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THREE BANK ROBBERIES TODAY

BANKS OPEN AT TEN A. M. NEXT MONDAY

First National Banks of
La Grande and Union
on New Schedule

SERVICE CHARGES TO BE EFFECTIVE

Changes Made Here Are
in Line With Eastern
Oregon As Well As Na-
tional Program.

The First National bank of La Grande and the First National bank of Union beginning Monday will adopt the new hours and schedule of charges for bank service in line with the national program. It was announced today.

This is a part of the schedule of the Northeastern Oregon Bankers' association, of which the local bank is a member.

The new hours are from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. daily, and from 10 p. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The new charges for the free service banks have performed for a great many years, are being made throughout the country as partial reimbursement to banks for the insurance of deposits cost, which is borne by each participating bank.

Interest on savings accounts will be paid at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent and credited semi-annually. Under the new schedule, time certificates will be issued for six months and 12 months and bear interest not to exceed 3 per cent. Minimum service charges will be five free checks allowed for a \$50 average balance; under a \$50 average balance, flat charge of 50 cents and 3 cents per check over five; above a \$50 average balance one additional free check for each \$10 of average balance, with additional

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First Aid Class Instruction To Begin Tuesday

Senior first aid classes, conducted by the local chapter of the Red Cross, will begin next Tuesday at 7 p. m. with Dr. C. L. Gilstrap and Dr. W. R. Ross in charge. The classes are for all above 17 years of age and enrollment may be made by calling Dr. Gilstrap's office, preferably before the first meeting. The classes, with standard instruction, are planned especially for teachers and public workers, including policemen, firemen, state highway patrolmen and, of course, for any others who wish to participate.

Junior first aid classes, for those between 12 and 17 years, will begin next Wednesday evening at the La Grande hotel and enrollment may be

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL SEEKS NEW QUARTERS

The Central Labor council held the most enthusiastic session it has had here in many months last night at the R. Z. Baxter shop on Adams avenue. The attendance was so large, that a housing committee was appointed to arrange for a new meeting place.

PRESIDENT OF LOAN CO. HERE

Ralph C. Baker, president of the Equitable Loan Co. and J. Rodney Keating, both of Portland, are transacting business here today.

MR. GROUNDHOG IN QUANDARY LOCALLY

Mr. Groundhog, who is supposed to prognosticate the weather each Feb. 2, through either seeing or not seeing his shadow, and acting accordingly, was in a bit of a dilemma today.

You see, it's like this. Ordinarily Mr. Groundhog comes out Feb. 2 after a winter's sleep and looks about. If he sees his shadow he scurries back into his hole, sure that there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If there is no shadow, he remains up and about and an early spring is forecast.

Now, the problem is this. To begin with, the winter here has been so mild and spring-like, that he

WILL ROGERS says:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 — Say, the snow is knee deep tonight and still falling. California, here I come. The airplanes are awful fine but the old trains come in mighty handy and they are getting their rates down where lots of folks are riding on the trains.

In the senate this afternoon was the St. Lawrence river canal bill. It will be the first presidential measure that may meet defeat. It will be mighty close.

Was in the vice president's office when he was visited by the Russian ambassador, he and his wife. He seemed an awful nice fellow. I asked him about war with Japan. Said it had been delayed indefinitely on account of bad weather.

Will Rogers.

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COURT TERM OPENS HERE MONDAY MORN

Several Cases Expected to
Be Tried—Circuit Court
Jury List Named.

The February term of the Union County circuit court will open Monday, Feb. 5 at the court house, with Judge J. W. Knowles on the bench. A number of cases will be ready for trial during the session.

The list of jurors was selected recently and the veniremen report for duty during the session. The list is composed mostly of farmers, members of that occupation are the most easily accessible at this time of year. The list includes:

P. J. Lilly, contractor, La Grande;

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OPEN BIDS SOON ON 2 PROJECTS IN THIS COUNTY

Two Union county state highway projects will be bid on Feb. 15 at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland. It was learned today, when calls for bids were issued.

One will be the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway project for widening the road from the city limits to the U. P. railroad tracks in this city.

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MERCURY AT 62 HERE THURSDAY

La Grander enjoyed another mild spring day today, with the mercury high in the 50s before noon, and a maximum of 62 above on the records for yesterday, the warmest so far this year. Portland also enjoyed 62-above weather yesterday, and down at Bend, the residents shed coats with the mercury reading as high as 70 above.

The minimum last night was 41 above, and the weatherman's forecast for tonight and tomorrow was for generally fair weather in Eastern Oregon, with not much change in temperature.

Like yesterday, the sky was clear. It was the warmest Feb. 1 in the history of Oregon. Other maximum temperatures included Baker 54, Medford 60, Marshfield 56, Roseburg 60, Wolf Creek 62, Umatilla 69, Salem, Eugene and Albany, each 63.

