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F. R. REVALUES DOLLAR AT 59.06

350 ATTEND ROOSEVELT'S DANCE HERE

About \$150 To Be Sent To Warm Springs Foundation.

GUESTS AT BALL REGISTER NAMES

Scroll to be Sent to Washington; Local Affair Is One of 6000 in United States.

About 350 paid tribute to President Franklin D. Roosevelt last night at the birthday ball at the Sacajawea Inn. Two hundred and forty-seven were registered at the door, but Harry Zurbick, who was in charge of the registration, said that many were present whose names do not appear on the scroll of guests.

One hundred and twenty-eight tickets were received at the door last night, and reports have not been received from all the tickets. However, Martin Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee in charge, announced this morning that they hope to have \$150 to send to the Warm Springs Foundation for infantile paralysis. Six thousand Birthday Balls for the president were held over the United States last night and the proceeds from each will be sent to Warm Springs where President Roosevelt is recovering from his illness.

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Dr. Biggers Will Preside At Elks Thursday Night

Dr. G. L. Biggers, P. E. R., will fill the position of exalted ruler at the past exalted rulers' night at the Elks lodge Thursday at 8 o'clock. C. L. Berry is chairman of the committee in charge and assisted by his committee has assigned the following past exalted rulers to their positions: J. H. Pearce, leading knight; H. E. Cooldige, loyal knight; C. R. Eberhard, lecturing knight; Hugh E. Brady, equirer; Lester Brantwell, chaplain; Chester L. Thompson, treasurer; Sherwood Williams, secretary; Norman Deslet, inner guard; Henry Ritter, tyler.

Henry Hess, P. E. R., will be the main speaker of the evening, and other features also are planned.

F. R. BORN ON BIRTHDAY OF LOCAL WOMAN

There are many people in Union county who were born on President Roosevelt's birthday anniversary, but there are few who can boast that the chief executive was born on their birthday anniversary.

One of the latter class is Mrs. B. W. Carr, of 1310 N avenue, who was born on Jan. 30, but before the president came into the world. She would not tell the Observer the year in which she was born, although she said she was older than Mr. Roosevelt.

TWO GET TEN DAYS IN JAIL

The city's new ordinance, designed to stop vagrancy at unusual hours of the night, was brought into effect again this week, with George Nelson and Lawrence Clark arrested under the ordinance. Police reported them loitering in the business section at 3 a. m. Each was fined \$10 and sentenced to 10 days in the city jail by Judge L. B. Moe.

WILL ROGERS says:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. The vice president and Mrs. Garner's party to the president was one of the finest and most enjoyed affairs you ever saw. They were marvelous hosts and the president did enjoy himself. Mr. Roosevelt couldn't get over Mr. Garner staying up till 12 o'clock. Been visiting and listening to speeches in both ends of the capitol all day. Debating on the big navy bill in the house, was talking to a lady congressman and she said to me, "Why do all those men say that a big navy will bring peace?" I told her, well, even if it don't bring peace, it will come in mighty handy. Yours, Will Rogers.

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TIGERS TO PLAY PENDLETON AND IMBLER QUINTETS

La Grande basketball fans are looking forward to two of the best high school home contests of the season here this weekend, with Imbler playing here Friday and Pendleton on Saturday.

The Bucks have not met the Bucks this season but lost to Jimmy King's crew at Imbler in December, 16 to 10. Since then the L. H. S. quintet has rolled up seven straight victories, bringing their season's total to eight wins out of nine starts.

Pendleton will play La Grande after meeting Baker at Baker Friday night, so both teams will have gone through a hard contest when they meet Saturday.

The Buck squad this year boasts two stars of unusual effectiveness, Dean Galloway and Gerald Graybeal, high scoring forwards. Harold Rosenberg, a veteran of last year, is at the center post, and Harold Rees, guard, is another man from the 1933 quintet. William Largent and Harold Eason are two of the most promising prospects.

