Hanford, chairman of the executive committee of the affair, and a railroad man of long standing and respect in this community. Mr. Hanford told how the thought was first conceived by Martin King; how it was taken up by the Old Timers club, and how it finally worked into a general participation of planning program with the support of the chamber of commerce and other civic groups of the city.

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Royalists Riot In Paris Due To Stavisky Rumors

PARIS, Jan. 9 (AP) — Royalists, swinging canes as weapons, attacked police repeatedly today for over a square mile area around the chamber of deputies in a demonstration against the government because of the alleged suicide of Serge Stavisky, pawnshop bond operator, who died early today.

The royalist newspaper Action Francaise had called for a popular demonstration, asserting Stavisky had not died by his own hand but had been shot down by police in order to keep him from testifying as to what he knew of speculations which cost the public \$40,000,000.

"Baby Congressman" and Bride



A "baby Congressman" and a newlywed both, Representative Joseph P. Monaghan of Montana is shown with his bride of a week as he arrived in Washington for the opening of Congress. She is the former Catherine Mellemont of Pioneer City, Mont.

COLLINS CASE TO REACH THE JURY THIS AFTERNOON

The case of the state of Oregon vs. Tom Collins charged with making false statements to obtain money from the state industrial accident commission, is expected to go to the jury late this afternoon in the circuit court. The case was the first set in the adjourned session of the October term of court by Judge J. W. Knowles, circuit judge.

Victor Griggs, from the attorney general's office at Salem, and Albert R. Hunter, a member of the commission, are in La Grande in connection with the trial. Carl G. Helm, district attorney, represents the state

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Price of Cigarets Is Advanced Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP) — The wholesale price of popular brands of cigarettes was advanced 60 cents a thousand to \$6.10 a thousand by leading manufacturers today.

It was understood in the trade that the jump was due to increased costs incident to the NRA code and various processing taxes.

EPISCOPAL OFFICIALS ARE NAMED

Annual Parish Business Session Held Last Night at the Church.

Alfred Milne was elected senior warden and H. W. Guthrie, junior warden, by 54 members of St. Peter's Episcopal church who met last night in annual business session at the church. Mr. Milne and Mr. Guthrie succeeded Carl G. Helm and C. D. Potter, outgoing officers.

Seven vestrymen were elected this year instead of five as was previously the custom and those who will hold the offices are B. F. Wyde, C. D. Potter, Paul Bull, Ernest Bray, Lot

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F. R. CONTINUES PAY REDUCTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP) — President Roosevelt today by executive order continued the 15 per cent reduction of pay of federal employees for another six months.

In his budget message, the president asked that the authority to cut be changed from 15 to 10 per cent, thus — congress willing — assuring restoration of one-third of the pay cut beginning July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

The president acted today upon the findings of the department of labor on the local cost of living, as provided by law.

Flu Epidemic In Japan Takes Toll

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (AP) — Two cabinet members and the commander-in-chief of the Japanese navy's combined fleet today joined War Minister Sotoku Araki among those suffering from influenza in an epidemic which newspaper estimate is causing 90 deaths daily.

The greater part of the population of Tokyo is wearing "flu masks" such as those seen in the United States in the winter of 1918-1919.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 20 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (AP) — Grains worked moderately higher today, prompted largely by unfavorable weather and crop reports.

Intimations were received that the final draft of the grain exchange code to be announced soon would be less drastic than recently expected. Forecasts pointed to continued drought conditions over important parts of the United States winter wheat belt.

Wheat closed firm, 1/4 = 1c above yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 = 1/2c up, oats 1/4 = 1/2c advanced, and provisions varying from 2 cents decline to a rise of 10c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

CHANDLER WINS AT OGDEN

SHIP MILK BY AIRPLANE

DOUGLAS NOT TO RESIGN

POLICE INQUIRY BEGINS

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 9 (AP) — Herbert Chandler of Baker, Ore., president of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' association, led his own show herd into the ring at the Ogden Livestock show today and walked out with five blue ribbons and a purple streamer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (AP) — Regular shipments of milk into Chicago by airplane were started today as the fourth day of the city's milk blockade brought an acute shortage to the metropolis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP) — Lewis Douglas, director of the budget, made clear today he intends to remain in his present office despite rumors that budgetary differences with President Roosevelt and a recent curtailment of his authorities might cause him to resign.

