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UNION CO. WHEAT MONEY ARRIVES

CHECKS FOR FARMERS ARE HERE TODAY

Alice, Union, Cove, Island City, Elgin, North Powder Get Payments.

\$90,000 IN FIRST GROUP OF CHECKS

Expect Additional \$25,000 For La Grande, Imbler and Summerville Districts Soon.

Wheat allotment checks, amounting to nearly ninety thousand dollars arrived in La Grande this morning for distribution to the farmers of Alice, Union, Cove, Island City, Elgin and North Powder districts. Those for Summerville and Imbler districts have not arrived but are expected on every train. Wheat control checks for farmers of the La Grande district who signed the wheat production control contracts, will arrive later. Ernest De Long, chairman of the committee, announced today.

About \$92,000 will be distributed to 600 tenant and landlord farmers in the county outside of the La Grande district which is expected to bring the total to near \$115,000.

Start Distribution Tomorrow

The first of the checks will be distributed to signers from the Alice, Union, Cove and Island City districts tomorrow at the Federal building in La Grande. On Monday they will be distributed from the city hall at Elgin to signers in that vicinity, while on Tuesday Mr. DeLong, Clyde Kiddie, a member of the committee, and H. G. Avery, county agent, will go to North Powder to distribute the payments to North Powder wheat growers at the city hall.

Summerville and Imbler checks have been held up but just as soon as they arrive they will be distributed from points announced later.

La Grande payments also will be distributed immediately following their arrival, the place to be set later.

Half a Hundred Enroll In First Aid Course Here

About 50 are enrolled in the senior and junior first aid courses organized this week for a program of ten lessons. Twenty-one gathered at the city hall for the first senior first aid meeting, and members of the state police and others interested are expected to enroll before the next meeting. Dr. C. L. Giesler is teaching the first five lessons and Dr. W. K. Ross will instruct the last five. The purposes of first aid and a general survey of the program were discussed.

A. L. GRALAPP SPEAKER AT MEN'S CLUB

A. L. Gralapp, principal of La Grande High school and a student of astronomy, spoke on that field Thursday night before the Presbyterian Men's club at the home of C. R. Eberhard. Mr. Gralapp has conducted a great deal of study in the field of astronomy and is an interesting speaker.

CARS COLLIDE; DAMAGE LIGHT

Cars driven by Raymond O. Williams and Willard Goeck figured in a minor traffic accident yesterday on Elm and Jefferson. No one was hurt and the damage was slight.

CHILDREN GIVEN OIL, PEPPERMINTS DAILY

The children of the first and second grades of the Greenwood school are now receiving half a cent daily as part of the county nurse's program for building healthier bodies and greater resistance against disease. The teachers administer the proper portions of oil with peppermints.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 9.—All we read in the papers today out here is riots in Paris and taxicab riots in New York. We know what they are fighting over in New York, but nobody (even in France) knows exactly what they are fighting over.

France has got more different political parties than any nation on earth. There is over 30 different parties represented in the house of deputies. Now in a fight on the streets there is not that many different kind of badges to wear. Well, it's good to see France sore at somebody besides us. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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SCOUT RALLY TO BE LARGEST ONE OF THIS SEASON

What is expected to be the largest Boy Scout rally of the year will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle. The public is invited to attend the varied program. Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock scouts will gather at 9 o'clock at the high school gymnasium to hear President Roosevelt's address to the Scouts of America. The public also is invited to the broadcast.

The program for the rally includes: knot tying contest, 8-man team competing; flag respect contest, 2-man team; contest game, "skin the snake"; 8-man team; Indian sign language, 8-man team; Morse signaling with flashlight, team of four participants; compass game, 8-man team; troop judging, 10-man team; first aid with second class requirements; semaphore signaling with the team including sender, receiver, stenographer and reader; fire-by-friction, 3-man team; safety violation, one-man team; dressing race, 3-man team.

BAKER-LA GRANDE BATTLE TO START AT 8:00 TONIGHT

A basketball contest that carried with it more rivalry than perhaps any other played here this season is scheduled for tonight when Coach Vernon Eilers' Bulldogs of Baker High tackle the Tigers of La Grande, coached by Ira Wiegman, at the L. D. S. recreational hall floor.

It will be a double header, with Woodard's undefeated second team (composed of sophomores) playing the Baker Bees in the first game, beginning at 7 p. m. The first teams clash an hour later, with Coach Bob Quinn, of E. O. N., as the signal.

