

State Liquor Store To Open Here About February 15

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BIG AIR FORCE FOR U.S. LIKELY

OTTO RUNTE INTERVIEWS APPLICANTS

Eastern Oregon Supervisor Here to Establish Headquarters

NO STATEMENT ON STORE'S LOCATION

Appointment of La Grande Liquor Store Staff Not Expected For Several Days.

Otto J. Runte, supervisor for the Eastern Oregon district for the state liquor control commission, who is in La Grande today arranging for the opening of a liquor store here at an early date, confirmed the recent announcement that La Grande would be headquarters for the Eastern Oregon district—all of the counties east of the Cascades except Klamath and Lake.

Mr. Runte said that beginning at 1 o'clock this afternoon and continuing during the evening, he would interview applicants for positions in the liquor store here, at his temporary headquarters at the La Grande

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U.S.W.V. Install 1934 Officers Saturday Night

The United Spanish War Veterans of La Grande installed officers at a meeting held Saturday night at the Sacajawea Inn with J. G. Henry as installing officer, M. H. Goodwin was master of ceremonies.

The following took office for 1934: Ole Matheson, commander; Putnam Yeck, senior commander; Harry Turner, junior commander; C. W. Chandler, adjutant; H. E. Cooldidge, quartermaster; C. W. Chandler, trustee; George Stager, officer of the day; John Landers, officer of the guard; Duncan L. McKay, senior color sergeant; Charles B. Platt, junior color sergeant.

Following the meeting, the veterans gathered to the quarters of the ladies' auxiliary where both organizations enjoyed a joint luncheon and speaking program.

At the U. S. W. V. meeting, the retiring commander, C. B. Platt, was presented with a past commander's badge, after completing a very successful and difficult term. The camp voted to co-operate fully with the local committee in charge of the president's ball to be given at the Sacajawea, Jan. 30.

After the installation Mrs. Flavia Sherwood complimented the group with three musical numbers.

Italian Atlantic Fliers In Crash On Brazil Coast

FORTALEZA, Brazil, Jan. 29 (AP)—Four Italian fliers who cracked up on the beach near here early today after spanning the South Atlantic were brought to Fortaleza by a rescue party shortly after noon. Two of the men were injured slightly.

The mechanic Battaglia and radio-man Giullini required first aid treatment only for their injuries in the crash, which ended at attempt to blaze a new air mail trail to South America.

ICE CROP MAY FAIL BUT NO ONE WORRIES

There's no cause to worry about North Powder's ice harvest this year. At least that is the word from H. F. White, superintendent of the North Powder natural ice plant operated by the Pacific Fruit Express Co. And shippers need not worry about being of railroad cars for fruit shipments during 1934.

WILL ROGERS SOYS:

NEW YORK, Jan. 28—Well, visited the scene Saturday and enjoyed many pleasant acquaintances. They are a fine bunch of fellows when you take into consideration the amount of things the people lay onto them. They rant at each other in there, then come out and are good friends.

Had the pleasure of sitting beside Mrs. Alice Longworth in the senate gallery when the gold bill was passed. Also, due to the Roosevelt tradition, took it right on the chin and smiled. She sincerely believes that no president ever carried the faith of as many people as this distant relative of hers.

Yours,

Will Rogers

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SEE OREGON FIRST—HERE'S REASON WHY

H. H. Richardson Tells of Fine Facilities State Has For Travellers.

Harley H. Richardson, using as his subject "See Oregon First," gave an interesting and informative talk at the Lions club luncheon today at noon at the Sacajawea Inn. Among his reasons for seeing Oregon first

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LARGE GATHERING DUE TUESDAY AT BIRTHDAY BALL

F. R. TO SPEAK WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—President Roosevelt will broadcast a message of personal thanks tomorrow night to his friends participating in the nationwide celebration of his 52nd birthday at 1 p. m. E. S. T.

