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HIGHER U. S. INCOME TAX APPROVED

DR. ROCKWELL FINDS E. O. N. GREAT ASSET

Comments Favorably On Program and Development of School.

BROAD FIELD OF SERVICE FOR AREA

New York Educator, Representing American Association of Teachers Colleges, Here Today.

Dr. Harry W. Rockwell, representing the American Association of Teachers Colleges, today commented very favorably on the program and development of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and sees for this institution a broad field of service in the Eastern Oregon region.

Dr. Rockwell, president of the State Teachers college at Buffalo, New York, arrived in La Grande last evening and today is visiting on the campus of the E. O. N. He is on a tour of visitation to Normal schools and teachers colleges on the Pacific coast. Following his stay in La Grande, he will visit the other Oregon Normal schools, and after a trip into Washington, will return to the east by way of California.

While in La Grande he will address the Normal school students in assembly, and tonight with President J. A. Churchill of Monmouth, director of elementary teacher training, will be guest of honor at a dinner attended by faculty members and their wives.

City Trading For Three Lots Near Pumping Plant

The city acquired title to three lots adjacent to the city pumping plant near the Second street viaduct last night, when the commission, in weekly session, passed a resolution to exchange two city lots at Depot and Y for the three lots belonging to J. A. Brown.

The trade will be completed when abstracts are satisfactorily drawn up and deeds exchanged. The trade gives the city additional property near its pumping plant which may be utilized for municipal purposes, and at an extra cost. "We are making the trade even up," City Manager Angus McAllister said.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up largely with routine matters. The city manager's report showed cash on hand at \$10,501.96, divided as follows: La Grande bank \$7,202.45, Portland bank \$833.12, cash \$571.81, remainder in warrants.

W. L. TEUTSCH MEETING WITH GRANGE GROUP

W. L. Teutsch, assistant county agent leader from Oregon State college, is in La Grande today attending a meeting of the grange agricultural committee at County Agent H. O. Avery's office. They are planning a program of activity for the Pomona grange and subordinate granges. The local conference is one of a series of similar meetings which Mr. Teutsch is attending in Wallowa, Union, Malheur, Gilliam and Sherman counties.

MEN'S CLUB TO MEET TONIGHT

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of A. J. Cook 1311 Eighth street, this evening. Sylvester Burligh will be the speaker.

WORK REDOUBLED IN COUNTY TAX OFFICE

Stop for a moment, and consider the work now done by the tax collecting department of the sheriff's office. Actually, the book work there has doubled and redoubled during the last two years. A few years ago the job of tax collector was one that kept one deputy busy all the time, and during rush periods (when half year taxes fell due) sometimes an assistant was necessary. Now Deputy Sheriff Dick Claycomb and at least one assistant is busy all the time, and most of the time from one to two more are required in the office—and there is plenty for all of them to do.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 24 — As a rule folks don't like war headlines, but here was one that was in the papers that hit the spot, "Roosevelt Declares War on Civil Works Grifters." We recognized the new president in Cuba. I hope he stays in long enough to get acquainted with. Just had a nice visit from Senator Henry Allen of Kansas. He said Kansas was feeling fine. Now when Kansas ain't kicking things have got to be running about perfect. Yours, Will Rogers.

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SELECT CAST FOR "PIED PIPER OF HAMLIN" AT E. O. N.

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin," an opera, will be presented by an able cast chosen by the directors at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. The presentation will be March 2. The leading characters in the old tale of the Pied Piper who lured the rats away and then lured the children away from Hamelin after the town's officials refused him his pay will be assisted by a chorus of citizens, composed of the combined men's and women's glee clubs; a chorus of priests selected from the men's glee club; and a chorus of children from the J. H. Ackerman Training school.

The characters and their understudies are Darcy McCoel, the prodigy; Kenneth Hodgins, the mayor; Emil Geist, understudy; the corporation, Harry Dawson, Loren Blanchard, Clark Wheeler, Darcy McCoel, Charles Walburn, Howard Walker, Guy Tucker and Emil Geist; Leo Andrews, the piper; Clark Wheeler, understudy; Rodney Miller, a townsman; Allen Bornstedt, understudy; Jimmie Mills, the lame boy; Madeline Gallagher, understudy; Eileen Cochran, the dream lady; Mary Eliza Angell, understudy.

MONMOUTH TEAM TO PLAY E. O. N. AT 8 TONIGHT

The Oregon Normal school basketball team, with an impressive string of victories in Western Oregon to its record, invades La Grande tonight for a two-game series with the Eastern Oregon Normal school. The games tonight will count toward the state normal school championship. On dope, Monmouth is favored to win, but local fans were hopeful of an upset, particularly in view of the improved showing made by E. O. N. against Whitman college earlier this week. Indications point to a large crowd.

