

# Fire Loss For 1933 In La Grande At Low Figure

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# NAVY FLIERS MAKE PACIFIC HOP

## 64 FIRES IN YEAR CAUSE \$14,521 LOSS

Represents Big Reduction From Total of \$95,835 in 1932.

PROPERTY WORTH \$393,435 AT RISK

Loss Only a Little Over 3 1/2 Per Cent of Value—Sixty-eight Calls Are Answered.

Total fire loss in La Grande during 1933 amounted to \$14,521.64, according to the annual report of Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay. This figure out of a per capita loss of \$1.81 for each of the 8,056 people in La Grande.

Compared with the 1932 loss of \$95,835.64, it represents a reduction of \$81,314. In 1932 the per capita loss was \$10.10, or about six times as much as this year.

The 1933 figure is one of the lowest in La Grande city records, being exceeded only a few times, and surpassed many times.

Illustrative of the efficiency of the fire department is the fact that property at risk during 1933 was valued at \$393,435.00, and only a little over 3 1/2 per cent loss was recorded.

The department answered 68 calls, of which four proved to be false alarms.

In the 64 actual fires, property insured for \$340,000 was at risk and the insurance loss was \$13,221.64.

Two injuries occurred during 1933, neither of them serious. Roy Curry was burned about the feet June 16 and Fireman Guy Wetzel received a hand wound in August.

In 1933 there were 103 calls, insurance at risk amounted to \$980,924.11 and insurance loss amounted to \$90,428.55.

Types of fires in 1933 follow: 19, rubbish and grass; 12, fires; five, unknown; five, stoves; four, conflagrations; four, electricity or defective wiring; four, believed incendiary; four, miscellaneous; two, spontaneous combustion; two, open fires; and one each—hot ashes, lightning, matches and careless smokers.

## Weather Cause Of 2 Accidents; Man's Face Cut

Snow and icy conditions of highways and streets resulted in two automobile accidents yesterday, one in La Grande and one at the Teocasset viaduct.

Cars driven by Earl Shrumm, of Union, and E. C. Boucher, of San Francisco, collided at the viaduct at noon yesterday. Mr. Boucher's face was cut by broken glass but not seriously.

A car driven by Frances Millering collided with another automobile at 12:05 p. m. yesterday at Sixth and Pennsylvania. No one was hurt and damage was slight.

## Milk Board Will Study Prices In Eastern Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—The Oregon milk control board, exercising complete authority over producers and distributors of that commodity, will meet in the city hall at Medford Saturday at 10 a. m. to establish temporary prices and define the limits of the Medford milk shed.

All communities in the Rogue river valley from Ashland to Grants Pass will be represented at the Medford meeting, it was said here by E. G.

## CIRCUIT COURT 1934 JURY LIST IS DRAWN

The list of prospective jurors for the February term of the circuit court has been drawn by the county court. However, it is stressed, a special summons is issued before the session of court to those who are to report for jury duty.

The jury list includes Albert Henry McMah, Leonard R. Parsons, Rex C. Rouse, William H. Rouse, C. A. Galloway, Luther Hindman, Bernal D. Hug, Otto A. Klinghammer, Jesse Knight, Harlan Long, Thomas E.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 11—Did you ever drive one of these "sulky" in a trotting horse race? Well, they got old David Harum sitting straddle of a horse's tail out here on the Riverside track and if you think that hasn't got it on all auto driving you are wrong. I am getting just about old enough and crabbed enough to take up the grand circuit, so look out. Goshen and Lexington, young Pop Geers, is coming east. We have our radios, autos, golf, bridge and a million contraptions, but all of it don't pay for the thrill missed in stepping out in the red wheel buggy and high steppers.

You could be a pretty poor type of lover, but the horse made up for it. That's how a lot of us were able to go out of our class and get the wives we did. Yours, Will Rogers.

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## REINHARZ GIVEN SENTENCE, PAROLE IN CIRCUIT COURT

Conrad Reinharz, insurance solicitor, was found guilty of taking money from Perry Lanman in the amount of \$142.42 yesterday by a jury in the circuit court and was sentenced to a maximum term of three years in the state penitentiary by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Upon the recommendation of District Attorney Carl O. Helm, the defendant was paroled on condition that he repay Mr. Lanman the amount of money taken from him.

Mr. Helm prosecuted the case and G. I. Ankels and George W. Robinson, of Portland, were attorneys for Reinharz.

