

St. Paul Bank President Held For \$200,000 Ransom

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OPEN BIDS ON LOCAL ROAD JOBS

2 COMPANIES IN RACE FOR BIG PROJECT

Wallowa-Lostine Section Bid \$90,358—Hart Co. Also in Running.

LA GRANDE WORK OFFER IS \$4,577

Contracts to Be Let Later Today, After Engineers Check All the Bids Thoroughly.

Bids for 16 highway projects involving an estimated total expenditure of \$500,000, under the national recovery act, and including two jobs on the La Grande - Wallowa Lake highway, were opened by the Oregon highway commission in Portland today.

Bids received included: Umatilla county: Bituminous macadam, east section of Old Oregon Trail, Northwest Roads company, Portland, \$4,843. Union county: Bituminous macadam, La Grande section Wallowa Lake highway, Northwest Roads company, \$4,577.

Wallowa county: Regrading and surfacing Wallowa-Lostine section Wallowa highway, 8.89 miles, Dunn & Baker, of Klamath Falls \$90,358. The Hart Construction company of La Grande bid, for which total was not given, may be slightly lower when bids are checked.

The bid by the Northwest Roads Co. is for work on the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway from the U. P. railroad tracks in this city to the city limits, and calls for adding some seven feet of road to each side of the present highway.

Awarding of contracts was expected late this afternoon, after commission engineers had completed thorough checking of all bids entered.

Dancing, Music Program Tonight At East Normal

A varied and highly entertaining program of dancing and music from early Grecian to modern German, accompanied by colorful costumes, special scenery, and novel lighting effects will mark the appearance tonight of the Fraser-James dance group at the Eastern Oregon Normal school auditorium.

While there is no pre-sale of tickets to the public, a block of the best auditorium seats will be reserved for townpeople at popular prices.

TWO CASES OF DISEASE OVER UNION COUNTY

The weekly report of the state board of health reveals but two cases of communicable diseases in Union county, one pneumonia and one chickenpox. In Baker county there were five cases of smallpox reported, and in Umatilla county there were six cases of scarlet fever. Wallowa county had no communicable diseases.

CALENDAR'S WEATHER FORECAST CHECKED

Calendar weather predictions? Are they accurate? Maybe they are for some sections of the country, but let us take a look at the predictions on the calendar that happens to hang nearby. Here's what the forecast has been: Jan. 3 to 6, cold wave, with Jan. 4 very cold. Jan. 17, light snow. Jan. 20, very cold. Actually, Jan. 3 to 6 marked a spring-like warmth in La Grande, with the temperature ranging up to 49 above. On Jan. 3 the maximum was 49 and the minimum 38 above, six above freezing. On Jan. 4 the maximum was 49 and the minimum 40 above, warmer than the preceding day. Not so very cold, eh? On Jan.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 17 — I want to stay off any reference to this 60-cent dollar until I have seen one, so I started searching the paper mightily thoroughly. What do you think I found away down in one corner like one of those denials that a paper is sometimes forced to make? It stated, "Republican elected to congress in Vermont." That's a mighty serious rumor in case it proves to be true, and I have no doubt that congress will be asked to pass a law preventing it happening again. Course, the thing came up so sudden like they didn't think there was one in a million miles. Yours,

Will Rogers. © 1934, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

ELKS LODGE RATES HIGH OVER STATE

District Deputy C. C. Bradley Speaks at Meeting of Organization.

The La Grande lodge, B. P. O. E., heads the list among the lodges of the state in the soundness of their financial situation, Charles C. Bradley, of Portland, district deputy, said last night during an official visit here. The local group is not only one of the most sound financially but is one of the most active and enthusiastic groups about the state, he added.

Two hundred and fifty members

COUNTY DIVIDED INTO 5 HOG AND CORN DISTRICTS

Union county was divided into five districts to facilitate the working of the hog and corn reduction plan yesterday when a committee met at the office of H. O. Avery, county agricultural agent. The plan was outlined and discussed and activity will begin soon in distributing contracts and signing up hog and corn raisers to comply with the administration's plan of regulating production.

