

One Road Bid Rejected; Hart Bros. Get Wallowa Job

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CUT WORKING HOURS ON C.W.A. JOBS

LA GRANDER'S \$83,867 BID IS ACCEPTED

Provides For Improvement of Wallowa-Lostine Section of Road.

MAY READVERTISE LOCAL PROJECT

Northwest Road Company's Bid of \$4,577 For Job Here Reported Above the Estimates.

The state highway commission late yesterday rejected all bids received for the proposed improvement of the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway from the U. P. railroad tracks to the La Grande city limits, and awarded a contract to the Hart Construction Co. of La Grande for improvement of the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway from the west city limits of Wallowa to the east city limits of Lostine.

The bids on the La Grande project were rejected, it is reported, because they exceeded the engineers' estimates of the cost. Northwest Road Co. was bid with a bid of \$4,577. Bids also were rejected for a similar job at Pendleton, and one at Springfield, Ore.

It is believed locally that the project will be readvertised for bids, which will be opened at some future date to be set by the commission. This is the usual procedure in such cases.

The awarding of the Wallowa-Lostine job to Hart brothers of La Grande was welcome news to this city, as it is expected that quite a number of Union and Wallowa county men will be given work on the project. The Hart bid was \$83,867, which proved the lowest bid offered.

WALLOWA, Ore., Jan. 19 (Special)—The new right-of-way for the highway through Wallowa has been obtained. It will go from the west city limits up Madison street to First street. It will be necessary to move one barn and one house off the right-of-way, says the Wallowa Sun.

The improvement will be a 40-foot road bed graded, gravelled and surfaced with a 20-foot oil mat through the town.

Contract was let January 18 for the widening, surfacing and the cutting of the Wallowa Lake highway from the west city limits of Wallowa to the east city limits of Lostine.

Contractors will be required to hire local labor in so far as is possible.

The city of Wallowa is contemplating installing new water pipes from the corner of First and Alder streets to Madison street before the highway construction work is done.

Jackman Confers With Richards, Avery, Rampton

E. R. Jackman, farm crops field expert from Oregon State college, arrived this afternoon to meet with D. E. Richards, of the Union experiment station, H. G. Avery, county agent, and H. H. Rampton, assistant, to assist in working out a field crop demonstration which will be carried on by the county agent's office this year.

Four Missionaries Safe At Foochow

FOOCHOW, China, Jan. 19 (AP)—Four American missionaries, located near Kaitien as a result of sharp fighting in the region, were reported today to have come through the experience unharmed.

They are Rev. W. S. Bissonette of Canton, Ohio; Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Brester of Xenia, Ohio, and Miss Martha Graf of Cincinnati.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 18 — I am still trying to stay off writing about the 60-cent dollar. It looks like the argument is pretty well taken care of without any expert aid from me. We got France scared so the experiment has already paid for itself.

Cuba kinder noosed in on the front page again today with a new president, but it's getting so that's not news. So about two more presidents and they will be back with the want ads as news.

Tammany Hall had the biggest quake in years. A Mr. Flynn, a very able man and friend of our president, who heretofore only had one district, has taken over the whole thing. Tammany deaths, however, are always temporary. Yours,

Will Rogers
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39 GRADUATE FROM EIGHTH GRADE TODAY

Last of "A" Class Students to Enter La Grande High Next Monday.

With the entrance of 39 grade school graduates into La Grande High school Monday morning, when they will begin regular classes of the second semester, the last of the "A" classes will have gone into past history. This was announced by Supt. Herbert Evans, of the city schools, today in giving the names of the eighth grade graduates.

Last fall, "A" and "B" classes were discontinued, and achievement tests were used to adjust students to classes beginning their terms with the

DANCERS PRAISED BY AUDIENCE AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Authentic interpretation and a mastery of technique marked the dance recital presented by the Fraser-James dance group last night at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. The artistry of the dancers was augmented by the perfection of the accompaniments played by Arthur Frazer, concert pianist, with the

COVE HIGH PLAYS HERE SATURDAY

The La Grande Tigers left this afternoon by automobile for Enterprise, where they will meet the Enterprise Savages in a scheduled basketball game tonight. It will be the only contest with Enterprise until the basketball tournament in March.

