

House To Vote On Bonus Legislation on March 12

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COLD WAVE, WINDS BRING DEATH

LEGION IDEA LIKE THAT OF WASHINGTON

Facts About American Legion Presented at Chamber Luncheon

KIDDLE, BURLEIGH GIVE MAIN TALKS

Major Program at Present is Rehabilitation of Veterans of the World War.

"Facts About the American Legion" was the theme of a Chamber of Commerce luncheon today at the La Grande Hotel, with speakers from the legion presenting different phases of that organization's efforts and work. Musical entertainment was furnished by the drum and bugle corps and the "Buckeyes," a stringed orchestra of the local post.

Fred E. Kiddle, state senator and past commander of the American Legion of Oregon as well as La Grande post, touched at this particular time so close to the anniversary of Washington's birth, of how the present day American Legion principles of patriotism and devotion to national welfare parallel so closely to the writings and thoughts of that first American.

"Patriotism has undergone a considerable change since the days of the feudal lords and barons," said Sen. Kiddle. "In those days patriotism was considered a duty to the individual. Today, patriotism is good citizenship in peace and war and allegiance of the individual to all the peoples of the nation."

E. O. N. Quintet Ready To Meet House of David

Indications today were that one of the largest basketball crowds this season at an E. O. N. game would be in the L. D. S. Recreational hall at 8 o'clock tonight to see the Mountaineers attempt to stop the House of David quintet. Much interest has been aroused here in the be-whiskered team, which has won around 63 out of the last 70 games, playing all comers — colleges, university, and independent.

The size of the visitors — all are six-footers or more except a five foot 11 inch guard — is expected to give them a great advantage over the Mountaineers, but Coach Bob Quinn's team is out to do its best, and hopes to make the Davidites extend themselves to win.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD MEETING NEXT MONDAY

The Young Democratic League is to hold a meeting next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Sacajawea Inn, in preparation for the primary and general election campaigns. The meeting has been called by Martin King, county committeeman.

W. O. CLINGER VISITS HERE

W. O. Clinger, former manager of the La Grande hotel, is in La Grande visiting friends. He now makes his home in Roseburg where he is operating a hotel.

Meacham People Look Forward To A 'Boom' Season

Road Work and Prospects of C. C. C. Camp Cause Residents to See 1934 With Optimism.

Meacham people are looking forward to what promises to be one of the best seasons in many, many years. In fact, "Meacham will be a booming town this year," one resident said.

He went on to explain: The Northwest Roads Co., has the contract for 7.1 miles of highway work, and the job will continue for some four months or more. The company will employ a large crew, probably about 50 men, and has a rock crusher and washer and 10 trucks besides other equipment.

In addition, there also are hopes that a C. C. C. camp will be established at or near Meacham within the next month or two.

MEYERS, GREULICH WILL TAKE OVER LOCAL THEATRES

Formal announcement was made today that the Liberty, Granada and State theatres in La Grande would be taken over by the La Grande Theatres, Inc., a local organization, on March 1, and would be operated by this corporation from then on.

The La Grande Theatres, Inc., is owned entirely by J. D. Meyers and F. A. Greulich, both well known locally and residents of this city, although Mr. Meyers has been living in Salem for the last three years until recently, when he and his family

HARRISON HEADS DAIRYMEN HERE

The La Grande Dairy association, which has been in existence for several years, met at the city hall Monday and elected officers for the coming year.

Joe Harrison was named as president, Nat Gray as vice president and N. H. Nielsen as secretary-treasurer. The attendance was large and in addition to election of officers, the membership discussed the matter of new prices, etc., and made plans to hold monthly sessions.

RETAIL GROCERS DISCUSS PRICES

Prices and closing and opening hours were discussed by the Retail Grocers association at a meeting last night at the Sacajawea Inn. H. M. Howard presided over the meeting and it was decided to lower the price on small packages of 12 cigarettes to 10 cents with the idea in mind that a bill will be passed by congress to cover the tax which would in turn give grocers an opportunity to sell them for 10 cents with a profit.

LIGHT RAINS HERE; FIRST IN 2 WEEKS

Damp weather returned to the Grande Ronde valley last night after an absence of about two weeks. However, only 40 of an inch of rain fell up to 7 a. m. today, which isn't much precipitation.