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SHE'S SHERIFF



Sheriff Lillian Holley (above), is the woman who is responsible for keeping John Dillinger, mid-west's most desperate bandit, behind the bars in the Lake county jail, Crown Point, Ind. She's keeping a large group of prisoners on guard constantly to see the alleged murderer does not escape.

IMBLER TACKLES TIGERS TONIGHT

With the Tiger team in good condition and determined to chalk up a double victory, local basketball fans were all set today for two bang-up games to be played in the L. D. S. Recreational hall. Imbler High, only five to dent La Grande's 1933-34 season record so far, will be the opponent tonight, the game to begin at 8 p. m. and tomorrow night Pendleton High will play the Tigers starting at 8:15 p. m. Coach Bob Quinn, of the E. O. N., will referee both contests.

A preliminary between the L. H. S. seniors and Coach Ira Woodie's team of sophomores is scheduled for 7 o'clock tonight. The preliminary tomorrow night, at 7:15, will be between the Pendleton Bees and the La Grande second team.

FARMERS GET \$60,000 IN U. S. CHECKS

Wallowa County Wheat
Growers Receiving
Money Today; Union
Co. Checks Due Soon.

Wallowa county wheat farmers are today receiving their wheat allotment checks from the United States treasury, with 337 checks to be distributed today and tomorrow in the amount of about \$60,000.

The largest wheat allotment in Wallowa county records is that of Mrs. Mary Nuxoll, according to word from Enterprise, amounting to \$1413, but part of this goes to the owner of rented land, and the largest check in this distribution goes to Roy Down, of Upper Prairie creek, who receives \$1,191.

The checks arrived earlier this week

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Exalted Rulers Of Other Years In Elks Chairs

Fifteen past exalted rulers attended past exalted rulers night Thursday night at the Elks temple. Senator Henry Hess and H. E. Coolidge, both former lodge heads, were the principal speakers.

Through the P. E. R. the history of the lodge was outlined. Dr. G. L. Biggers presided and the other former officers who filled chairs were J. H. Pearce, leading knight; Mr. Coolidge, loyal knight; Delia Green, yeoman knight; H. E. Brady, esquire; L. H. Bramwell, chaplain; C. L. Thompson, treasurer; Sherwood Williams, secretary; Norman Deslet, inner guard; H. J. Ritter, tyler.

C. L. Berry headed the committee and assisting him were Mr. Pearce, Mr. Green, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Deslet.

Other past exalted rulers present who were not on the program were R. J. Kitchin, Jesse V. Andrews and C. R. Eberhard.

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Gas Succeeds Noose in Arizona



This lethal gas chamber has succeeded the gallows as Arizona's method of inflicting capital punishment. Warden A. G. Walker (left) and Bert Polly, yard foreman at the Arizona penitentiary, are shown. Four men now wait execution there.

WALLOWA ROAD LABOR TO COME FROM ONTARIO

Keen dissatisfaction was being expressed locally today because labor for the Wallowa-Lostine highway project will be taken from the Ontario national re-employment district. That the labor will come from Ontario was learned definitely late yesterday on

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REYNOLDS INFORMED OF APPOINTMENT AS RECEIVER OF BANK AT PENDLETON

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news, and as the Observer went to press, was awaiting the reply. Pending further word on the matter, he was withholding comment.

The news came as a surprise to Mr. Reynolds as he did not apply for the position, he said, and had no idea he was being considered for the appointment.

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ANOTHER ONE REPORTED NEAR ASIA

NEWS ITEM—OBSERVERS STILL WATCHING FOUR SEA MONSTER REPORTED SEEN IN LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND.



JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

KNOX LAW ARGUMENTS FEB. 6

JANUARY RETAIL SALES UP

PENDLETON GIRL SAFE

C.W.A. BILL VOTE MONDAY?

SALEM, Feb. 2 (AP) — Ignoring efforts on the part of the city attorney of Klamath Falls, A. L. Leavitt, to hold up hearings on the constitutionality of the state liquor control act until the city could submit a brief, the state supreme court set Tuesday, February 6, as time for arguments on the appeal in the test suit. The matter was settled today by Chief Justice John L. Rand.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP) — Improvement in retail sales was an outstanding feature of trade and business trends in January, which disclosed "a definite revival in all branches," Dun and Bradstreet said in their weekly trade review today.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP) — Evelyn Stevens, 15-year-old freshman at Pendleton High school, returned to her home today after having disappeared Tuesday near the high school. Clyde Whitmore, son of a rancher near Echo, said the girl applied for a job as a ranch cook, saying she was 19 years old. State police were advised and the girl returned to her home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — House leaders today decided to postpone until Monday consideration of the \$50,000,000 CWA-relief appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — The farm administration today smoothed plans for going again into the wheat belt with proposals for removing an additional 5,533,000 acres from production either through getting present agreement signers to contribute or obtaining new contracts.