Tomorrow night two games will be played in the L. D. S. Recreational hall here with the Cove High school. The second teams of the two schools will meet at 7:15 o'clock with Jiggs Burnett as referee, and the first teams will go into action at 8:15 p. m. with Clive Moore as referee.

This will be the second meeting between the Cove and La Grande teams, the Tigers winning at Cove some time ago by a decisive score.

To New Post



Marriner S. Eccles, prominent Ogden, Utah, banker, named assistant secretary of the United States treasury by Secy. Morgenthau. Eccles, known as a sound and progressive banker, has built up a large financial institution in his native state.

POSSIBILITY OF NIGHT CLASSES FOR ADULTS HERE

If enough members of the adult population of La Grande and this community are interested in night school to further their education, there is a possibility that night classes may be inaugurated here through the use of C. W. A. funds. This was announced today by Supt. Herbert Evans, of the city schools, who at present is making a survey to determine the demand for such classes. It is merely a preliminary survey to determine what classes might be organized, if and when further C. W. A. funds are made available for such use.

Anyone interested may register either at the city library at Fourth and Pennsylvania, or at any of the city schools, where blanks are available. All persons 16 years of age or over may enroll, and classes would be organized according to demand for them and would be held at a place and time most convenient to those enrolled.

Suggested subjects, and there might be others if the demand were sufficient, include arithmetic, grammar and composition, geography, history, citizenship, naturalization, French, German, Latin, Spanish, English (including book discussion, literature, public speaking and written English).

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WORK BEGINS ON HATCHERY IMPROVEMENT

New, Modern Building, 44 By 100 Feet, to Be Built at Union.

CAPACITY WILL BE 3,000,000 FISH

Old Building Not to Be Abandoned, But Will Be Modernized at Some Future Time.

UNION, Ore., Jan. 19 (Special)—More details regarding the improvements to be made at the Union fish hatchery have been received here with assurance that the plant will be the scene of much activity during the next few weeks with a crew of 47 men at work on the construction of a new hatchery building and in the general improvement of the hatchery grounds.

In pursuance of the ten-year program of the state game commission improvements costing \$15,613 have been authorized and will commence immediately. The C. W. A. is to provide \$6,190 of this amount and the game commission the remainder of \$7,323.

The new building, which probably will be located to the east of the present hatchery building, will be 44 feet by 100 feet, will have a cement floor, 24 large tanks and a storage plant sufficient to care for 40 tons of fresh fish food. A new water system will be installed, using 24-inch pipe lines. The capacity of the new building will be three million fish. The old building will not be abandoned but will be equipped with new lighting and a new cement floor as soon as funds are available.

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Validity of New Monetary Plan Is Challenged

By Clarence M. Wright
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—A challenge of the constitutionality of the Roosevelt dollar devaluation bill was given to the senate today by Carter Glass (Va.), as the administration speeded efforts to obtain enactment of the legislation by Tuesday.

He asserted that Attorney General Cummings in upholding the measure's constitutionality had omitted supreme court decisions pertinent to the question.

The administration gave the word that passage of the measure by Tuesday was "imperative" because of refinancing operations to be undertaken soon.

They'll Talk Way 'Round World



Tracing the route for 40,000 miles of debating, literally around the world, these two young University of Washington students will make Honolulu their first stop on scheduled debate and lecture appearances in a 100-stop itinerary taking more than a year. M. Lyle Spencer Jr. left, and Robert K. Burns are pictured as they glance over a globe at the U. of W.