DR. LEWIS VISITS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., field secretary of the parish and church school committee of the United Lutheran Church in America will visit in La Grande Friday. Dr. Lewis is visiting all the Lutheran congregations of the Pacific Synod in the interests of the work of his board, and to aid congregations in solving their religious education problems. All forms of religious training come within the scope of his work—Sunday schools, daily vacation Bible schools, week-day school of religion, confirmation.

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MAJOR FINDS E. O. UNITS IN GOOD SHAPE

Company E of La Grande, Union Headquarters Co. Inspected Here By Battalion Commander.

Major William H. Ellensburg, of Medford, commanding officer of the Seventh Battalion, 18th Infantry, Oregon national guard, with four of his five companies inspected, said today he believed this battalion would average up with any in the state. He inspected Company E, of La Grande, and Headquarters Co., of Union, in the local armory last night.

Other officers viewing the inspection last night included Colonel Ralph Huron, of La Grande, commanding the 188th Infantry; Captain Troy Walker and Lieut. Walt Clark, of the Baker company, which Major Ellensburg will inspect tonight before returning to Western Oregon tomorrow. The major found everything in shipshape order here last night, and appeared pleased with both the La Grande and Union companies.

Besides watching the two companies at drill he checked the office and supply records. Co. E is commanded by Captain Walter A. Bean, with Jesse V. Andrews and Robert E. Carey as first and second lieutenants. Headquarters Co. is commanded by First Lieut. Adrian Goodbrod, with Second Lieut. Campbell second in command. Approximately 60 townspeople attended the inspection at the armory last night.

Clyde Kiddle Is Named Chairman Of Hog District

Clyde Kiddle was named permanent chairman of the La Grande-Island City hog control district yesterday when a group of farmers met at the Island City school. Bob Smith and John Schroeder were named on the committee. Thirty-five blank contracts were signed, and next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock another meeting will be held to sign work on the contracts. Duncan McDonald and John Westly were named chairmen of other districts that held meetings this week, the former of the Impier-Alcoel-Summerville section and the latter of the Elgin district.

SCOUT HONOR COURT TO BE HELD FRIDAY

A Boy Scout court of honor, at which merit badges and rank awards will be presented to a large group of boys, will be held tomorrow evening at the La Grande high school at 8 o'clock. N. W. Frees is chairman of the court.

England's Midget Built to Attack Battleships



A mighty midget that Great Britain depends upon to strengthen her traditional rule of the waves is a new 50-foot craft which you see skimming along at high speed in a recent test. Built to attack submarines, aircraft and any type of surface warships, the boat carries two torpedoes, two small anti-aircraft guns, four depth charges, smoke screen apparatus and a wireless telephone cabinet which keeps it in conversational touch with other ships and aircraft within a radius of 50 miles. The boat, which requires a crew of only five, is capable of a speed of 40 knots.

NO APPOINTMENT YET ON LIQUOR STORE MANAGER

Otto J. Runte, appointed last week to the position of Eastern Oregon supervisor for the Oregon state liquor commission, is expected to be in La Grande within a day or two. Rumors as to who will be appointed liquor store manager in La Grande and where the store will be located continue to be heard, but official announcements have not been made as yet. It is doubtful if a liquor store will be opened here much before Feb. 15, it is said.

IN PENDLETON TODAY

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 25 (Special)—Otto J. Runte, liquor supervisor for Eastern Oregon, was to be here today, according to reports. He was in Arlington yesterday. From reports many different locations are being offered as a site for the liquor store to be established in Pendleton. Also there are many applicants for the position of manager, though some are dropping out of the race because of reports that the salary will be \$150 a month less the sum of \$17.50. One applicant is known to have withdrawn from the field as he considers the salary inadequate.

MERCURY WILL CLIMB SLIGHTLY, IS PREDICTION

Slightly warmer weather appeared in store for La Grande tonight and tomorrow, with southerly winds off the coast, and the weather man predicting either light rain or snow in some sections of Northwestern Oregon. Yesterday's maximum of 41 above was the coldest here since the middle of the month, although the minimum went no lower than 31 above. Last night found freezing weather again, but at 7 a. m. today the mercury was up to 35 above, five degrees warmer than at the same time yesterday. Fancies have been in bloom at the King Roe home here since the middle of January, it was learned today.

