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BIG TOURIST BUSINESS IN CITY IN '33

Out-of-State Registrations Show 25 Per Cent Gain Over 1932.

TOTAL FOR STATE SHOWS DECREASE

During 1933 1,778 Motorists Stopped Here Compared With 1,425 the Year Before.

Although tourist travel in Oregon as a whole has been declining since the peak year of 1929, La Grande has been obtaining more and more of the tourist business since that year, according to registration figures at the chamber of commerce office.

The Oregon law requires out-of-state cars to register, and it is on these figures that local authorities believe that La Grande is getting more and more out of the influx of motorists.

During 1933 a total of 1,778 motorists registered their cars in La Grande, an increase of 353 over 1932, or a gain of more than 25 per cent. This in the face of a decrease in total state registrations of from 90,760 in 1932 to 82,526 in 1933. Totals for other years for Oregon follow: 1931—93,142; 1930—93,141, and 1929—103,008.

La Grande's registrations for 1933 also showed a big gain over 1931, when the total was 950. In 1930 it was 640.

December and January, two of the poorest months of the year for tourist travel, found 106 so far registering, 98 last month and eight so far this month, according to Harold C. Boone, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

La Grande's registrations are expected by only one large registration plant in Eastern Oregon. At Huntington, the 1933 total was 2,175. Baker had 1,267, Pendleton 1,256 and Ontario 1,845.

Belief that because of gaining registrations La Grande is getting more tourist business, is based on the fact that most motorists register in the point where they expect to spend the night, or stop to make purchases.

Famous Jockey Dies Saturday At Local Hotel

Johnny Garrison, 78 years of age and at one time one of the leading jockeys of the eastern and southern turfs, died Saturday at his home at the Paris hotel.

Mr. Garrison had ridden in the Kentucky Derby and other great turf classics in his younger days, and sat astride horses whose fame has lived down through many decades. Details of his colorful past could not be learned locally.

He had been a resident of La Grande for the last year, settling in the valley several years ago at Union.

He had no known relatives and the body is at Walkers Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

ORTON NAMED C. W. A. AGENT

M. J. Orton, of Enterprise, has been named purchasing agent for the civil works administration for Union and Wallowa counties. He will direct the purchasing of all materials used on various projects.

SMALL BLAZE ON SATURDAY

The fire truck was called to a small vacant house at 1301 Jackson avenue late Saturday afternoon to extinguish a small blaze. Practically no damage was caused by the fire, the origin of which was unknown.

FIRST QUARTER TAX DUE ON MARCH 15

The first tax installment this year will be due March 15, nearly two months earlier than in past years, when the first payment had to be in by May 5. Deputy Sheriff Dick Claycomb, said in a statement explaining the new tax laws providing for quarterly payments.

In the past taxes have been paid semi-annually, being due May 5 and November 5. Under the new law they will be due March 15, June 15, Sep-

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 14.—Trouble with us is we had the tax on liquor at the wrong time. We should have had it on from 1919 to 1933, when people were drinking. A prospector in the heart of Death Valley is not as lonesome looking as a salesman in a liquor store.

That Japanese admiral that declared war on America got a lot of publicity but no war. In fact, all the writers and predictors haven't been able to produce a war as readily as they promised. Every nation thinks they are getting ready for it quicker than the other and if they each know that the other is ready there will be none. Yours,

Will Rogers
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CLUB ELECTS 5 DIRECTORS ON TUESDAY

Annual Business Meeting of Country Club Tomorrow Evening

Election of five directors and reports of committees will feature the annual business meeting of members of the La Grande country club tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. at the office of Charles H. Reynolds.

Fifteen directors hold office, each serving for three years, and five are elected each year.

The terms of H. N. Ashby, L. K. Kinzel, W. C. Perkins, Herman Sleight, and William Siegrist expire this year.

Terms of F. L. Meyers, C. W. Blinger, H. E. Dixon, J. C. Murphy and Dr. R. P. Murphy expire in 1935 and terms of C. H. Reynolds, P. E. Lanzer, Aug. J. Stange, G. L. Larson and Harry McKinlay expire in 1936.