But indications were that the moist period would be of short duration, as the weatherman at Portland this morning predicted generally fair skies tonight and Wednesday, with slightly colder weather.

Monday's high was 55 above and the minimum last night was 36 above.

PROSPECTIVE VOTERS BEGIN REGISTERING

Registration for the May primary election already is under way at the court house, according to word from the county clerk's office.

So far the registrations have not been very large but there have been one or two a day the last week or so.

Most of these have renewed registration or else registered for the first time, it is reported. There is an occasional case of switching parties, but this is not being done to any extent.

The number of Democrats registering so far this month is surpassing the number of Republicans, although the latter party has a heavy majority over the Democrats in this county on the registration books.

Registration will be possible until closing hours on April 17. The May primary election will be held on Friday, May 18.

68 PENSIONS GRANTED IN THIS COUNTY

Seventy-Five Applications Filed—Two Denied, and Others Are Being Investigated.

Sixty-eight old age pensions, totaling \$717, have been granted out of the 75 applications filed with the Union county court. Two were denied because the circumstances did not conform with the pension law which requires 15 years residence in the state while a citizen of the United States, two years residence in the county, and 70 years of age, it is reported.

The other applicants for pensions are being investigated at present by

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Engineers Will Be Honored At Dinner Tonight

Frank Pike and Pete Biever, the two oldest engineers in service on the railroad in La Grande, will be honored tonight by the G. I. A. and the L. S. to the B. of L. E. at a banquet at Honan hall. Mr. Pike, who will be pensioned soon, joined the O-W. R. and N. in 1887 while Mr. Biever, who already has been pensioned, became an engineer in 1898. Jack Carl, the second in service, joining the service in 1890, has been pensioned and is making his home in California.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 o'clock to members of the two organizations and their families. Mrs. Biever and Mrs. A. W. Wall are in charge of decorating the tables and Mrs. Frank Recllin is arranging a program.

First New Lambs On Market Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—The year's first supply of spring lambs reached the Portland market today and went on sale at 35 cents a pound for the fore quarters, and 45 cents for hind quarters. Only nine head were in the band from the Willamette valley.

J. H. PEARE IS ILL AT HOME

J. H. Peare, chairman of the Union county relief committee, is ill at his home.

Crack Roman Troops Rushed to Austro-Italian Border



If the independence of Austria is threatened as a result of the civil war, Italian troops may move across the border. Among the 75,000 troops ordered to the Austrian frontier are the famous Bersaglieri, shown here on the march.

RAILROAD MEN IN DRIVE TO REPEAL PART OF I. C. C. ACT

The brotherhoods of the railroad and the Union Pacific company are co-operating in an effort to introduce a bill in congress repealing section four of the Interstate Commerce act which forces the railroad to maintain a uniform rate on long and short hauls. The La Grande brotherhoods, which are members of the western conference committee of the Standard Railway Labor organization comprising 11 western states, met yesterday at the Sacajawea Inn and appointed a local committee to foster interest in repealing or amending the bill and to contact the senators and representatives with a view to introducing a bill in congress effecting the change.

At present the railroads are unable by law to give lower rates on long hauls, unless the short haul rate is reduced accordingly, with the result that the railroads have lost to the steamship lines the greater part of

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Here's Another Case Of Perfect Pinchle Hand

A story in the Observer yesterday of a perfect pinchle hand held by Walter Vogel at Union, already has been matched by Mrs. W. W. Stevens, also of Union, who last winter held a perfect hand in spades and made a count of 1300, according to the Observer's correspondent at Union.

Any others to be heard from?

Bankers' Chief Tells F. R. Real Gains Are Made

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt was told today by Francis M. Law, president of the American Bankers' association, that there is "a very definite and very real improvement in business."

Bankers are returning to "a more

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145 SIGN TO FORCE CASH BONUS VOTE

Action Taken in Face of Opposition of President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Despite expressed opposition by President Roosevelt to cash payment of the bonus, the 145 signatures necessary to get that proposition before the house of representatives were obtained this afternoon, and a vote March 12 is certain.

Speaker Rainey, after a special conference at the White House, summoned reporters to say very formally that he was authorized to record presidential opposition to cashing in the bonus at the present time.