PENNSGROVE, N. J., Feb. 2 (AP) — Four men stole \$130,000 from two bank employees today as they were entering the Penns Grove National bank with the money in three packages and a mail sack.

The cash was to be used to meet

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DENY DEFAULTERS CREDIT IN BILL SENATE PASSES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — The Senate today passed the Johnson bill, this time with administration support, to deny new credits in this country to all nations behind in their debts to the American government.

The retaliatory measure, putting debt defaulters on notice anew that the United States expects payment of all war and post-war debts overdue, was approved and sent to the house without a record vote, Robin-

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KIDNAPER NABBED BY U. S. OFFICERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — Capture at Chicago last night of Gordon Francis Alcorn, last of the alleged kidnapers of Charles Boettcher Second, was announced today by the justice department.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP) — Verne Sank, described as "America's public enemy No. 1," has escaped temporarily at least a charge of participation in the kidnapping of the infant son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, but must face a federal court trial for the abduction of the wealthy Denver broker, Charles Boettcher II.

Hours of questioning by federal

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STATE PRESIDENT OF EAGLES HERE

D. D. Hall, state president of the Eagles lodge, announced that the lodges of Oregon are rated first in the United States in increase in membership when he paid an official visit to the local lodge last night. His address mainly dealt with the business and projects fostered by the lodge.

Mr. Hall went to Union today and will return this afternoon for a special meeting.

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 53 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 72 1/2 cents. Export bid 71 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP) — Wheat underwent a tumble of more than a cent a bushel today, largely as a result of profit taking sales for holders and because of selling here against purchases at Winnipeg.

Dollar devaluation appeared to have lost influence temporarily as a buying stimulus among wheat traders.

Wheat closed unsteady, 3/8 to 1/2 cent lower yesterday's final, corn unchanged to 1/2 cent down, oats unchanged to 1/2 cent off, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents decline.

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POLICEMAN IS SLAIN IN ONE HOLDUP

Three Others Shot in Robbery in Needham, Massachusetts.

\$130,000 IS TAKEN IN PENNSGROVE, N. J.

Four Men Rob Coleman, Texas Bank of \$35,000 — Officers Take Up Pursuit of Gangs.

By the Associated Press
Three bank robberies, two in the east and one in the south, featured crime news over the nation today. In one of the robberies, a policeman was slain and three other men were shot.

The total loot, according to first estimates, amounted to \$175,000.

NEEDHAM, Mass., Feb. 2 (AP) — One policeman was slain, three other men shot and \$10,000 taken from the Needham Trust company today by four bandits, two of them armed with what bank employees described as sub-machine guns. Forbes McLeod, policeman, shot through the stomach as he answered the bank's burglar alarm, died shortly afterward.

As they fled from the bank the robbers compelled Arnold McIntosh, treasurer, and John B. Riordan, teller, to climb on the running board of their touring car to protect them against possible pursuit.

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Oregon Butter Code Revoked By Gehlhar Today

SALEM, Feb. 2 (AP) — The code set out ten days ago for butter manufacturers by Max Gehlhar, director of agriculture, was revoked in a new order issued today by Gehlhar with recommendations that an entirely new agreement be drawn, co-operating with the state of Washington to eliminate problems of interstate commerce.

The previous code did not comply with the request of many creamery operators for an increase of 2 cents per pound for preparation and delivery of butter, and failed to establish any minimum price. The main features were the elimination of price cutting practices.

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Chicken Adopts Seven Baby Rabbits

PATRICK, Sask., Feb. 2 (AP) — A pullet belonging to Mrs. Albert E. Brown has adopted seven baby rabbits. Where they came from nobody knows, but Mrs. Brown found the bunnies in the nest under the chicken's wings.

SASKATOON, Feb. 2 (AP) — An English Setter saved a Collie from a watery grave here, eye-witnesses report. The Collie broke through the river ice, and its efforts to lift itself back onto the ice proved fruitless. The Setter caught the Collie by the ear, braced its feet, and pulled the fast-tiring dog to safety.

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DEMOCRATS HEAR ATTACK BY G. O. P.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — Democratic chiefs today pulled over a new Republican move in the national political forum — a speech by Representative Snell, of New York, asserting a continuance of Herbert Hoover's regime would have been more beneficial than has the Roosevelt administration.

Some observers declared they heard a buzzing of the presidential bee when two leading Republicans within four days delivered essentially political speeches.

Open Miles, Hoover administration treasury secretary and a chief political lieutenant in the 1932 campaign, told a Topeka, Kansas crowd early in the week of his disagreement with many of President Roosevelt's moves.

Snell, taking the floor yesterday as minority leader of the house, said he was "absolutely sure" Mr. Hoover would have done a better job than has Mr. Roosevelt.