Five Wives, Blind With Rage, Beat Hobby to Death

MALEWISKI, Poland, Jan. 25 (AP)—Because he did not divorce four previous wives, Isador Ruskewyck paid with his life today. His fifth wife became suspicious, learned that her husband had not divorced four predecessors and searched until she found them. In time, the five became friends and the fifth lured the unsuspecting husband to a party at which all were gathered. "Blind with rage, all five kicked and beat him to death."

NEW CARS ADDED TO LINE BY GOSS

M. J. Goss, local automobile distributor and garage proprietor, announced today that he has added the Plymouth and DeSoto make of cars to his line. A carload of Plymouths, including both standard and de luxe models, was being unloaded in La Grande today, and he expects a shipment of De Soto models next week.

Ickes Asks Data On Cost of Locks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Harold Ickes, public works administrator, has requested further data on the cost of ship locks for the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river, although an adverse report on this phase of construction has been submitted by the board of army engineers. This action by Ickes was revealed by Senator Steiwer of Oregon.

CANADIAN BLIZZARD FATAL TO 2

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 25 (AP)—A blizzard which swept over a section of Eastern Saskatchewan today had claimed the lives of an aged man and a 14 year old boy. School children found their frozen bodies, miles apart, on the prairie yesterday.

W. O. KNIGHT, PIONEER, DIES NEAR ELGIN

Crossed Plains to Union County in 1865 — Funeral to be Sunday.

Another of the early pioneers of Union county, who came to this country in 1865 across the plains with ox teams, died early this morning. Willard Boliver Knight, a resident of this valley for nearly 70 years, died at his home eight miles east of Elgin after a short illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Christian church at Elgin, with burial in the Elgin cemetery. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary today.

Mr. Knight was born in Missouri Nov. 28, 1849 and was in his teens when he crossed the plains. He was 84 years, one month and 30 days of age. He will be buried beside his wife who died in 1927. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Allen, of Elgin, and Mrs. Emma Richards, of Cove; two sons, Roy, of La Grande, and Jess, of Elgin; and three grandchildren, besides other relatives.

Construction Is Improving Over U. S., Says Report

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)—L. Seth Schmittmann, chief statistician for F. W. Dodge corporation, today reported an indicated wide-spread construction improvement throughout the country with contracts for the first half of January exceeding those of the full month of January, 1933. Schmittmann reported a total volume of \$1,019,000 for January 1 to 15 in the 37 states east of the Rocky mountains. The total for the same territory for the full month of January, 1933, was only \$83,358,000.

CONTINUANCE OF C. W. A. IS URGED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Pleas for continuance of the civil works administration and immediate restoration of working hours to 30 a week continued today to pour into CWA headquarters. Harry L. Hopkins, the administrator, indicated his statement last night, denying that grant had been found generally in the lower reaches of the organization, was his last word.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 70 1/2 cents. Export bid 74 1/2 cents. CHICAGO, Jan. 25 (AP)—Dragged decidedly lower by selling on the part of weary holders and by absence of aggressive demand, grain values today showed little power to rally. Grain market declines contrasted with the fact that since Jan. 15, when President Roosevelt sent his monetary message to congress, securities have advanced about 8 points, whereas grains have held within unusually narrow limits. Wheat closed unsteady, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 under yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 @ 1 1/2 down, oats 1 1/4 @ off, and provisions unchanged to 17c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

HILL NEARS PRESIDENT TO TEST OREGON'S LAW ATTORNEY GENERAL FREED PAULINE MARRIED AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Final approval of the farm credit refinancing bill, guaranteeing the principal of \$2,000,000,000 of farm mortgage bonds, was approached today when house and senate conferees agreed on all provisions of the measure.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 25 (AP)—Dean Driscoll, attorney for a number of Western Idaho sheep owners, announced today he had filed suit in United States district court in Portland to test the constitutionality of an Oregon law of 1933 which he said operated to exclude Idaho sheep men from running their flocks on public domain in the neighbor state.

TOPKA, Kas., Jan. 25 (AP)—Roland Boynton, attorney general, was acquitted today on all articles of impeachment brought against him in connection with the Kansas million dollar bond scandal.

SCARSDALE, N. Y., Jan. 25 (AP)—The marriage Sunday of Pauline Frederick, stage and screen star, and Joseph A. Marnon, who gave his address as Washington, D. C., was disclosed today.

PORTLAND, Jan. 25 (AP)—Dr. Richard Neubaer, Portland physician, was today sentenced to a seven-year term at McNeil Island federal prison for repeated violation of the Harrison narcotic act during the past 11 months.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Liberalization of the economy sections of the independent office bill to provide another estimated \$40,000,000 for veterans benefits, and removal of alleged inequities in automatic promotions for the military services, was argued today before a senate appropriations sub-committee.