The county was divided into five districts and meetings will be held in each of the districts to consider the hog and corn program and to elect committeemen to represent the communities in the county organization.

The Elgin district, No. 1, will hold

PROGRESS MADE BY MISSIONARIES

Miss Louisa A. Miller, of Repalle, Guntur, India, spoke at the Lutheran church last night, telling of the missionary work she and her associates have been doing in India. After 20 years of effort in the Guntur mission field, Miss Miller is able to see great changes taking place. The fact that there have been Christian missionaries in India for 250 years accounts for the harvest of souls which missionaries today are witness-

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SEVERAL SEEK LOCAL LIQUOR APPOINTMENT

Walt Leisman Considered To Be First in Line For Management Here.

Appointment of Otto J. Runte, of La Grande and Portland, to the position of Eastern Oregon supervisor for the Oregon liquor control commission, resulted locally in a great deal of speculation as to who will receive the management of the state liquor store to be opened in La Grande about Feb. 10.

During the last few days, among many applicants for the position of manager here, the names of Walter Leisman, Hubert Anderson and Mr. Hendrickson have been mentioned most frequently. But with the appointment of Mr. Runte as supervisor, belief here was growing that Mr. Leisman would be successful in his application for the post. He has been proprietor of the L & L Drug Co. here for many years and is one of the city's most prominent business men.

No official announcement as to a selection of a liquor store manager for this city had been made today, but such an announcement was expected before long.

In addition to applications for the management, many other applications have been sent by La Grander

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Queen Selection Is Planned For Gold, Green Ball

Innovations in decoration will be utilized in a unique manner for the annual Gold and Green ball, sponsored by the Church of the Latter Day Saints Friday evening at the large ball room in the Recreational hall. Gold and green, from which the ball takes its name, will be the color scheme but new decorative ideas have been conceived by the committee of which Parley Thomas and Mrs. Kate Metcalf are chairmen. All Wards in the Stake will participate.

Other members of the committee are Clark Webb, Mrs. Otis Veal, Marcell Stoddard, Miss Beatrice Wardell, Frankie Baum and Mrs. Jack Hatt Sr. For her charm, poise, beauty, carriage and dress, the queen of the ball will be chosen from among candidates from each of the wards to reign over the dancers during the evening. The queen will be crowned

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Discord Drowns Out Rudy Vallee's Love Song



FAY—"I don't want Rudy. If anybody does, she's welcome. He ranks A-1 as a fiance and a fizzle as a husband."

RUDY—"I'll be happy to answer every charge of Mrs. Vallee. Do I love Alice Faye? No, she's not my type."

ALICE—"Simply ridiculous. The charge that she kept a love tryst with Vallee at Miami Beach and that they embraced."

One of the most sensational and bitterly fought legal battles in Los Angeles' history is believed impending, as Rudy Vallee, famous crooner, prepares to fight the separate maintenance suit of Mrs. Vallee, the former Fay Webb, branding it as a "shakedown." Mrs. Vallee charges Rudy with misconduct with Alice Faye, blond radio singer, and several "Jane Does." Vallee hits back by impugning his wife's conduct, among other things stating that she had a date over a telephone with an adagio dancer while she was wearing nothing but mules and a smile and that she had a habit of going around nude in her apartment.

SELECT GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR BIRTHDAY BALL

The executive committee in charge of the Birthday Ball for the president, to be held at the Sackajawes the night of Jan. 30, today announced through M. D. Geller, secretary, the general committee for the La Grande ball. Other special committees are being named, including appointment of Police Chief Jim Steffen and Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay to head the ticket selling committee, and Harry McKinlay to head the decorating committee. Mr. Geller reported that Mr. McKinlay intended to have his staff of decorators from Falk's store prepare the hall for the dance. Members of the general committee as announced today follow: M. J. Goss, A. L. Orniapp, F. A. Greulich, Dr. C. H. Gilstrap, Raymond Gray, Kate Houx, L. S. Hanford, R. R. Hutton, Henry Hess, H. M. Howard, H. E. Inlow, J. Jordan, B. B. Johnson, Judge Knowles, Fred Kiddle, Martin King, Rev. Kopp, F. Lander, H. V. Laffel, John Larison, A. G.