Indications are that the gym will be packed to near capacity, particularly in view of the goodness of the race between these two teams for district honors. Two weeks ago the Tigers routed out the Bulldogs in Baker 28-15.

Tomorrow night La Grande goes to Pendleton for a return game with the Durks, who lost to the Tigers here 26-19-18.

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STORE PERSONNEL CHANGED TODAY

The personnel of the McClay grocery stores at La Grande and Enterprise is being somewhat changed for the near future, it was announced today by Harry McClay, proprietor.

Eugene Gates is being transferred to Enterprise to be with Maynard Ward.

Donald Ostlund will be at store No. 1 here and Glenn Gladney will be at store No. 2, while Clyde Ramsey, a man with experience, is to take the place formerly occupied by Mr. Gladney.

DR. W. J. KERR INSPECTS THE E. O. N. TODAY

Chancellor Finds Much Progress Made Here, and Emphasizes Need of Training School.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of the institutions of higher education in Oregon, made a visit to La Grande today, inspected the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and immediately afterwards voiced his belief that a new training school here is a great need. He was highly pleased with the showing made at the local school, of which President H. E. Inlow has charge, and expressed himself as delighted at the growing appreciation of the community for the E. O. N., the appreciation of the territory for the facilities afforded by the school and the growing utilization of these facilities which naturally tended to create an improved and growing school. Dr. Kerr was pleased to find everything in excellent shape here and fully up to standard.

The educational executive was greatly impressed with the need here of a training school, and said that upon his return to his headquarters, he will communicate with the authorities in Washington and urge upon them the necessity of a public work appropriation to enable the building of the proposed \$130,000 school building here.

The mere fact that the training

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Five Students New Members Of Phi Beta Sigma

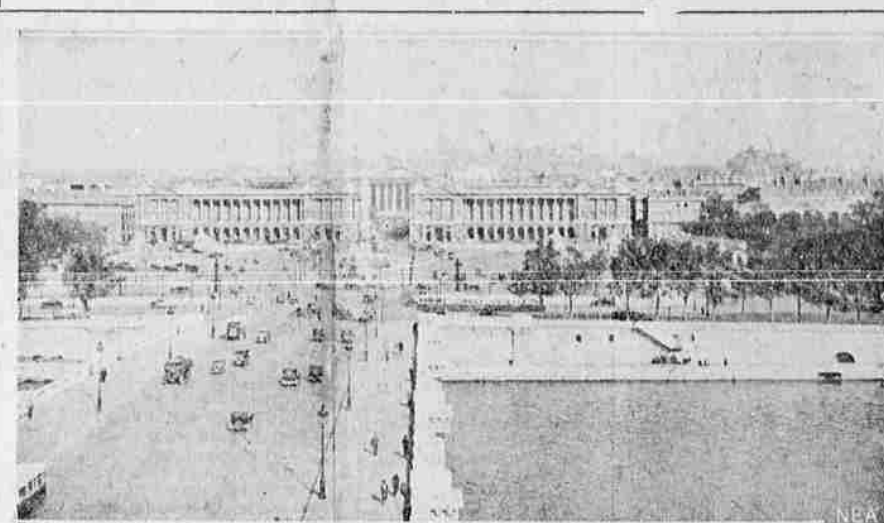
Five students at the Eastern Oregon Normal school were initiated into Phi Beta Sigma, national honorary education fraternity, at a ceremony and banquet held at the La Grande hotel. Those initiated were: E. E. Bennett, Enterprise; Elton Cochrane, Baker; Elma Dunham, Pendleton; Theron Anderson, Cove; Kermit M. Carr, North Powder.

The banquet followed the initiation at which President H. E. Inlow spoke on the value of progress in the teaching profession. Guests in addition to the members were President and Mrs. Inlow, Miss Kate Gux, Miss Arla Lawrence, Miss Helen Moor, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Skene and Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Announcement was made that Phi Beta Sigma has made an additional gift of \$100 to the Normal school student loan fund besides the \$500 given last year.

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Where French Citizens And Troops Fought in Paris



Scene of the bloody outbreak against the French government Tuesday — the Place de la Concorde in Paris. In the foreground is the bridge across the Seine where rioters fought police and troops in an effort to reach the parliamentary buildings. Across the Seine, the large buildings at the left is the Hotel Crillon, and at the right the Ministry of Marine. Fighting raged around both structures. The new American Embassy is at the extreme left of the photograph.