Everything is in readiness for La Grande's Birthday Ball for the President, to be held tomorrow night at 8:30 p. m. at the Sacajawea ballroom. The committee in charge announced today. All proceeds from the dance will go to the Warm Springs, Ga. foundation for control of infantile paralysis, and La Grande—with the ticket sale progressing encouragingly—is expecting to make a large contribution to the foundation, which is one of President Roosevelt's favorite

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TO NAME LEADER OF LOCAL GROUP

Two or three weeks will be necessary in which to complete the hog and corn control contracts, committee members believe. The general committee, composed of three representatives from each of the county's five districts, is meeting this afternoon to elect a president and allotment committee, while meetings have been arranged during the remainder of the week throughout the county to complete contracts.

Meetings scheduled this week will be held at Elgin and Imbler on Tuesday; Island City on Wednesday; Cove on Friday; Union on Saturday; and North Powder on Monday, Feb. 5.

TAKE CENSUS OF BUSINESS IN UNION CO.

R. G. Buchanan, East Oregon Supervisor, Instructs Local Staff Saturday.

R. G. Buchanan, of Pendleton, district supervisor of the census of American business, with Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Wallowa, Baker, Malheur, Harney and Grant counties in his territory, was in La Grande Saturday afternoon organizing for the census in Union county. It is expected to be completed by Feb. 15 or sooner.

Enumerators for Union county have been selected as follows: La Grande, H. H. Taylor; Union, Cove and North Powder, W. A. Maxwell; of Union; remainder of Union county, H. C. Luce. Mr. Buchanan stressed the importance of the census, which is being obtained by the government for use in showing the true condition of business at present as compared with 1929, when the first census of this kind was taken. Co-operation of all merchants is asked by Mr. Buchanan who says that only eight questions will be asked.

These questions call for an accurate description of the business establishment canvassed, the kind of merchandise handled or service offered for sale, the principal functions performed, the employment given during the year 1933 to men and women on a part-time or full-time basis, salaries and wages paid to such employees, other operating expenses incurred, the net sales and other operating receipts of the business, stocks on hand at last inventory, and the amount of business done on a credit basis.

Individual returns will be held as strictly confidential but the basic data to be supplied by the census will enable every business man to compare his accomplishments with those operating similar lines, and may enable trade associations to plan

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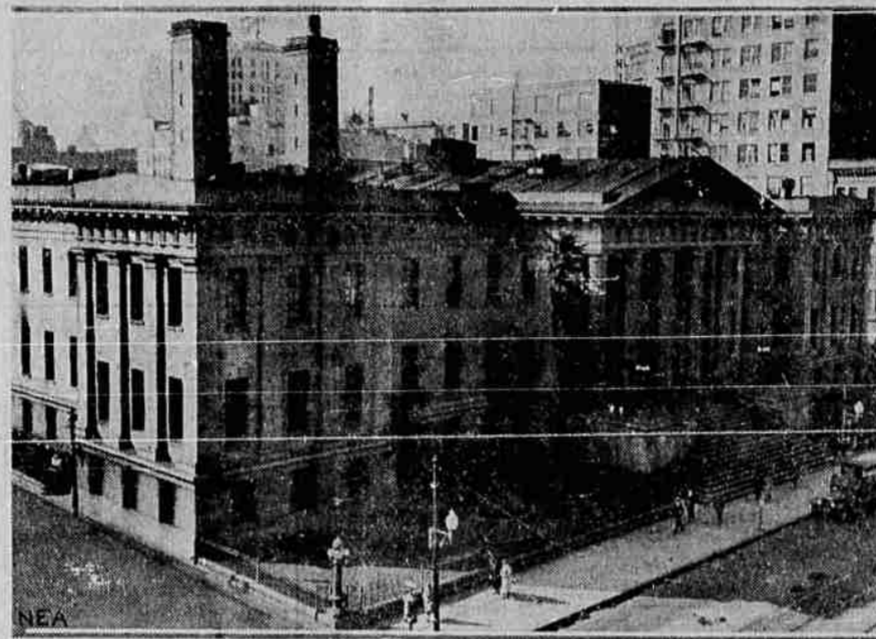
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS TODAY

Rev. Paul Mortimore was the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the La Grande Ministerial association this morning at the Baptist church and led the general discussion of the subject "Prophecy," using as the basis a paper by Stewart F. MacLennan, prominent California minister.