The case of the state vs. Staver, charged with non-support, is being tried today before Judge Knowles.

## CITY DADS HOLD WEEKLY MEETING

Routine matters occupied the attention of the city commission at the weekly meeting last night at the city hall. In addition, the commission received sample resolutions from the state highway commission to pass in connection with the road widening project from the U. P. railroad tracks to the city limits on the Wallowa Lake road. Wishing to study the provisions of the resolutions from a legal standpoint, the commission adjourned until Friday when it will act on this matter.

Bills amounting to \$3,245.57 for the month of December were ordered paid. The city manager's report showed cash on hand \$6069.50, divided as follows: La Grande bank \$6,165.48; Portland bank \$587.13; cash \$1,110.05; remainder in warrants.

## MOVE OFFICE TO FOLEY BUILDING

Offices of the national re-employment service for Union and Wallowa counties, formerly located at the court house, have been moved to the new quarters in the Foley building on Chestnut street. Floyd Sherwood is manager of the service.

The C. W. A. board of this county also has its office in the New Foley, but the headquarters of the Union county relief committee remain at the court house.

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM FORMED

The Lions club volleyball team will meet for practice tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the La Grande high school gymnasium. The members are anticipating a game with the Rotary club in the near future.

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## Evades Trial



Fred A. Lowell, Sonoma county, California, supervisor, will not face trial on 11 grand jury indictments charging thefts and misappropriations. Two days before his scheduled arraignment he killed himself at Santa Rosa.

## SCOUT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ORGANIZED - TO MEET TONIGHT

The Boy Scout leadership school, organized last Thursday, will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at Honan hall. Meetings hereafter will be held at Honan hall unless otherwise designated. Elmo Stevenson, scoutmaster, announces. The school is organized as a regular troop and 24 scout leaders and Normal school students are enrolled. A regular scouting program will be carried out to enable the men to become acquainted with the movement and also to train Normal school students a branch of social service that can be utilized in their work.

Mr. Stevenson is assisted as scoutmaster by Harvey Carter, and Woodrow Damerell is the patrol leader.

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## T. A. T. Official New Witness In Scandal Hearing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—D. M. Sheaffer, chief of passenger transportation of the Pennsylvania railroad and chairman of the executive committee of the transcontinental air transport, today a senate investigating committee today that a memorandum given to the committee had been altered to eliminate reference to former Postmaster General Brown's attitude toward giving his company an air mail contract.

The memorandum, from Sheaffer to the T. A. T. executive committee, dated July 15, 1930, said Brown "could and would arrange" so that an air mail contract would be made to the Central Transcontinental route provided the T. A. T. should "get together" with Western Air Express.

## Wallowa Cagers To Battle Tiger Team on Friday

With a record of scoring 131 points while opponents gathered 73, and of winning three out of four games so far this season, the La Grande High school basketball team will take on another reportedly stiff competitor here Friday evening at the L. D. S. Recreational hall.

Wallowa High, one of the first division teams in the district championship tournament last spring, will invade La Grande tomorrow, hopeful of scoring a victory.

It will be the last game of this week for the Tigers, who are expected to ring up another win. The record so far this year follows: At La Grande 34, Union 14. At Imbler 16, La Grande 10. At La Grande 45, Joseph 20. At Cove, 23, La Grande 43.

## LITTLE SNOW IN MOUNTAINS NEAR HERE

Wednesday's Storm Added Only a Few Inches to Amount.

## LOCAL TOTAL FOR WINTER 7 INCHES

Quite a Bit of Moisture Reported in Elkhorn Mountains; Some Farmers Are Troubled.

The wintry flurry which visited this section of Eastern Oregon, bringing an inch of snow to La Grande—most of which soon melted, brought no more than four or five inches of snow in the higher altitudes of Union and Wallowa counties, it was learned today. Mountains throughout Eastern Oregon are covered with much less snow than usual at this time of the year, according to reports.

All highways in this division were in good condition today, although crews went out early today to sand a few slippery curves. Thawing weather, however, soon removed any danger, officials reported.

No snow fell on the west slope of Emigrant hill, and between Meacham and Kamela the snowfall was about three or four inches. Wallowa county had stormy weather yesterday with no more than four or five inches of snow reported from any point, and much less in some sections.

The snowfall here was not accompanied by any drop in temperature, the minimum this morning being 31 above and the maximum yesterday was 43 above—six degrees warmer than the previous day which was mostly clear.