LEWISTON NOSES OUT E. O. N. 33-28 IN EXCITING TILT

Lewiston Normal school's basketball team posed out the Eastern Oregon Normal quintet here again last night, but not until after one of the most exciting games of the season had kept the crowd of fans in a frenzy. The score was 33 to 28.

During the game, the lead changed nine times, and with two minutes to go the count was knotted at 26 all. Then Hilding L. N. S. forward, shot a field goal and followed with a free throw seconds after, breaking the tie and checked the hard driving Mountaineers—also suddenly became in-

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SITE FOR MARKER PICKED THURSDAY

The site for the marker that will be erected to commemorate the trial of the first pioneer band in the Grande Ronde valley was selected yesterday by Judge U. G. Cough, County Commissioner, T. B. Johnson and W. R. Leister, Mrs. Kate Hanley, S. B. Morgan and E. D. Whiting. The marker will be erected to the roadside below the Briggs place on a hill.

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Year Ago Today? 51 Below Zero At Meacham!

A year ago today? It was 51 below zero at Meacham, 16 below in La Grande, 25 below at Baker, 21 below at Union, six below at Pendleton, 26 below at Bend, 40 below at Drewsey, 36 below at Long Creek, 58 below at Astoria and 63 below in Bear Valley (between John Day and Boise).

The entire nation was gripped in a cold wave, with all-time records broken in many sections. There was snow-plenty of it. The coal men were doing a rushing business—so were the plumbers! Spring was something to think of as being far in the future.

If there were any robbers around, they were sorry of it. And the little panicles, which are blooming in some places in La Grande now, were chilling in their roots! Butterflies were just a memory of months and months ago!

Yes, it was 51 below zero in La Grande, a year ago today. It was 13 below, and at 7 o'clock it was 13 below. Late in the afternoon the mercury struggled up to a maximum of six above, and then started downward again, not to stop until it went below the little 50 mark.

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F. R. REQUESTS REGULATION OF MARKETS

President Asks Congress to Restrict Use of Exchanges For Purely Speculative Purposes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—President Roosevelt today asked Congress to restrict the use of exchanges dealing in securities and commodities. Declaring the exchanges as necessary and of definite value, Mr. Roosevelt added: "Nevertheless, it should be our national policy to restrict, as far as possible, the use of these exchanges for purely speculative purposes."

"I therefore recommend to the Congress the enactment of legislation providing for the regulation by the federal government of the operation of exchanges dealing in securities and commodities for the protection of investors, for the safeguarding of values, and so far as it may be possible, for the elimination of unnecessary, unwise and destructive speculation."

Mr. Roosevelt left it to Congress to

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9 NEGROES PUT TO DEATH TODAY

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 9 (AP)—Swiftly and with little talk, five negroes paid with their lives today for killing four men and a "colored negro woman."

Bennie Foster of Selma, the first to die, entered the death cell at Kilby prison here at 12:05 a. m. (C. S. T.) and 10 minutes later the last of the five was dead. Foster and Hardie White died protesting their innocence.

The next to die was John Thompson, for the slaying of Henry Bloom. Mobile, Ala. merchant. He made no statement.

Ernest Walter was the fourth to be put to death. He was convicted of killing "a cheating negro woman who stole wasn't worth hanging his about."

Solomon Roper, a wandering farm hand, died for killing Page Brasher, his employer, in an argument over \$2.

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 9 (AP)—Three negroes died in the electric chair today.

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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 50 1/2 cents. Export bill 55 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9 (AP)—Possibilities that long-continued drought would be broken tonight in Western Kansas and Western Nebraska put wheat values on the downgrade today.

Setbacks in prices of securities had a further disturbing influence on the wheat market and on other grains as well.

Wheat closed unsettled, 3/4 to 1 1/2 down yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 to 1 1/2 down, oats at 1/2 to 1/2 decline, and provisions varying from 5c set-back to a rise of 7 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

C.C.C. CAMP NEAR HERE?

PICKING FRENCH CABINET

PLAN COMMUNICATIONS BILL

MACCRACKEN DODGES SENATE

PENDLETON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The possibility that a 200-man CCC camp may be established this summer at Emigrant Springs park was indicated here today by Sam H. Boardman, park engineer for the highway commission, and Emerson Knight, inspector for the national park service.

