

Old Age Pension Law Put Into Effect In This County

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LIQUOR LAW HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

37 PENSIONS GRANTED BY COURT HERE

Other Applications Are Now in Process of Investigation.

ALL DESERVING TO RECEIVE BENEFITS

Pensions So Far Granted Range From \$5 to \$20 a Month — Limit Under Law is \$30.

Thirty-seven old age pensions, in the total amount of \$430 have been allowed to Union county's aged by the county court. The pensions so far granted average about \$11.60 each, ranging from \$5 to \$20 per month. C. K. McCormick, county clerk, stated this morning.

The old age pension law, effective Jan. 1, was passed in the last regular session of the state legislature. The maximum allowance for any individual under the law is \$30 and the applicant must be more than 70 years of age and a resident of the state for 15 years. No one owning property amounting to more than \$3,000 can obtain a pension.

The county court has investigated all the applicants who that have

Whitman College Victor In Fast Tilt With E.O.N.

The Eastern Oregon Normal school's basketball team greatly improved during the last fortnight by tough competition on two road trips, made a gallant stand against a veteran Whitman college five here last night but lost 44 to 27. In the first half the count was almost even, with the lead changing four times, but in the last half the brilliant basket shooting of Matt Irving, missionary forward, coupled with a slight let-up in the fast pace previously set by the Mountaineers, put the game on ice for Coach Nig Borjaska's crew.

Irving, caging his shots from even mid-floor to field goals of the set-up variety, scored 18 points, 12 of which were made in the last half. Peterson, speedy E. O. N. guard, was second high scorer with nine and Conklin, his team mate, was only a shade behind with eight.

The score at the half was 16 to 13 for Whitman.

D. McDONALD IS CHAIRMAN OF ELGIN DISTRICT

Duncan McDonald was named permanent chairman of the Elgin-Summers-Aliott district of Union county in the home and corn control act at a meeting Tuesday at which 35 contracts to reduce production were signed. The meeting was held at Elgin. C. C. Conradt, of Imbler, and H. E. Bull, of Summerville, were named other members of the committee. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 10 o'clock was set as the date of the next meeting.

The La Grande-Island City district is meeting this afternoon at Island City.

COLDER FEBRUARY IS DUE—"ABBOTT" CHART

Some two months ago, after Dr. Abbott, noted weather student, came out with a prediction that the weather over the world repeated itself every 23 years, the Observer attempted to chart the weather for this winter—the chart entirely based, of course, on Dr. Abbott's statement.

Strangely enough, the weather during December and January to date has not only paralleled the weather of corresponding months of 23 years ago, 1910 and 1911, but it has been even warmer!

In December, 1910, snowfall was eight inches. In December, 1933, it was six inches. In January, 1911, snowfall was 2 1/2 inches. So far this month it has been only one inch. This January, however, has been much warmer than the 1911 January, when the mercury dropped to four

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 23 — Good deal of Japanese news last day or so. One day our eyes are turned to Europe (to see if the boys have any token payment). The next day it's Japan that draws our attention. We are going to have a crooked neck from trying to look both ways at once.

That old hostile baby over in Japan that was secretary of war, why he has resigned and their foreign minister, Koki Hirota, why he seems to be about half peaceable. He seems to kinder favor licking Russia first, then take care of us later, but this boy that resigned he was for a double-header the same day. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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SENATOR EXPLAINS EFFORTS MADE TO GET MORATORIUM

Efforts made at the last regular session of the state legislature to establish in this state a two-year moratorium on mortgages, contracts and trust deeds, were told to local Rotarians by State Senator Henry Hess, speaking before the meeting of the La Grande Rotary club this noon.

All bills presented met defeat either in law committee or the legislature on the floor of the legislature, said Senator Hess, upon grounds that any such measure or provisions would be unconstitutional. The one and only action taken upon the subject of moratoriums by Oregon's law making bodies was the passage of a resolution suggesting to tribunals

judging such cases that every possible tendency to mortgages or other contract signers be shown where the situation warranted same.

That the recent decision of the United States supreme court in its interpretation of the Minnesota moratorium law, will be far reaching in its effect and aid in the guidance of

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BATTALION HEAD INSPECTS LOCAL COMPANY TONIGHT

Major William H. Ellensburgh, of Medford, commanding the Second Battalion of the 186th Infantry, Oregon national guard, is in Eastern Oregon this week on an informal inspection of companies at Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Union and The

LEGION SHOW TO BE FEBRUARY 10

"Where's Elmer?" Elmer, for whom a consistent inquiry has been made since the national convention of the American Legion in Portland, has been found! He was lost in Portland and the search was carried to Chicago to the national convention last summer. Elmer, who has assumed the proportions of a hero since his disappearance, has been found by La Grande post No. 43, the same who lost him originally, and will be presented at a dance and show on Feb. 10, at Zuber hall, by the post. Raymond O. Williams will arrange for his arrival and present him in the legion act.