Much Below Normal

The inch of snow yesterday brought the total for this winter in La Grande to seven inches, much below average. An inch fell in the Nov. 29-30, Dec. 1 period, when the mercury dropped to 19 above three successive nights for the coldest weather

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## Barbara's Prince Flees Writs



The palatial honeymoon cruise to Japan from San Francisco, planned by Barbara Hutton, Woolworth heiress, and Prince Alexis Mdivani, has been changed because of California process servers seeking her husband as a witness in his brothers' oil operations in Los Angeles. The prince left their private car in Reno and set out for Seattle by plane to catch a steamer for Hawaii in time to connect with the Tatsuta Maru, on which his bride has the royal suite engaged.

## LEGION WILL BE GUEST AT FORUM LUNCHEON HERE

Membership and an invitation to attend the La Grande chamber of commerce occupied the attention of the American Legion post at its monthly meeting, held last night in the Saxonjawa Inn with 40 members present.

The commander reported that the post was invited to be the guest of the chamber of commerce at the next regular meeting. Speakers will be Senator Fred Kiddle, Hugh E. Brady and Sid Burieligh.

The post planned an intensive drive for members with three teams appointed, consisting of the drummers, the buglers and a third team of post members outside the drum corps.

The post also entered into a contest with the Baker legionnaires as to the number of members they will attain.

George L. "Scooty" Dutton, member of 81st Division post No. 52, of Portland, was a guest and gave a brief report on the activities of his post.

Following the meeting a luncheon was enjoyed by the legion members and the auxiliary, with the Legion Racketeers furnishing the music.

## WYNEKOOP TRIAL OPENS IN CHICAGO

CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING, Chicago, Jan. 11 (AP)—A near riot broke out among 2000 spectators today as Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynkoop entered the criminal courts building to go on trial for the death of her daughter-in-law, Theta.

Some trial fans had stood in line since 7 a. m. three hours before the scheduled start. In the courtroom there was room for fewer than 200. Prall, drawn, and her face a death-

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## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SENATE PASSES JOHNSON BILL

HANDIT LEADER SHOT DOWN

SEEK U. S. AID FOR SCHOOLS

ITALY MAY ADD TO NAVY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The senate today passed unanimously the Johnson bill to prohibit financial transactions—private or public—with any foreign government in default of its obligations to the United States.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Jan. 11 (AP)—A man identified from photographs as Joe "Red" Carson, about 35, wanted at Pawhuska, Okla., for murder and jail break and suspected leader of a southwestern gang of bank robbers was shot and killed in a gun fight with officers when he resisted arrest here today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—A federal appropriation of \$30,000,000 to keep elementary and secondary schools of America open for the remainder of the school year, and of \$100,000,000 in addition for the following year, was sought today by the federal advisory committee on emergency aid in education.

ROME, Jan. 11 (AP)—Admiral Domenico Cagariari, undersecretary of marine, told the chamber of deputies today that Italy may "soon be induced to make use of the provision" in the Washington treaty permitting her to construct 70,000 tons of new frontline ships.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Exhibiting different types of bottled liquor to newspapermen, Secretary Morgenthau said today the relaxing of some import restrictions was intended "to break the bootleg ring which still has the country by the throat, and to increase federal revenue."

## HORACE E. WALTER QUILTS HOME LOAN POST IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Jan. 11 (AP)—J. P. Lipscomb, state manager of the federal home owners' loan corporation of Oregon, today revealed that he had requested the resignation of H. E. Walter, assistant manager.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Leaving behind no statement of his reason for resigning as assistant manager of the Oregon branch office of the home owners' loan corporation, Horace E. Walter, of Portland, was on his way to Washington, D. C., by airplane today to make a personal report to John H. Fahey, HOLC chairman.

Before his hasty departure Walter found time to drop a few remarks. "I am going back there in an effort to get this Oregon home loan office straightened out so it can give the people the service they are entitled to," he said.

To this assertion J. P. Lipscomb, the HOLC at chambers of commerce tonight: "I don't know what he was talking about. If (the resignation) came so suddenly that I haven't had time to give it much thought yet."

Walter also said he was "burned up" over Fahey's reputed instructions to Manager Lipscomb to fire Walter or any other person in the organization who subordinated official duties to publicity activities and speech-making.