PARIS, Feb. 9 (AP)—Custion Doumergue, 71 year old premier-designate, turned his back on youthful enthusiasts this afternoon to name a cabinet of experienced veterans banded together by the crisis threatening their France. Some half a dozen former premiers were named in the ministry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Legislation for establishment of a communications commission with strict control over the radio, telephone and telegraph was decided upon at a White House conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—At the order of the senate, William F. MacCracken—former assistant secretary of commerce for air—was hunted for arrest this afternoon, but his counsel refused to produce him until a writ of habeas corpus had been drawn to obtain his release.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The first of the vital annual appropriation bills—the \$234,000,000 fiscal bill—was passed today by the senate and sent back to the house for consideration of changes. No important changes were made by the senate.

TO CANCEL ALL AIRMAIL CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—President Roosevelt today called for the cancellation of all domestic airmail contracts and gave Postmaster General Farley authority to use army planes in hauling the mails.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Postmaster General Farley said at the White House today that he is ready to issue an order cancelling all domestic airmail contracts. Army planes will be pressed into service to carry on during the emergency.

The basis of the cancellation will be evidence of fraud and collusion, it was said, and the order will involve possible abandonment of some existing lines, but on routes prescribed by Farley army planes will carry the mail.

The president has prepared an executive order putting the army planes at the disposal of the postmaster general. It was emphasized that all domestic airmail contracts are to be cancelled. Attention was called that this prevented companies holding these contracts from bidding again within five years.

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RECORD COLD IN TWO CONTINENTS

By the Associated Press

Intense cold storms ruled over two continents today.

The U. S. weather bureau celebrated its 64th anniversary by recording many record lows in temperature.

Germany and Scandinavia were struck by a sale which caused widespread damage and was directly responsible for several deaths.

Ships hugged harbors in the North and Baltic seas.

The New England and North At-

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STADELMAN, THE DALLES, IS APPOINTED

Former Mayor, a Republican, Selected to Succeed Hal E. Hoss.

WILL SERVE UNTIL GENERAL ELECTION

Governor Julius L. Meier Announces Appointment Today, Second to the Board of Control.

SALEM, Feb. 9 (AP)—P. J. Stadelman, of The Dalles, was sworn in as Oregon's secretary of state by Justice P. R. Kelly of the supreme court at 11:15 o'clock this morning. He immediately assumed his official duties, taking over the position left vacant by the death Tuesday of Hal E. Hoss.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—Appointed secretary of state, P. J. Stadelman, 62, The Dalles Republican, will go to Salem and take the oath of office there today.

Governor Julius L. Meier announced the appointment here last night after summoning Stadelman from The Dalles earlier in the evening. He succeeds Hal E. Hoss who died Tuesday and was laid to rest at Salem yesterday.

Stadelman is a fruit broker and ice and fuel dealer. He was formerly a city councilman and mayor of The Dalles.

He will serve until after the next general election, when a vote will be required to determine who shall serve the balance of Hoss' term, which expires January 4, 1937.

It was the second board of control appointment made by Governor Meier to fill vacancies occasioned by death. Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer and board of control member, was appointed by Meier May 1, 1931, to succeed the late Thomas B. Kay who died in a board of control meeting.

"My sole objective is to be of service to my state," Stadelman said. "I hope to continue the efficient work of an efficient office, and to that end will direct my energies."

Stadelman, who is in business in The Dalles with his two sons, Wilbur and George, was born at Hamstead, Long Island, New York. He has lived in Oregon since he was three years

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Sankey Commits Suicide In Cell At Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 9 (AP)—Gordon Alcorn pleaded guilty today to charges of conspiracy to kidnap for ransom in connection with the abduction a year ago of Charles Goodrich H. Bremer broker. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at Leavenworth federal penitentiary, to which he was ordered taken this afternoon.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 9 (AP)—Verne Sankey has kept his word to "beat the law."

With a noose fashioned from two neckties and with a handkerchief in

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Johnston and Smith Found Guilty Today

CLEVELAND, Feb. 9 (AP)—Alvaney Johnston, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and C. Stirling Smith, president of the now closed Standard Trust bank, were convicted by a jury today on charges of misappropriating \$450,000 of the bank's funds and of making false entries.

James H. Cassell, secretary of the brotherhood and former director of the bank, was acquitted.

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MOVIE STARS MIX-UP WEDDING CEREMONY

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Virginia Cherrill and Cary Grant were married today — and the proceedings were just as confused as though the couple was playing, as usual, before movie cameras.

The two film stars proved months of rumors correct by appearing at the Caxton Hall registry office and exchanging vows before a registrar.

They made their appearance, however, in relays.