FEAR FOR SAFETY OF BANKER HELD BY KIDNAP GANG

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19 (AP)—Blood stains on both front and rear seats of Edward G. Bremer's automobile, today implied fears for the safety of the 37-year-old bank president, held for \$200,000 ransom by kidnapers who have threatened him with death. Sploches of blood smeared the front seat of the Bremer sedan when it was found in an outlying residential district shortly after 10 a. m. Wednesday morning, it was disclosed today.

Indications were the kidnaped owner and head of the Commercial State bank, whose father, Adolph Bremer, is a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was strangled when he resisted his captors as they invaded his car.

American Legionnaires were called upon today to make an active search for Bremer.

Spurred by the death threat, made in a note left on the back door step of the home of Walter Magee, a wealthy contractor and friend of the abducted president of a St. Paul bank, the local legion outlined plans of the search by Minnesota members as well as by members in the neighboring states.

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HARRISON FISHER DIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP)—Harrison Fisher, 57, a noted, died unexpectedly today in Doctors hospital after an emergency operation last night.

SEVEN CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM PEN

LANSING, Jan. 19 (AP)—Fear that seven convicts who escaped from the Kansas state prison today may have kidnaped Louis Dresser, a teacher in a rural school near Wallowa, Kan., as a hostage was expressed by prison authorities this afternoon.

Dresser failed to appear at his school today and his car was found abandoned nine miles southwest of the school shortly before noon.

Four of the convicts were reported to have been sighted in underbrush near Wallowa, not far from the prison, by a small girl who said she appeared to be wounded. Prison guards were searching the vicinity.

Warden Simpson denied today that prison officials had received advance "tips" on the break.

However, Chief of Detectives John T. Duncan of the St. Joseph, Mo., police department said he notified prison authorities yesterday of a contemplated break.

JUST BEFORE PRES TIME

NEW BANK REGULATIONS

GERMANY OUSTS GALLAGHER

THREE PLUNGE TO DEATH

KILL WHALES OFF L. A.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Regulations prohibiting insured banks from paying interest on demand deposits were issued today by the deposit insurance corporation.

BERLIN, Jan. 19 (AP)—Leo Gallagher, Los Angeles attorney, was ordered today to leave Germany within three days as "an undesirable alien."

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19 (AP)—Mrs. W. S. Grooch, of El Paso, Texas, took her two sons, William, 6, and Thomas, 7, one under each arm and jumped off the roof of an 8-story apartment house today. All three were killed.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19 (AP)—Three more whales were harpooned just outside Los Angeles harbor. That makes six the killer boat Port Saunders has brought into the San Pedro whaling station in the past two weeks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Secretary Wallace today placed his support behind legislation to insure cattle as a basic commodity in the agricultural adjustment program but warned cattlemen that "there is nothing sudden or mischievous that can be done for beef."

BIRTH CONTROL OPPONENTS HAVE THEIR SAY TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The birth control controversy was called "inconceivable, distressing and disgusting" by Dr. Howard Atwood Kelly of Johns Hopkins university, speaking today on the Pierce birth control bill.

"Think of an elaborate conference on birth control in the Mayflower hotel!" he exclaimed to the house judiciary committee.

"Such a thing would have been inconceivable 20 years ago; and a great social gathering, too, at which details were talked over. Disgusting."

He told the committee he was the father of nine children. He spoke critically of college campus morals into which, he said, seniors introduced freshmen.

Dr. Henry J. Crosson, speaking for Dr. William Gerry Morgan, former president of the American Medical association, said there was "not one scintilla of truth" in the contention of birth control crusaders that the medical profession was behind their cause.

He read a telegram from Dr. Morgan asking to the committee his "continued vigorous opposition" to the proposed change of the criminal code to permit medical dissemination of birth control information.

Dr. Henry W. Cattell of Philadelphia, 47 years a physician, author of 100 books, said his belief, as a Presbyterian, was that birth control would change the ten commandments to say "thou shalt covet thy neighbor's wife."