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M'KENZIE BURIAL THURSDAY AT 2:00

Funeral services for James Angus McKenzie, pioneer of 1863, will be held at the Summerville chapel tomorrow at 2 p. m. Rev. J. George Walk, of the Presbyterian church, will officiate and burial will be beside his wife, who died about a year ago.

The passing of Mr. McKenzie further thins the rolls of the early pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley.

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MISS WILLIAMS WINS FELLOWSHIP

Miss Margaret Elaine Williams, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Williams, of Wallowa, former Elgin residents, who at present is a teaching fellow in science at Oregon State college, has been selected as the winner of the \$1200 fellowship awarded by the Oregon State division of the American Association of University Women. The award was given this year for the third time.

Miss Williams is a 1932 graduate of the University of Oregon. Her fellowship will include work at the George William Hooper foundation for medical research in San Francisco, looking toward the possibility of developing an effective anti-toxin against botulism.

Miss Williams received practically man, bursting into classical quotation, exclaimed: "No truer statement was ever made than that by Goldsmith when he said: 'For forms of government let fools contend; That which is best administered is best.' That is a good quotation and it went over fine, the dispatch said, but the Oregon member made two mistakes. The lines are from Pope instead of Goldsmith and by using the wrong word the congressman destroyed the rhyme which was carefully framed by the poet, as follows: "What'er is best administered is best." The quotation occurs in epistle three of Pope's "Essay on Man."

He's Candidate



Sam H. Brown, Gervals legislator, farmer and sausage maker, is first to file as candidate for Oregon's Republican nomination as governor. He says he'll hitch-hike all over the state.

FANTASY STAGED AT ASSEMBLY AT LA GRANDE HIGH

"The Maker of Dreams," a fantasy, presented in a fantastic setting, was given this morning before the student body of the La Grande High school by the expression class, directed by Miss Kathryn Sartin, head of dramatics. The stage sets were very modern, utilizing horizontal lines, contrasting to the vertical lines supplied by the players. The lighting effects gave the stage the quality of dreamland.

"The Maker of Dreams" is the story of Pinocchio, the practical and idealist. Mildred G. Sen was lovely in the role of the tiny

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RE-LICENSING OF DRIVERS NEAR AN END

Because re-licensing of Oregon motor vehicle operators in Eastern Oregon has been almost completed, Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, has combined the two Eastern Oregon traveling examiners' territories for economy reasons. C. M. Bentley, examiner, is now operating under a new schedule, which will bring him to La Grande once every two weeks, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 13.

He will return on Tuesday, Feb. 27 and continue on this basis until further notice. The hours will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the city hall.

WHEAT MONEY IS EXPECTED HERE DAILY

Marion, Wasco and Umatilla Counties Already Receive Checks.

Farmers of Union county who signed wheat acreage reduction contracts, are expected allotment checks from the federal government of an amount between \$10,000 and \$15,000 daily. The checks, which have started pouring into various counties of the state, still had not arrived this morning.

Marion county farmers started receiving their checks yesterday, amounting to \$19,762. The Wasco county farmers, whose first checks amounted to about \$215,000, were among the first in Eastern Oregon to receive payment, their checks coming early last week. Distribution of \$445,000 in checks was started Monday in Umatilla county, with farmers still receiving payment yesterday.

The checks now coming into Oregon represent payment of 20 cents of the 28 cents the government agreed to pay for acreage reduction, and under the contract, second payment will be made to the farmers next June.

Two Kidnapers Are Sentenced To Life In Pen

CHICAGO, Jan. 31. (AP)—Rejecting their plea for new trials or delays, Judge Thomas J. Lynch today sentenced Gail Swolley, of Peoria, and Frank B. Souder, of Benton, to life imprisonment for kidnaping James Hackett, Blue Island gambler.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 31. (AP)—Numerous letters—but none from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, seized for \$200,000 ransom two weeks ago today—have been received at the home of the Bremer family.

Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company and father of the missing man, is

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TIFFIN FIRE EXTINGUISHED

The fire truck was called to The Tiffin at 2:05 o'clock this morning to extinguish a small fire, believed to have been caused by grease in the ventilating fan. The blaze was quickly controlled and the recall would be 15 minutes after the alarm was turned in.

An Actress Becomes a Colonel's Lady



A stage and screen star for more than 30 years, Pauline Frederick took her fifth journey to the altar when she became the bride of Col. Joseph A. Marmion, commander of the 15th Infantry of the United States Army, on Governors Island, New York. The newly-wed couple are shown outside their home on the island.

ITALY IN FAVOR OF REARMAMENT FOR FATHERLAND

ROME, Jan. 31. (AP)—Italy came out in favor of the rearmament of Germany as the only practical solution of the armaments questions, in an official memorandum issued today.

This rearmament, under the Italian plan, would be based on status quo for other powers on the principle aspects of their armaments.

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French Mail Plane Spans The Atlantic

ST. LOUIS, Sengal, Jan. 31. (AP)—The French mail plane "Southern Cross" alighted here today completing a return transatlantic flight from Natal, Brazil.

The trip was made as an experimental flight in the interest of the French air postal service as an answer to Germany and threatening American competition.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SPAULDING NOT IN RACE

SEEK REAL COMPLIANCE

BRIDGE CONTRACTS COMING

RESTORE THIRD OF PAY CUT?

SALEM, Jan. 31. (AP)—Charles K. Spaulding, reported at various times as a candidate for governor, today informed friends he would seek the Republican nomination to succeed himself as state senator from Marion county.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (AP)—Hugh S. Johnson told the newly chosen state directors for NHA and the emergency council today that success of the recovery administration and the entire recovery program depended wholly on their ability to obtain real compliance with the codes. Outlining the problems which they would face, he said one of the greatest was that involving company unions.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31. (AP)—Contract agreements for the federal loan which will five bridges are to be constructed on the Oregon coast highway will be placed in the mail this week by the public works administration in Washington, D. C. It was stated in a telegram to the Oregon highway commission from Senator McNary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (AP)—The senate appropriations subcommittee considering the independent offices bill voted today to restore one-third of the 15 per cent federal pay cut, effective February 1, and another third next July. The committee voted 5 to 4 against tacking any new veterans benefits on the measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (AP)—Arrest in Chicago of Verne Saakey, one of the nation's foremost criminals, was announced today by the department of justice.

THREE RUSSIAN BALLOONISTS ARE KILLED IN CRASH

By Stanley P. Richardson
MOSCOW, Jan. 31. (AP)—All three members of the crew of the soviet stratosphere balloon "Osoviak" were killed between 3:30 p. m. and 5:00 p. m. yesterday, several hundred kilometers southeast of Moscow, near the village of Potkiyostrog.

The disaster was announced officially today by the soviet civil aviation authorities after 24 hours of rumormongering while a search went on for the fliers who yesterday reported they had reached an altitude of 67,585 feet.

The official announcement said the crew was killed while attempting to land the great balloon. The balloon bag broke away from the gondola as it hit the ground in a hard landing. The force of the concussion killed the three occupants of the gondola and destroyed all the scientific instruments aboard.

Following the crash the bag tore loose from the gondola and disappeared into the clouds.

VANZANDT ASKS BONUS PAYMENT

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 31. (AP)—Immediate payment of the bonus, repeal of the economy act of 1933, an adequate navy, army and marine corps, and the formation of a veterans council consisting of representatives of ex-service men's organizations were advocated by James E. Vanzandt, of Altoona, Penn., commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, here Tuesday night in an address.

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GOLD PRICE MOVED UP TO \$35 AN OUNCE

Former Gold Price \$34.45, But Only for Newly-mined Metal.