MENTION BRADY AMONG MEN WHO MAY ENTER RACE

Political prognosticators in Portland during the weekend unearthed additional opposition for Rep. Walter M. Pierce in his campaign for re-election this year to the congressional seat from Eastern Oregon. Among those mentioned is Hugh E. Brady, who was an independent candidate two years ago.

The Oregon political editor had this to say:

"In congressional district No. 2, which is all of Eastern Oregon, it can be safely assumed that Walter M. Pierce will be out to succeed him locally.

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GRALAPP SPEAKS AT LIONS CLUB

Arnold L. Gralapp, principal of the La Grande high school, was the main speaker at today's meeting of the Lions club at the Scajawa Inn. Mr. Gralapp gave a very interesting talk on the subject of "The Panorama of the Earth's History."

Bill Roach, state policeman, was introduced as a new member, and guests included K. J. McWilliams, and the following members of the city fire department: Chief C. T. Lindsay, Parley Hutchins, Oscar Marshall and W. F. Gallagher.

Announcement was made that volleyball practice at the L. H. S. gym would be held Wednesday evening, and that the Lions would have a team in a four-team league to begin a round robin schedule Jan. 31.

SEEKS DIVORCE



Divorce is being forced on her by the husband who helped kill to avenge her wrongs. Mrs. Thalia Masse declared as she stopped in Chicago on her way to Reno. She is shown here aboard her train. She will file suit against Lieut. Thomas Masse, who was convicted in 1932, with others, of slaying a Hawaiian who attacked her, and was imprisoned for one hour.

NO WINTER? SOME MAKE PREDICTION

Various people in and around La Grande who have been hoping there would be no winter weather of the usual type in the Grande Ronde valley this year, have become more optimistic and are now openly predicting that such a condition will exist. Probably they are basing much of

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OPERETTA TO BE STAGED BY HIGH SCHOOL

"Jewels of The Desert" Selected; Main Members of Cast Named.

"Jewels of the Desert," an operetta with music by Lily Strickland, one of the best known composers of songs among them "Lindy Lou" and others, and libretto by Sarah Grames Clark, will be presented by the La Grande High school in March, the exact date to be set later. The operetta has an oriental background and the music is charming.

Four leads supply the romantic element of the operetta, and fine voices have been selected by Andrew Loney Jr., director of public school music. Miss Kathryn Sartain will direct the dramatics and the dancing, and will select the choruses later in the week.

Isabel Williams, mezzo soprano, will play the role of the oriental girl, with Winifred Scott as her understudy, while playing opposite her will be Ray Hendrickson, baritone, who is cast in the role of a man of the desert. Elbert Wattenberg is understudying Mr. Hendrickson. The other leads, an English girl and a dashing English lieutenant are played by Ila Mae Andrews, soprano, and Norman Hogenson, tenor. They will be understudied by Ella Engle and Kenneth Ragin.

Two fine comedy roles, a negro attendant and an Arabian attendant, will be filled by John Williams, baritone, and Robert Robertson, also baritone. Their understudies are Kenneth Ragin and Donald Higgins.

Other characters and their understudies are Delores Fowell, mezzo soprano, and Marjery Spencer; Helen Hendrickson, speaking part, Marion Boyles; Mottier Dodge baritone, Robert Spencer; Myron Wheeler, speaking part, Glen McKenzie, Viola Rogers, mezzo-soprano, Gwen Hertzog; Jack McGehee, tenor, Bob Hogenson. More than 150 tried out for the leading roles.

BIG WHOLESALE CONCERN RECOGNIZES LA GRANDE AS CENTER OF NEW DIVISION

Western States Grocery Co. Notes Increased Business Volume in Foodstuffs in This Section.

Another step indicative of the considerable improvement of trade volume in this section of Eastern Oregon is the announcement by Western States Grocery company of the es-

tablishment in La Grande of a separate individual and independent unit for this entire territory. The of-

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Tents Used for L. A. Schools Now



More than 140,000 Los Angeles schoolchildren have cloth schoolhouses now as the result of the Board of Education closing scores of buildings deemed unsafe in case of earthquakes. Here is one of the temporary schools and some of its pupils.