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"HOW VULGAR!"



ILLINOIS MILK STRIKE

DEFENDANTS WIN VERDICT OF JURY

Hobart Johnson and Dean Dudley, both of Athena, were found not guilty of negligent and careless waste of game animals, namely elk, this morning by a jury in the justice court. Judge L. Denham presided over the case. This is the last of a series of cases.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

C. W. A. CHECK ORDERED UNIVERSITY SUPPORTS ROYER HOPKINS TO CONTINUE BUTTERMAKERS IN SESSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Preparing for possible stoppage of the civil works program on February 10 because of funds running out, the federal works administration today halted purchase of materials and supplies for use on projects throughout the country. The order, issued by Audrey Williams, assistant administrator, on direction of Harry L. Hopkins, represented—it was stated—"A stock taking."

EUGENE, Jan. 18 (AP) — A resolution pledging full and unqualified co-operation and support to Dr. C. V. Boyer, University of Oregon campus president, was adopted unanimously by the university faculty in its first meeting with the new acting president.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18 (AP) — Requested by the federal relief supervisor, Harry L. Hopkins, to continue as Oregon relief director and head of the state CWA at least in a temporary capacity, Raymond B. Wilcox has acceded to the petition, he told the Associated Press last night, at least until Feb. 1.

SALEM, Jan. 18 (AP) — More than 200 buttermakers and ice cream manufacturers in the state were in session here today to perfect a code for these industries in conformity with the legislative act providing the co-operation of the state with the federal government in the promotion of the rehabilitation of agriculture.

HEARING UNDER WAY FOR BIRTH CONTROL BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, mother of six children including the actress, Katharine Hepburn, advocated the Pierce birth control bill before the house judiciary committee today with the words: "The terror of race suicide is nonsense, but women want children — but they want them when they can afford them physically and economically. Race suicide talk is just as ridiculous as that of those who said, when we women wanted the vote, that for them to go to the polls would de-

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HOUSE COMMITTEE O. K. ON GOLD BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Formally reporting approval of the administration's money measure, the house coinage committee said today that Great Britain forced the United States off the gold standard and the proposed \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund was intended "to prevent a repetition of this experience." Committee, in approving the president's dollar devaluation bill, added an amendment requiring the secretary of the treasury to report to congress on operations of the stabilization fund. Secretary Morgenthau said at his press conference that the Federal Reserve bank of New York, acting for the treasury, was purchasing gold abroad as well as domestically.

THRILLING RESCUE OF 3 WOMEN IS RELATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP) — Three women survivors of the yacht Alamyth were thrown like sacks of wheat from the deck of the sinking craft to the arms of sailors in a wave-tossed life boat. The story of their rescue, along with that of 11 men, in a sea so rough that no boat could tie to the Alamyth was related today as soon as they arrived on the coast guard cutter Thetis shortly after 9 a. m. The Alamyth, a two-masted auxiliary schooner 86 feet long, was abandoned by its small company at 11 a. m. yesterday, when water was pouring into its hull so fast that pumps could no longer save it. Rescue of the survivors was effected by the tanker Gulfland 75 miles south of Barnegat, N. J. George E. Conklin, of Peaseck, N. J., organizer of the cruise which was to take the yacht through the South seas on a share-the-cost basis, said a sudden veering of the wind at 5 a. m. yesterday brought disaster to his craft.