Rev. E. W. Bracher led the devotions followed by a business meeting.

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May Seem Old, but It Has Billion Dollar Look



This building—now 80 years old and soon to be replaced by a newer structure—right now houses more than a billion dollars' worth of gold, half of the gold gathered in by Uncle Sam. It is the old United States Mint at San Francisco, where gold and silver have been coined since the rip-roaring old mining days of the west.

SPRING WEATHER IN WEST—SEVERE COLD IN EAST U. S.

Three spring-like days were enjoyed by Grande Bonde valley people during the weekend, with cloudless skies and warm temperatures. Ranging from a high of 60 above Friday, the temperature Sunday was 51 and 56 on Saturday. Both Saturday and Sunday above, with frosts in the morning.

While La Grande was enjoying unusually mild weather for January, a sub-zero wave gripped much of the mid-west and eastern states. A wind of almost gale force hit New York city today, bringing a 52-degree drop in 17 hours, with the minimum five above this morning. Washington was 10 above, Owl's Head, N. Y., 30 be-

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2 FIRE CALLS HERE SUNDAY

The fire department was called out twice Sunday, once at 2 a. m. on a false alarm from box 32, and the second time at 1:05 p. m. by a roof fire at the home of H. O. Hoover at 1611 Fifth street. Only slight damage was done by the fifth street blaze.

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Unknown Friend Sends Gift To Lutheran Pastor

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Bracher were the recipients of a useful and costly gift from some unknown donor of this city who is a friend of the Lutheran minister. A few days ago the Maytag man drove up with a new high class aluminum washer saying the donor who was not a member of the church and who wished his name to remain unknown had sent them a present. The Brachers are very well liked throughout the city.

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PLAY AT L. H. S. WEDNESDAY MORN

"The Maker of Dreams," by Olliphant Down, a charming fantasy that ranks first among the "Pierrot and Pierrette" type of plays, will be presented Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the La Grande High school assembly in the gymnasium. Fantastic staging and unusual effects will furnish an appropriate setting for the production.

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MONEY BILL GOES TO F. R. ON TUESDAY

President Expects to Lose No Time in Signing Devaluation Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Congressional action was completed today on the administration's money bill, leaving the signatures of Vice President Garner and President Roosevelt all that was necessary to enact it into law.

It required only a few minutes for the house to vote concurrence in senate amendments to limit to three years the life of the proposed \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund and the time within which the president might devalue the gold content of the dollar by 40 to 50 per cent. Unanimous consent was given by the house to the changes placed in the bill by the senate last week.

President Roosevelt will receive the

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ADVANCES PLAN TO AID COW MEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Secretary Wallace today suggested an emergency aid plan for the dairy and beef cattle industries which he said would provide \$200,000,000 over and above the amount of processing taxes during 1934.

His suggestion was made at a conference of spokesmen for the two industries and members of congress. Previously they had conferred with President Roosevelt.

An eight-point emergency cattle relief program, with agreement not to levy a processing tax under present prices, were proposed by the western cattlemen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Chester C. Davis, farm administrator, said today he believed prevention by government edict of wheat acreage expansion by non-cooperating farmers might be undertaken by the administration if such action is requested by a majority of producers who cooperate in the voluntary reduction program.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat was about 55 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 72½ cents. Export bid 78½ cents.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

DILLINGER TO FACE TRIAL
O. S. C. PROFESSOR KILLED
DALADIER TO FORM CABINET
SEAT DECLARED VACANT

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 29 (AP)—John Dillinger, mid-west gangster and his companions, Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark and Charles Mackley, today waived extradition rights and agreed to return to Racine, Wis., on bank robbery charges.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—The body of Carl H. Whitaker, 34, former assistant professor of agricultural chemistry at Oregon State college, was found under his overturned automobile on the west side Pacific highway near here today. State police said the car may have skidded onto the wet pavement, but they were investigating the possibility it had been struck by another automobile. No witness could be found.