LA GRANDE WILL HAVE STORE FOR SALE OF LIQUOR

DETAILS UNSETTLED A location for a state liquor store in La Grande, and appointment of men to operate it remained unsettled today, but it was expected that announcement might be forthcoming within the week as to one or possibly both of these points. Several local men are reported to have made applications for the management of the state store here.

SALEM, Jan. 15 (AP)—Quarters in the capitol building were being made ready today for the administrative department of the new liquor control commission, which late Saturday announced February 10 as the date for the opening of 18 liquor stores in larger cities and establishment of 80 agencies in every important community under 5,000 population in Oregon for the sale of liquors over 14 per cent alcoholic content.

This week was also to see the appointment of many of the 105 employees which was estimated would be employed at the beginning of the state liquor business, and the selection of the agencies to handle sales in smaller communities.

The 17 cities which will have liquor stores were announced by George Sammis, administrator, each to have one store with the exception of Portland which will have two at the outset and possibly two more. They are Portland, Salem, Eugene, Klamath

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AMERICANS IN FOOCHEW WILL BE PROTECTED

U. S. Naval Forces Prepared to Guard Against Loss of Life, Property in Disorders.

FOOCHEW, China, Jan. 15 (AP)—United States sailors landed here today to protect American lives and property in disorders accompanying the evacuation of this fallen rebel capital by the retreating 10th route army.

At the request of Gordon Burke, vice consul in charge of the United States consular district, a naval party came ashore from the American gunboat Tulsa and immediately went on board in the quarter.

The Tulsa had been standing by since Nationalist troops began their drive southward down the Min river valley north of Foochow to put down the secessionist movement in Fukien province.

Early today, two Nationalist marines were slain by a leaderless rebel band. Further disorders developed among opposing Chinese factions.

Shortly after the Americans were ordered ashore, however, the Nationalist marines were withdrawn to their vessels in an apparent attempt by Admiral Chen Shao-Kwan to relieve the grave situation.

This, with the arrival of the 10,000-ton British cruiser Herwick, after a dash from Hong Kong, was believed to have lessened considerably the danger to Foochow's foreign population.

Already on hand offering protection to their Nationals when the United

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EDUCATION BOARD IS EXPECTED TO NAME PRESIDENTS

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 (AP)—Expected major action of the state board of higher education, possibly involving establishment of acting presidents or deans of administration at University of Oregon and Oregon State college, was put over to the afternoon session when adjournment was taken at noon after consideration of routine business was only well begun.

Only six of the present eight members of the board were present, G. B. McLeod being out of the state on business, and Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce being at Washington with Congressman Pierce.

During the noon recess the men most prominently spoken of as likely to be nominated by the chancellor as deans of administration were Dr. C. V. Boyer, dean of arts and let-

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Both before and after President Roosevelt's monetary message to congress today, grain values showed a buoyant upward trend, with dealings on a large scale. A reduction of 3.2 1/2 bushels in the United States which visible supply brought the total down to the lowest point since June. Wheat closed strong, 1 1/4 @ 4 1/2 cents above Saturday's finish, corn 1/2 @ 1 1/2c up, oats 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2c advanced, and provisions showing 20 to 37c gain.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SENATE PASSES R. F. C. BILL
CREAVY, THOMSON IN FINALS
PIONEER LUMBERMAN DIES
F. R. ISSUES THREE ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The senate today passed without a record vote the administration bill extending the life of the Reconstruction Finance corporation until Feb. 1, 1935 and increasing its lending powers by \$850,000,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Two fairway trouper from opposite sides of the country, Tom Creavy of Albany, N. Y., and Jimmy Thomson, of Long Beach, Cal., matched shots today in the 36-hole finals of the San Francisco national match play open golf championship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 (AP)—A. B. Hammond, 83, pioneer lumberman well known throughout the west, died at his home here today from a heart attack after several months illness.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—President Roosevelt today issued three executive orders revising the government's regulation over foreign exchange transactions and extending the license policy to individuals as well as to banks.

HEAVY QUAKE CAUSES MANY DEATHS, INDIA

CALCUTTA, Jan. 15 (AP)—At least 21 persons were killed and many were injured in a protracted earthquake which shook all India today.