WEALTHY MAN CAPTURED ON AUTO DRIVE

Family of Edward G. Bremer Refuses to Work With Police

ABDUCTORS LEAVE NOTE, IS REPORT

Bank President Kidnaped After Taking His Eight-Year-Old Daughter to Her School

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18 (AP) — Police announced today that kidnapers demanding \$200,000 ransom abducted Edward G. Bremer, son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer and prominent Democrat of Minnesota, yesterday morning.

The 37-year-old president of the Commercial State bank, was picked up by an unscrupulous number of men between 8:15 and 10 a. m., Wednesday shortly after he had returned from Chicago. Police had received no official notification of the abduction and members of the Bremer family refused to discuss it.

The reported abduction of Bremer, whose father owns a controlling interest in the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, followed by seven months the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., millionaire president of

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Carlos Mendieta Made President Of Cuba Today

HAVANA, Jan. 18 (AP) — Carlos Mendieta, 60-year-old physician, statesman and revolutionist, today was made president of Cuba — the fifth president in as many months. Mendieta entered an office which had been vacant overnight, since Carlos Hevia, who had held office 40 hours, suddenly resigned. Mendieta, in his first statement after being selected president of Cuba, said today: "Through the Associated Press, I send the American people my government's and my own most cordial and affectionate greetings, hoping that Cuba may base herself on an order of reason and justice."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Recognition of Cuba by the United States within a reasonable time is a possibility as a result of what the administration considers the clarification of Cuba's affairs through the selection of Colonel Carlos Mendieta as president and the co-operation of all divergent parties, including the army and navy.

Farm Experiment Working, Wallace

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Secretary Wallace today stopped before a senate committee with the assertion that the first eight months operation of the greatest farm experiment ever conducted in this country had provided a "conclusive demonstration" that it would work. At the same time, he conceded the administration had failed to carry out all of its plans, particularly with milk marketing agreements.

FLAGSHIP OF BYRD'S PARTY AT ICY CAMP

Finds Little America in Good Condition — All Intact Under the Snow

LITTLE AMERICA (Via Mackay Radio), Jan. 18 (AP) — Admiral Richard E. Byrd and his Antarctic expedition arrived here today. The arrival was at 12:30 a. m. E. S. T. (Unusual static interference made it difficult for the Byrd flagship to communicate with civilization.) The flagship was forced to travel at a reduced speed Tuesday night owing to a blizzard. But yesterday the sky cleared slowly and the waters of the Ross sea became deep blue. The expedition intended to determine the state of the old camp at Little America, which Byrd left four years ago. Six dog teams, hauling camping supplies, immediately were slung over the side of the ship and started over the gently rising ridge between the mooring place and the camp proper. The cruise from Boston had occupied three months. The landing party found the three 60-foot wireless towers of the camp intact although the buildings were covered with snow. "It's all there," Admiral Byrd explained. "The administration building you can see, the three ventilators sticking up and the chimney. There's the radio shack to the left. It's all there under the snow."

BUS AND TRUCK VOTE MOVE FAILS

SALEM, Jan. 18 (AP) — The attempt to place the repeal of the 1933 truck and bus law on the special election ballot, May 18 failed, it was announced today by the secretary of state's office. Insufficient signatures for the initiative proposal resulted in the defeat of the plan. The initiative petitions, sponsored by the Motor Vehicle Owners' association, were sent to the secretary of state last night with but 12,000 names. In order to be placed upon the ballot, 28,667 names would be necessary.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 53 1/2 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 71 1/2 cents. No export bid. CHICAGO, Jan. 18 (AP) — Jolted by a severe drop of the pound sterling to below \$5, for the first time in weeks, the wheat market averaged lower today. Accompanying the fall of the pound were suggestions among wheat traders that a currency war between Great Britain and the United States was impending. Wheat closed unsteady, 3/4 @ 1 1/4 under yesterday's finish, corn 1/2 @ 10 down, oats 1/2 @ 5/8 off, and provisions at 7 to 27c decline.