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BROWN CANDIDATE FOR MEIER'S POST

SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP)—The first public announcement relative to the gubernatorial contest for 1935 was made here today by Sam H. Brown, who declared he would file as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. He seeks the position now held by Julius L. Meier, who has not yet announced whether or not he would be a candidate for re-election.

Brown, a member of the state legislature for many years and present state senator from Marion county, will seek the nomination on a single pledge, he stated, that of an "honest and efficient administration."

SHORTAGE OF MONEY CAUSE OF REDUCTION

National Retrenchment Taken Today — Union County is Affected

FOLLOWS APPROVAL OF MORE PROJECTS

State Gives Authority For Flood Control and Booth Lane Jobs in Union County.

ADMINISTRATION ACTS TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Seeing the time growing about before exhaustion of civil works employment funds, the administration put under way today a plan to expedite the president's recommendation to congress for over a billion dollars out of which the CWA would be financed until spring months.

As soon as new funds are available, employment will be put on a 30-hour-a-week basis. It is planned, however, to reduce the civil works force 1,000,000 men every two weeks after February 15.

An unexpected curtailment of working hours and quota expansion nationally today in civil works, caused by too rapid expenditure of federal funds available, was ordered by Harry Hopkins, U. S. administrator today, and it was expected it would cause reduced pay envelopes for next week to 4,000,000 C. W. A. workers in every section of the U. S.

J. H. Peare, chairman of the local C. W. A. board, received a lengthy telegram this morning from Elmer Goudy, state administrator, telling of the curtailment.

The telegram followed a wire late yesterday giving approval to two more Union county projects, No. 39, for flood control of the Grande Ronde river below Imbler, and No. 40, for improvement of Booth lane, from Moss chapel to the Pierce ranch. The

Wynkoop Trial Is Postponed To Monday Morning

CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING, Chicago, Jan. 19 (AP)—The murder trial of Dr. Alton Lindsay Wynkoop was postponed today until Monday because of the 82-year-old defendant's physical condition.

Defense attorneys announced that Dr. Wynkoop's condition was grave and that he had spent a bad night, aggravated by nausea. Her pulse was given as 100 and her temperature as 99.6.

Dr. Earle Gray, a heart specialist, warned that her condition was such that her life was in constant danger. He said a stroke might come at any time.

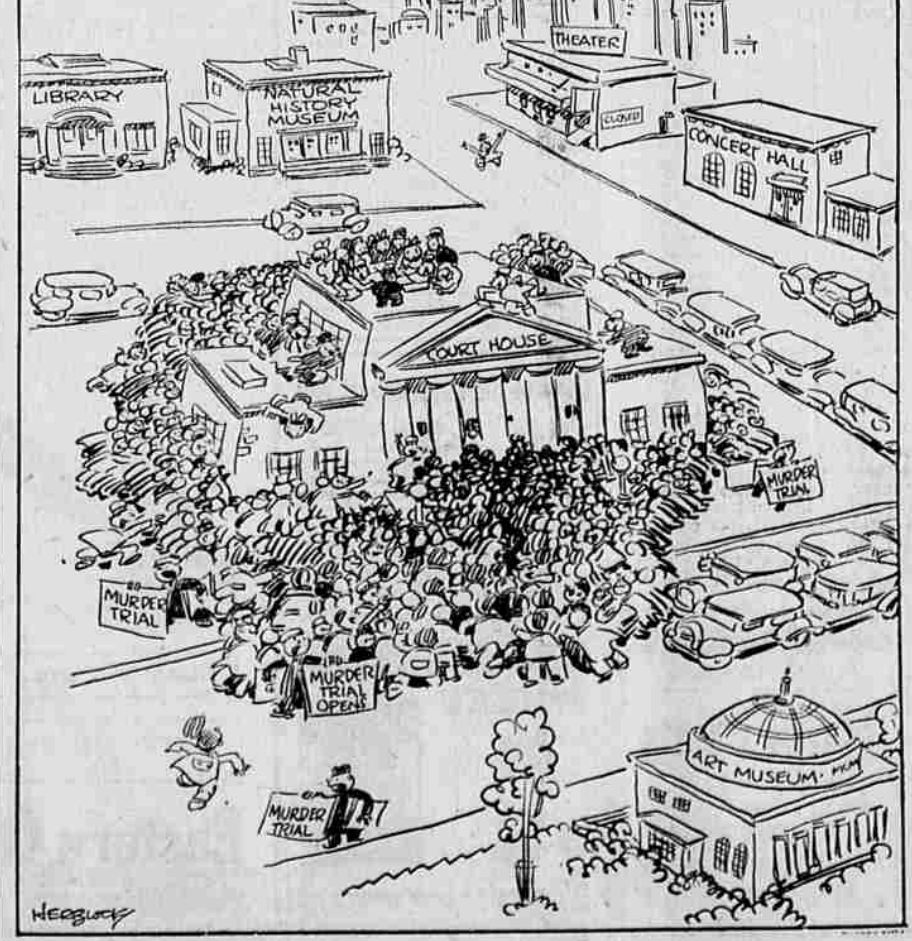
Dr. Wynkoop is charged with murdering her daughter-in-law Rheta. Looking extremely tired and her face an ashen gray, she was wheeled into court a few minutes before the trial was scheduled to get under way. After a conference of principals for half an hour in the judge's chambers it was announced that the trial would be postponed until Monday.