The wife and children of G. W. Brown, the British manager of the railway work shop, and the wife of the Indian district medical officer were killed in the collapse of the Jamalpur railway station.

The additional number of casualties there were not determined. Eight persons were killed at Patna and nine at Gaya.

Office occupants in Calcutta, panic stricken, rushed into the streets and many buildings were slightly damaged, including the High Court and Electric corporation buildings, two churches, the Imperial bank and the general postoffice.

The quake started here at 2:45 p. m. (local time) (3:45 a. m., E.S.T.). A message from Cawnpore said 300

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MARK TEMPLE TO COACH PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP)—Mark Temple, star halfback at University of Oregon for the past three seasons, was today selected as head football coach for Pendleton High school, succeeding Clarence Hines, Pendleton coach for the past two years, and formerly of Bend High school.

Temple, co-captain of the Webfoot eleven last season, will take charge of the coaching here next fall. He is a graduate of Pendleton High school where he started in football, basketball and track for four years.

While in school here he played football under the tutelage of Bob Quinn, now Eastern Oregon Normal coach, and Fred Kramer, Eugene High coach.

Hines will remain here to teach history and will handle the junior high school athletic teams.

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PRESIDENT FOLLOWS MIDDLE-OF-ROAD PLAN

By Claude A. Jagger
NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—More stable conditions in foreign exchange and in the U. S. government bond markets were foreseen by Wall Street monetary authorities today, on reading President Roosevelt's message to congress requesting limitation of the devaluation of the dollar to between 60 and 60 per cent of former parity, and suggesting the establishing of a \$2,000,000,000 equalization fund. Neither extreme inflationists nor confirmed hard money men found much comfort in the message, and it was widely agreed that the administration was manifestly keeping to a middle-of-the-road policy. Some banking experts thought, however, that more stable conditions should be expected to facilitate huge expansion of bank credit and bank deposits, as the movement is primed by the

F. R. OUTLINES "COMMODITY" PLAN TODAY

Asks Congress For Nationalization of Gold Supply of Nation.

EXACT VALUATION OF DOLLAR LATER

Democratic Leaders Predict the Chief Executive Will Get Authority He Seeks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Power to make periodic revaluation of the dollar within the limited range of 50 to 60 per cent of its present gold content was asked of congress today by President Roosevelt in a special message urging government ownership of all monetary gold.

Mr. Roosevelt recommended also creation of a \$2,000,000,000 fund out of profits realized from devaluation with which the secretary of treasury could trade in gold, foreign exchange and government securities for "the regulation of the currency, the maintenance of the credit of the government and the general welfare of the United States."

His message sought legislative title to the \$3,500,000,000 of federal reserve bank gold with provision for payment in gold certificates—warehouse receipts on gold dollars in the treasury.

His message made clear the intention to proceed with "commodity dollar" plans, envisioning a flexible dollar riding—its compared with the present statutory gold content—at between 50 and 60 cents. Democratic leaders in congress quickly predicted he would get the

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New Gold Price Of \$34.45 Takes Effect Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau announced today that tomorrow the price for newly mined domestic gold would be \$34.45 an ounce, less one-quarter of 1 per cent for handling charges.

He also set Wednesday night as the deadline for delivery to the treasury of all gold held by individuals in the United States but not including federal reserve banks.

The deduction of one quarter of 1 per cent would make the metal worth to the miner approximately \$34.38, or 30 cents above the price of \$34.08 which the RFC has maintained for 21 business days.

Earlier it had become known that RFC gold purchases abroad approximate \$97,000,000, of which some \$40,000,000 has been bought since January 1.

The effect of the new treasury gold price is further to cheapen the dollar's value.

AFTER DINNER TALK CONTEST IS SCHEDULED

A group of nine or 10 speakers will participate in the after dinner speaking contest at the Eastern Oregon Normal school and will appear in the assembly there tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. President H. E. Inlow said today, "American Optimism" is the theme which will be used by each of the speakers.

Miss Amanda Zabel is directing the event.



"AND I THOUGHT I WAS RED"

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