PARIS, Jan. 29 (AP)—Edouard Daladier agreed to return to his former post as premier of France today and promised President Lebrun, who offered him the premiership, to form a "clean-up" ministry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The house today declared the sixth Louisiana district seat vacant, thereby barring either Mrs. Volvier E. Kemp or J. Y. Sanders Jr., the contestants, from taking the oath of office.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 29 (AP)—Two men identified by Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Campbell as "Whitley" Walker and Ray Johnson, escaped Oklahoma convicts, were captured here today.

ASHBY NAMED ON DIRECTORATE OF PINE ASSOCIATION

H. N. Ashby, of La Grande; W. E. Moore, of Elgin, and C. L. Isted, of Bend, will represent the district No. 4 on the general board of directors of the Western Pine association. The district embraces Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho.

They were elected at a meeting of the district 4 board in Baker Saturday. The three men will serve on the district board, too, with H. G. Forestry, of Redmond; W. C. Eccles, of Baker; J. F. Coleman, of Kinzua; C. J. Pettibone, of Burns; H. G. Moon, of Boise, and T. W. Collins, of Pondera.

Collins was re-elected district chairman, and Moore was elected secretary.

Mr. Ashby is western manager of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co., which operates one of the two large pine sawmills located in La Grande.

FIRES CAUSE OF SEVERAL DEATHS

By the Associated Press
Cold gales fanned numerous fires today in widely separated places. Three persons were burned to death. Many were injured. Damage estimates ran to seven figures. The extreme cold, felt throughout the north, hampered fire-fighters.

At Troy, N. Y., the club house of the veterans of foreign wars was burned, killing two sleeping men, seriously burning a third.

Three-year-old Mary Logoviano lost her life when flames consumed the cottage of her parents at Hammon, N. J.

Row after row of frame structures fed gale-fanned flames along the waterfront at Canarsie, on Jamaica Bay, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Seven firemen were injured. A section stretching for a half mile was destroyed.

An Anderson, Ind., fire that started in a six story bank building

HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE TAKES STEP

Would Give F. R. Authority to Build Fleet to Treaty Limit.

1,184 NEW PLANES INVOLVED IN PLAN

Amendment Will Be Offered By Vinson When House Takes Up Navy Bill On Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The house naval committee voted today to give the president blanket authority to provide an airplane contingent for the navy commensurate with a treaty-limit fleet, involving 1,184 new planes costing \$85,000,000.

An amendment, providing only for the general authority without specifying the number of planes or time of building, will be offered tomorrow by Chairman Vinson (D-Ore.) when the house takes up his bill to provide for building the fleet to treaty limits.

The committee, without an objecting vote, approved the amendment after Admiral William H. Standley read letters from the budget director explaining this was considered more advisable than to specify the number of planes to be built by year.

Admiral Standley and Rear Admiral Ernest J. King explained to the committee that 2184 planes, including replacements, would be needed for the treaty-strength fleet contemplated by the Vinson bill.

The navy has 1000 planes under the five-year program authorized in 1926. It was explained, for the 64 vessels, excluding two gunboats, now

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State Education Board To Define President's Work

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—Formulation of the actual definition of duties and responsibilities of acting presidents and inter-institutional deans at University of Oregon and Oregon State college, occupied members of the board of higher education as they met here today in a scheduled conference.

This problem, it was agreed, would require a great deal of the available time, and it was considered probable an announcement of policy would not be forthcoming until late today.

Taking advantage of the circumstance that the newly-appointed "acting president," Dean C. V. Boyer, of the university, and G. W. Peavy, of the State college, were in Portland, and that President J. A. Churchill, of Oregon Normal, also was here, Chancellor W. J. Kerr held a conference with the executives during the morning.

Chancellor Kerr, in this discussion looking toward the next school year, conferred with the others with particular reference to curricula and budgets.

Were You Born 52 Years Ago On January 30?

Is there anyone living in Union county now who was born on President Roosevelt's birthday—Jan. 30, 1882?

If there is, he or she, by notifying the Observer immediately, will be eligible to receive a year's free subscription to the Observer.

President Roosevelt is 52 years of age tomorrow.



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