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Accuses Ex-Mayor Walker's Nephew



After Margaret Shore (above), a night club entertainer of Jersey City, N. J., told her story to a New York court, William H. Walker Jr., a nephew of New York's former Mayor James J. Walker, was held for the grand jury on charge of felonious assault.

SELECT CHORUS FOR "JEWELS OF DESERT" AT L. H. S.

"Jewels of the Desert" an operetta already is winning favor in the High school because of its song numbers which are being rehearsed under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., director of public school music. The operetta will be presented in March by the La Grande High school and already the leads and the choruses are practicing under Mr. Loney's direction.

Members of the chorus selected are Winifred Scott, Ellis Engle, Marjorie Spencer, Jean Galkield, Marian Boylan, Vada Baxter, Betty Hendrickson, Mary Ellen Stoddard, Sylvia Turn, soprano, Betty Bohnenkamp, Josephine Cochran, Gloria Swan, Mildred Keagle, Natalie Samuelson, Gwen Hertzog, Betha Kall, B-scary Alex-

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READVERTISE FOR BIDS ON HIGHWAY JOB

Engineer's Estimate on La Grande Section of Wallowa Lake Road Given As \$4,000.

The La Grande-Wallowa Lake state highway project from the U. P. railroad tracks to the city limits of La Grande, will be readvertised for bids, it was learned today.

At a meeting of the commission last week, this job was delayed when the commission rejected all bids en-

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Williams, Author, To Speak Before E. O. N. Students

Whiting Williams, industrial consultant, author and lecturer, will address the Eastern Oregon Normal school assembly Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it is announced. The subject of the address will be "The New Deals in America, Germany and Russia." Williams was formerly vice president of the Cleveland Steel Co. but in recent years has devoted himself to the firsthand study of economic and social conditions in this country and Europe and is the author of several books on social problems.

It is expected that his discussion of recent trends toward economic adjustment will be of particular interest.

Bremer Remains In Hands of Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24 (AP)—Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, another victim of the kidnaping racket, was still a prisoner of an unidentified gang that held him captive today at an unlocated hideout. It was the one salient fact gleaming through rumors that he had been slain and found dead, and that he had been freed, unharmed, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Council Rejects Insull's Appeal

ATHENS, Jan. 24 (AP)—The supreme state council rejected Samuel Insull's appeal today and thus placed the official stamp of legality upon the government's order that he must seek another refuge at the end of this month.

The council ordered the former Chicago utilities operator to pay the costs of the proceedings.

Mrs. Hepburn Pleads for Birth Control



The mother of six children, one of whom is Katharine Hepburn, the actress, Mrs. Thomas Hepburn of Hartford, Conn., was one of 150 birth control advocates who pleaded in behalf of the Pierce Birth Control bill at a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee in Washington.

She is here shown conferring with Representative Walter Pierce, sponsor of the measure.

APPOINT THREE NEW MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE HERE

Announcement was made today that three new members had been named to the Union county national re-employment committee. Appointees were R. J. Kitchin, Elmer McManus and R. Z. Baxter. Louis Evans and Harold M. Finlay are the other members of the committee, who were appointed in September with J. H. Peare and Angus McAllister, who recently resigned. The committee, originally started with four members, was increased to five today. Word has been received here that Mr. Finlay was appointed chairman of the committee but he said he had received no official notice of such action.

At present, with the local records moved to Pendleton and Floyd Sherwood, Union county manager, relieved of his duties, members of the local committee were uncertain as to what their duties would consist of. It was said today that all selections for public works and civil works jobs in this county hereafter would be made in Pendleton, a service formerly given by the county re-employment committee.

BAKER COMMITTEE QUILTS

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—The four members of the Baker county federal re-employment committee last night dispatched their resignations to

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COLDER WEATHER BRINGS RELIEF

SEATTLE, Jan. 24 (AP)—Colder weather and dropping rivers brought relief from high waters in various Pacific Northwest areas today, with districts stricken a month ago eager for the relief.

Grays Harbor and Cowlitz counties of Western Washington felt the brunt of the high waters, with the Chehalis river running as high before it started to drop yesterday as during the first bad December flood. Washed out dikes on the Cowlitz, Coweman and Lewis rivers also let water into areas still suffering from previous inundations.

Slides blocked the Oregon Coast highway in several places. The flood-stage Placer creek at Wallace, Idaho, swept over various parts of the city. In the western Cascades, the Great Northern main line was still out of, through a bad 500-foot slide west of, Idaho. Trains were being rerouted out of Seattle.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—Southeast storm warnings for gales tonight were ordered up at the mouth of the Columbia river today and at Washington coast points.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 71 1/2 cents. Export bid 73 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—Eastern buying lifted the wheat market late today, and earlier fractional declines in prices were about counter balanced.