YOUNG NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY MOB IN HAZARD, KY.

HAZARD, Ky., Jan. 25 (AP)—An intensive investigation of the lynching of Rex Scott, 20-year-old negro, was launched by Perry county authorities today. Scott was forcibly removed from the county jail here last night by a mob of armed men, and hanged to a beech tree in a graveyard in Knott county adjoining.

Thirty or 40 masked leaders of a mob of approximately 300 men who swarmed around the jail forced their way inside and threatened Jailer Combs with death if he did not surrender the key to Scott's cell. The jailer was not in possession of the keys.

BILLION IN BONDS OVERSUBSCRIBED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Pocketing a billion dollars worth of offers in a day, and turning away several billion more, the treasury still had acres in the hole today should they be needed in its remaining \$9,000,000,000 of borrowing. Ordinance financing was chosen by Secretary Morgenthau to start the biggest borrowing operations since war-time figures, but the statute books held untied powers at President Roosevelt's command.

Two were important. The Thomas inflation amendment voted by the last congress empowered President Roosevelt to arrange with the federal reserve system for open market operations in government securities and the purchase of \$3,000,000,000 in federal obligations, or to issue \$3,000,000,000 of United States notes for buying government paper. With yesterday's offering several times oversubscribed, however, the administration foresaw resort to neither.

DYNAMITE SENT TO SALEM OFFICIALS

SALEM, Jan. 25 (AP)—Arrival of two packages through the mail yesterday addressed to re-employment officials here and containing dynamite is the cause of no little worry by those officials. The first package was delivered by postman to Manager E. T. Barnes at the unemployment office. Upon opening it and discovering its contents, one dynamite stick, Barnes notified postal officials and CWA office employees. Meanwhile a second package addressed to R. C. Churchill, CWA complaint clerk, was received at his office. Churchill was not present so the package was turned over to Administrator Glenn C. Niles, who had already received warning from Barnes. The second package was returned to the postoffice and when opened there revealed three sticks of dynamite and a piece of salt pork such as is being distributed by the relief office. A postal inspector is expected here soon to begin investigation of the case, and to try to trace down the sender. Neither package was fitted to explode the dynamite which was taken to mean the sender's intention was to frighten relief officials into meeting complaints.

WILL RAISE \$36,000,000 MORE YEARLY

Other Changes in Revenue Bill Expected to Add \$164,000,000

MILLION DOLLAR INCOMES TO PAY

Measure Provides For Tax As High As 63 Per Cent on Incomes of \$1,000,000 or More.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—The house ways and means committee today approved several items in a modified tax revision bill designed to raise \$200,000,000 additional in revenue, including a change in income tax rates to bring in \$36,000,000 more a year.

As originally presented to the committee, the bill was estimated to yield \$370,000,000 through tightening up of administration provisions of the income tax law. Chairman Doughton (D., N. C.), announced the bill would be completed about next Wednesday. There are several important items yet to be passed upon.

Morgenthau Gives Views Action came today after Secretary Morgenthau appeared before the committee in executive session to present the treasury's final views of the measure.

Complementing with the treasury, the committee retained the consolidated returns for corporations and their subsidiaries, but levied a 2 per cent penalty tax for consolidated returns over and above the existing 13 1/2 single corporate tax. In addition, it approved a levy of 35 per cent on "undistributed adjusted new income" of personal holding companies, estimated to bring in \$23,000,000 a year.

It also adopted with some slight modification, its subcommittee's recommendation on capital gains and losses, estimated to yield \$30,000,000 annually.

Income Taxes Revised The revision on personal income tax rates, estimated to bring in \$36,000,000 additional revenue, was only one of the several actions taken. More revisions remain to be made, so it can not yet be said how the entire bill will compare with existing law in revenue producing. The changes detailed above, however, representatives estimated to mean the treasury will take in \$200,000,000.

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Federal Agents On New Trail In Kidnaping Case

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25 (AP)—Two unnamed eye-witnesses, both women, who espied the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer when they seized the wealthy St. Paul banker January 17, today supplied police with clues that might lead to ultimate apprehension of the gang.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25 (AP)—Federal operatives struck out on a new trail today seeking to solve the eight-day mystery of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, who paid \$200,000 ransom by running down the source of two anonymous notes, supposedly penned by the abductors.

Although the contents of the missives were not disclosed it was understood they contained instructions for meeting the kidnapers at their rendezvous for ransom the son of the principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company. One of the missives, unsigned, was received Tuesday at the Minneapolis postoffice. The other was brought in yesterday. Both were collected from different mail boxes in that city in the regular course of routine. They were unsealed and addressed to Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man.



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