PORTLAND, Jan. 9 (AP) — A general investigation of police activities in Portland was believed underway today in the Multnomah county grand jury rooms.

ROSELIE PARK, N. J., Jan. 9 (AP) — Edward F. Smith, 61, retired business man of Alameda, Cal., today shot and killed his wife, Nellie, and fatally wounded himself.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (AP) — Reports spread today that part of outer Mongolia, recent scene of Japanese military activities, will soon be joined to Manchukuo and placed under the rule of Henri Pu-Yi as emperor.

Following the sharp gains in construction in November, a further marked expansion occurred in the first three weeks in December. Awaras during the latter period were three times as large as in the corresponding period of 1932. These totals reflect mainly increased public works expenditures, although the value of residential contracts awarded for the first half of the month was larger than the total for the entire month of December, 1932.

The survey found that the dollar price of gold, after having been advanced by about 16 per cent between October 22 and the middle of November, increased by less than 2 per cent the following month.

The gold value of the dollar, measured in terms of the French franc dropped below 60 cents in the middle of November, went to about 64 cents by the first of December, and has since moved within a narrow range.

EXTRA DIVIDEND DECLARED

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP) — Directors of J. C. Penney Co., today declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share, payable Jan. 30 to stock of record Jan. 20.

Directors of American Smelting Co., declared a dividend of \$2.50 a share on the 7 per cent first preferred stock, payable March 1 to stock of record Feb. 2. Three months ago directors resumed declaration of dividends on this stock.

Best & Co., declared a dividend of

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Gassett, Wardell Among 5 Winners In Radio Contest

COVE, Ore. (Special) — Gene Gassett and Bernard Wardell, of Cove, won one of the first five places in the Opportunity Radio contest, according to reports here.

At the first trials to be held in Portland there were 140 contestants from which the ten most popular contestants were chosen. These were weeded out to five the next day.

Wardell has not been received here where the boys placed among the five winners. Gassett and Wardell are well known in Cove and the Grande Ronde valley and very few people of the community have missed hearing them sing at some time.

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MOVE TO RECALL GOVERNOR KILLED

SALEM, Jan. 9 (AP) — Withdrawal of recall petitions against Governor Julius L. Meier was announced today by letter to the secretary of state from P. W. Stevens, of Goldsboro, Ore., sponsor of the movement. Stevens wrote he spoke for the Lane County Recall association which was formed to seek the retirement of the governor during the last year of his elected four-year term of office.

Stevens gave as his reason that "We do not feel that we are justified in adding to tax burdens by special

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RUDY VALLEE FACING STARTLING CHARGES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 (AP) — An array of startling charges embracing infidelity, vicious temper, vile language, character assassination plots and big game financial settlements were heaped upon Rudy Vallee today by his actress-wife, the former Fay Webb, in a suit for separate maintenance.

The brewing marital storm between the popular young entertainer and the daughter of the police chief of Santa Monica, Cal., about which warning signals have been flying lately, broke in the form of a 21-page complaint, which was sealed by court order for a time after being filed in the superior court here yesterday.

At Vallee's own insistence, the seals were broken and the charges became

public. After he had read them, the curly-headed singer, actor and orchestra leader, a recent arrival in Hollywood to make a motion picture, dropped a hint that an anti-climax to this initial sensation was in the offing.

"I will be very happy to classify and answer certain paragraphs technically," he said. "I hope I never have to do this. I have no particular desire to blast the girl. But certainly I will have to defend myself and bring out the charges. I hope I do not have to do this but if I do, we will let Mrs. Vallee's own voice speak for itself and her letters also."

The dark-haired actress, who re-

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