"I have made most of these speeches about the actual work of the HOLC at chambers of commerce and civic clubs, and many at the direct invitation of Manager Lipscomb who, when called upon to speak, would just take a bow and introduce me as his 'official speaker,'" Walter continued.

Reports here were that some Democrats had protested to Postmaster-General James A. Farley in connection with Fahey's instructions to Lipscomb.

Walter emphatically denied any intention to make a bid for Lipscomb's position.

## HONOLULU IS REACHED IN 1-DAY FLIGHT

Six Seaplanes Arrive at Their Objective at 2:41 p. m. Today.

## CHEERING CROWD WELCOMES THEM

Longest Formation Non-Stop Flight Ever Made—Marks New Step in Naval Aviation.

HONOLULU, Jan. 11 (AP)—The six navy planes flying from San Francisco were sighted over Honolulu at 12:11 p. m. Honolulu time or 2:41 p. m., Pacific standard time.

The planes thundered out of the northwestern horizon, swept over Honolulu at 2:41 p. m. (Pacific standard time).

The planes spread out in a high formation, the bright sunlight shining on their wings.

The planes streamed down Molokai channel, rounded Makapuu point and headed across the island to Pearl harbor, 24 hours and 19 minutes out of San Francisco.

It was the longest non-stop formation flight in world history and marked a new step forward for naval aviation.

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## ADMINISTRATION WINS TWO TESTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The administration triumphed in two congressional tests today, the senate reversing itself on the restrictions against liquor imports from nations remiss with debt payments, and the house granting unhampered right-of-way to the bill extending the Roosevelt economy powers.

On word from the White House of disapproval for the Clark amendment imposing higher levies on alcoholic imports from the debt defaulters, the senate changed its mind on a 44 to 30 vote.

Over Republican objection, the house Democratic leadership succeeded on a 261 to 113 vote in clamping on a stringent restriction of debate to protect the power given the president to curtail federal spending, including veterans' payments.

This signified easy and fast going for the legislation to the senate, where the more liberal rules will mean longer attacks.

All was not simple sailing for the Democratic leadership, however, faced

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## WILL FIGHT FOR BIG DAM LOCKS

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—L. A. Duncan and G. Carlton, members of a group representing the Triand Empire maritime conference, said here today the organization will "fight to the finish" for ship-locks at the Bonneville dam, of sufficient size to pass ocean-going ships.

Representatives of the maritime conference are touring Eastern Oregon in support of the movement for navigation locks larger than the "barge size" already indicated.

## Johnson Hopes To Put More to Work

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Dissatisfaction with the volume of re-employment achieved by NRA through its code regime showed itself today as the underlying cause of Hugh S. Johnson's intention to try for a general further shortening of work hours.

Conservative estimates of NRA officials on the employment increases actually attributable to codes in the manufacturing industries, they say, do not exceed 1,500,000 men.

## Here Are Plane Skippers for S. F.-Hawaii Hop



Here are the officers in charge of the six U. S. navy planes which swooped down onto the Hawaiian Islands this afternoon after a formation flight from San Francisco—the longest on record! Left to right—Lieut. Commander Kneffert McGinnis, in command of the squadron; Lieutenants H. J. Roberts, F. A. Davis, T. D. Gunn, J. Perry and H. K. Averill.

## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51 1/2 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 70 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 (AP)—Despite a show of strength at the outset today, the bulk of later trading in grain was at lower prices.

Comparative dearth of aggressive new speculative buying became manifest, and the government report on farm reserve supplies of grain had little effect except at the start.

Wheat closed unstable, 1 1/2¢ under yesterday's finish, corn 1/2¢ @ 3/4¢ down, oats 3/4¢ @ 1/2¢ and provisions varying from 12c decline to 7c gain.

## MAN, 93, TAKES DAILY OUTDOORS ICE BATH

MILBURN, Ky., Jan. 11 (AP)—Hale and hearty at 93, Dr. J. T. Sutton, physician, attributes his longevity to roller skating, bicycle riding and a daily plunge into cold water, even if he has to break the ice.

An enthusiast for fresh air and outdoor living, he wears summer clothes in winter and sleeps with little cover, even in the coldest

weather.

Most every morning finds him astride his bicycle for a jaunt into the country or skating with children of the neighborhood. His daily bath is taken in a barrel outdoors with nothing to break the chilling sweep of winter winds.

Dr. Sutton was a surgeon in the Confederate army.