Greece May Oust Samuel Insull Sr.

ATHENS, Jan. 19 (AP)—The reporter of the supreme state council recommended today, to the council, that Samuel Insull Sr., former Chicago utilities operator, be expelled from Greece. The decision is expected next Tuesday.

In the court corridors it was rumored that president Ractivan of the council and the seven other judges were evenly divided as to what course they should take.

WHY EDUCATORS GET DISCOURAGED



ELK ARE INCREASING IN WALLOWA FORESTS

Recently the wild life count for Umatilla national forest was announced, and today the count for the Wallowa national forest was received here from Enterprise.

It reveals that wild life held its own during the year of 1933, and the report estimating the number of animals of various kinds in the forest follows:

Game animals—3265 elk, 50 mountain sheep, 11,250 mule tail deer and 490 brown or black bear.

15 fishers, 650 skunks, 650 coons, 600 muskrats.

Game animals killed by man—177 elk, 425 deer, 34 bear; hunters number 1900.

Game killed by predatory animals—32 elk, 410 deer.

Predatory animals killed on and adjoining the National Forest—165 coyotes, 48 bobcat and lynx, 29 bear, 987 porcupines.

The report said that the elk herd is increasing with an unusually large calf crop reported, and that deer appear to be increasing slightly, with fewer killed in 1933 than in 1932. An increase also is noted in bear, coyotes, lynx, porcupine, beaver.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 53 1/2 bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 72 cents. No export bid.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 (AP)—Increased complaints of drought conditions over the United States winter wheat belt southwest and west today supplemented to a decided extent the stimulating effects of an abrupt rise of sterling.

Comprehensive reports indicated Western Kansas rainfall to be 17 per cent below normal the past year, with this the third successive year of sub-normal moisture.

Wheat closed firm 1 1/2 @ 2 1/4 c above yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 @ 5/8 c up, oats 3/4 @ 5/8 c advanced, and provisions varying from 5 cents decline to a rise of 7 cents.

4 BENEDICTINE MONKS SEE SEA "MONSTER"

FORT AUGUSTUS, Inverness, Scotland, Jan. 19 (AP)—Come now four benedictine monks of Fort Augustus Abbey to add their testimony to that of persons who claim to have seen the Lochness "Monster."

Come they do, despite the taunts of the incredulous—despite, too, the charges that the so-called sea monster, serpent, giant squid or what-else-what-hey, is just a myth invented to intrigue simple tourists.

Abbott Hunter-Dial questioned the monks.