U. S. TRADERS GET "BREAK" ON MOVE

Announcement Made At White House Before American Gold Market Closes For Day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (AP)—President Roosevelt revalued the gold dollar at 59.06 per cent of its former weight. The new gold dollar will contain 15 and 5/21 grains of gold nine-tenths fine.

In announcing the change, the president said that beginning tomorrow the treasury would buy any and all gold at a price of \$35 per fine troy ounce.

The new gold dollar became effective at 3:10 p. m. today when the president signed the proclamation. Mr. Roosevelt said the new gold dollar was 59.06 plus per cent of the old weight of 25.8 grains of gold.

The gold buying starting tomorrow at the \$35 price will be done through the New York Federal Reserve bank as fiscal agent for the treasury. The previous gold price was \$34.45 but that was offered only for newly-mined gold. The new price applies to any and all gold delivered to a United States mint or the New York or Seattle assay offices.

The new price is subject to deduction.

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John Dillinger Behind Bars In Indiana Prison

CROWN POINT, Ind., Jan. 31. (AP)—John Dillinger, the swashbuckling Indiana bad man, tamed by Altona peace officers, was behind steel bars in the county jail here today, apparently resigned to his fate—a fate which the state hopes will be his execution for killing a policeman.

Apparently deserted by his pals who are reputed to have taken an oath to "kill coppers," the desperado was brought here to Indiana last night and placed in a solitary cell.

There, while the state made preliminary plans to try him for the slaying of Policeman Patrick O'Malley during a recent \$20,000 bank robbery at East Chicago, Ind., the gang leader began to talk, confessing, Prosecutor Robert G. Estill said, to robberies totaling over \$250,000. He denied, however, he had slain Policeman O'Malley.

He said he began his career of crime when a boy he robbed a grocer in Mooresville, Ind., his home town, while intoxicated. Asked if he had engineered the smuggling of weapons into the Michigan City prison for the escape of his pals, he said: "I don't deny it; do I?"

Republican Wins Seat In Congress

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 31. (AP)—William D. Thomas, Hoosick Falls druggist, is the new representative in congress from the 29th district of New York state.

Thomas, a Republican, defeated John J. Nyhoff, Democrat, and Coleman B. Cheney, Socialist, in a special election yesterday to fill the vacancy left by the late James S. Parker, Republican. With four districts missing, Thomas received 24,698 votes to Nyhoff's 15,889. Cheney polled less than a thousand votes.

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CONGRESSMAN SLIPS ON HIS QUOTATION

Union county people, who have enjoyed Representative Walter M. Pierce's many addresses here during the last several years, know that it is customary for him to complete his remarks with a quotation—usually of poetry. Many, many an address was given a fitting climax by his finishing touches. But, even as well versed in poetry as is La Grande's congressman, he has been caught in a mistake—two mistakes to be exact. A dispatch from Washington gives us the "low-down." In his recent speech on farm indebtedness in the house, the congressman, bursting into classical quotation, exclaimed: "No truer statement was ever made than that by Goldsmith when he said: 'For forms of government let fools contend; That which is best administered is best.' That is a good quotation and it went over fine, the dispatch said, but the Oregon member made two mistakes. The lines are from Pope instead of Goldsmith and by using the wrong word the congressman destroyed the rhyme which was carefully framed by the poet, as follows: "What'er is best administered is best." The quotation occurs in epistle three of Pope's "Essay on Man."



Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 54 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 73 cents. Export bid 77 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31. (AP)—Reactionary tendencies that developed in the wheat market carried prices downward almost 2 cents a bushel today, but late rallies overcame part of the loss.

Much of the selling came from recent buyers, and was associated with indications that after four days upturn of prices the peak of the wheat market had been passed for at least the time being. It was figured, however, that the international wheat price on a gold basis is yet 17 cents below the figure at which lower tariffs were to become effective in leading countries. Wheat closed unsettled, 1/4 @ 1/2 under yesterday's finish, corn 1/2 @ 3/4 down, oats 1/2 @ 3/4 off, and provisions showing 2 cents to 5 cents decline.