Wheat closed steady at the same as yesterday's finish, May 90 1/4 @ 3/4, July 88 1/4 @ 3/4, corn unchanged to 3/4 off, May 52 1/4 @ 3/4, July 54 1/2 c. Oats also unchanged to 3/4 off, and provisions unchanged to 10c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

JAPAN TO SEND NOTE TO U. S.
LONG'S TICKET SECOND
NEW N. R. A. MOVE PLANNED
WOULD FREE AMERICANS

TOKYO, Jan. 24 (AP)—Foreign Minister Koki Hirota told parliament today he was "communicating with the American government" in an effort to facilitate a friendly solution of "difficult problems likely to arise one or two years hence." He referred to naval issues expected to come to a head in 1935 and 1936, when the present naval limitation treaty expires.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24 (AP)—Senator Huey P. Long, whose city ticket ran second to that headed by Mayor T. Semmes Walmaley in yesterday's Democratic primary, said today he would have no statement until he has heard from the less important contestants and received further returns on the majority race.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—A plan declared satisfactory to the administration and some of the complainants on Capitol Hill to protect the small business man under the NRA was reported today by Hugh S. Johnson to have been worked out after a talk with President Roosevelt.

MADRID, Jan. 24 (AP)—The attorney general of Spain recommended to the supreme court today a pardon for four Americans held in jail at Palma, Mallorca, for assaulting a civil guard.

ANOTHER 'PUBLIC ENEMY' IS ERASED FROM CHI'S LIST

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—The name of William "Three Fingers" Jack White, 44-year-old ex-convict, killer and labor racketeer, was erased from Chicago's list of public enemies today after his slaying in a suburban Oak Park apartment.

His body, partially unclad, was found last night after tenants of the building heard a series of rapid shots and saw two men flee from the building and jump into waiting automobile and drive away.

That the gangster had put up a desperate struggle was evidenced by the overturned furniture in the well-furnished living room in which his bullet-marked body was found.

Two glass bookcase doors were smashed and from bottles and glasses found on the premises it was evident that White and his visitors had engaged in a drinking bout before he was slain.

Early today two women, one of whom identified herself to police as White's wife, and a man were taken into custody when they drove up to the apartment in an automobile. All

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Turkey Saves Tot From Death By Killing Cobra

WORCESTER, South Africa, Jan. 24 (AP)—A turkey saved the life of a little boy here by attacking and pecking to death a deadly yellow cobra which was about to strike at the boy.

The boy's father, Johan Pelmar, was awakened from an afternoon nap by his son's screams and saw the cobra rearing up and swaying before the boy.

The turkey, sitting on its nest nearby, rushed to battle and killed the snake before the father could reach his son.

ONE CAN DRINK BUT NOT BUY IN HOTELS

PORTLAND, Jan. 24 (AP)—Although hotels and restaurants will not be permitted to dispense hard liquor under terms of the Knox law, the Oregon liquor control commission today announced that a person can buy liquor to such a place and drink it in any manner he desires.

"As long as the individual does not create a disturbance or the place become a nuisance," Chairman McCormick of the commission said, "a person can take his own liquor into a restaurant or hotel and do his own drinking publicly in the manner he desires."

SUIT TO BE APPEALED TO STATE COURT

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling, of Marion County, Makes Decision

KLAMATH FALLS CONTINUES FIGHT

Alleges Law is Unconstitutional Because it Violates the Oregon "Home Rule" Act.

SALEM, Jan. 24 (AP)—The Knox liquor control law was declared constitutional here today in a decision handed down by Judge L. G. Lewelling of the Marion county circuit court. The judge had the case under advisement two weeks, and previously had denied a motion for a temporary restraining order against enforcement of the act.

The city of Klamath Falls, plaintiff in the suit against the state liquor control commission, alleging the law unconstitutional because it violated the home rule act giving cities the right to regulate alcoholic traffic, will appeal to the state supreme court, attorneys for the city announced immediately after the decision was handed down.

Judge Lewelling stated that from the pronouncements of the state supreme court and of its interpretations of the home rule clause of the constitution, it is appropriate to state as conclusions the "Oregon liquor control act is a criminal statute; that the legislature in enacting the same exercised the police power of the state vested in it; and that municipal corporations can only exercise the police power of the state in so far as the same has been delegated to them . . . and then only so far as the manner prescribed or limited by such grant."

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N.R.A. Authority In Lumber Case Upheld by Court

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—The authority of the NRA code authorities to impose production and working hour allotments, was upheld by Federal Judge John H. McNary here today.

Judge McNary ruled against the Willamette Valley Lumber company of Dallas in a suit brought by that company to restrain the lumber code authority from imposing limitations on the number of hours worked by employees of the mill.

In ruling on the case, Judge McNary took occasion, however, to deny NRA officials the right to penalize The Dallas company for any violation of the code prior to today.

Suit was brought by the Willamette Valley company against the West Coast Lumbermen's association as the code enforcement agency, to prevent any action which would halt two-shift operation at the mill. The code allows no mill more than 30 hours of operation in one week.

Fourteen Nations Recognize Cuba

MADRID, Jan. 24 (AP)—The Spanish government today announced its recognition of the Cuban government of President Carlos Menditea.

HAVANA — Fourteen nations, including the United States, have recognized the government of President Carlos Menditea by noon today.



CONGRESS IS RIGHT BEHIND THE PRESIDENT