That was in early afternoon. Signatures on the Luncheon petition numbered 130. Finally the list crept to 140. Representative Ayres (D., Mont.), was the last house member to put his name down to discharge the committee holding the bill.

Rainey and the leaders, seasoned as to the ways of legislators in facing such campaigns as house members look for this fall, have predicted approval of the bonus bill.

The senate attitude, as usually is the case, remains to be seen. But if congress does get behind the bonus now, a veto is certain.

TEA TICKET SALE VERY ENCOURAGING

Ticket sales for the second annual Spring Fashion Tea, sponsored by the American Association of University Women for the merchants of La Grande, are progressing rapidly under the direction of Miss Mabel Morton, chairman of the sale committee. The sale has been very successful, but there are still a few tickets to be secured at the public library, the chairman announces.

Reports from all ticket sellers are requested at the meeting of the asso-

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 56 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 69 cents. Export bid 74 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 (AP)—Lowest prices for wheat in more than a month went hand in hand today with additional moisture in domestic drought districts and with fears of legislation hostile to grain exchanges. Corn and oats fell in sympathy with wheat, and reached the lowest level since late in December.

Wheat closed unsteady at the day's bottom figures, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c under yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 to 1/2c down, oats 1/2 to 3/4c off, and provisions showing 2c to 1 1/2c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

CONFESSES IN TOUTY TRIAL

UNDERSECRETARY MOVE FAILS

AUSTRIA FACES NAZI THREAT

JOHNSON TO SPEAK TONIGHT

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 (AP)—William A. "Buck" Heinrichsen, once a policeman and later the "driver" for Roger Touhy, confessed in the Factor kidnapping trial today that he drove the car when members of the Touhy gang collected \$70,000 ransom for John Factor's release.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Authority for creation of the office of undersecretary of agriculture was eliminated today from the agriculture department's \$50,400,000 supply bill by the appropriations committee in reporting the measure to the house.

VIENNA, Feb. 20 (AP)—The Dollfuss government today faced a Nazi threat to fight it "unlawful"—and at the same time was given a solemn reminder of the recent costly clashes with Socialists as elaborate funeral services were held for 60 supporters, slain in crushing the rebellion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—General Hugh S. Johnson plans to deliver a "message of exceptional importance to the country" tonight, but he is not disclosing its contents beforehand. The NRA chief is to speak over the air at 10:30, Eastern Standard time.

AIRMAIL PLANE FORCED TO STOP AT LOCAL FIELD

The west-bound airmail plane landed at the airport here this morning because of a low ceiling over the Blue Mountains. After a couple of hours, conditions improved sufficiently so that he resumed his flight to the west. The plane left here at approximately 11 o'clock.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 20 (AP)—The weather man broke up army air mail operations in this district today. A heavy rain and sleet storm which descended on Northern Utah during the night and continued unabated today forced officers to cancel seven flights scheduled to begin here this morning.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Winging eastward into the dawn, an army observation plane left Swan Island airport here at 6:34 a. m. today on the first Pacific Northwest schedule in the army's assignment to carry the airmail.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DANA, P. W. A. HEAD, HELD SURE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Marshall N. Dana, PWA advisor for the 5th region, returned to Portland today from Washington, D. C., where he conferred with President Roosevelt and received instructions to continue his work, with assurance he will be reappointed.

Dana said, also, that C. C. Hockley, state PWA engineer, would be reappointed.

"It was found necessary," he said, "to release all PWA advisors and staffs in connection with the reorganization plans of the president. I have assurance that Mr. Hockley and I will be reappointed."

Dana said the president urged continuance of the program of the Pacific Northwest regional planning board which will hold its first meeting in Portland March 5 to 7.

SON OF F. R. OPPOSES HIM ON CHILD LABOR

BOSTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—James Roosevelt, son of the president, doesn't always agree with his father.

Father and son can't seem to get together on the question of ratification of the proposed federal child labor amendment.

President Roosevelt has asked the states to ratify the proposed amendment. His son "takes the stump" to oppose ratification by Massachusetts.

James Roosevelt voiced his opposition Sunday at a union meeting of the young people of five Newton churches. He said he was opposed to ratification of the proposed amendment here

WINTER GRIPS MOST OF U. S.; 10 WOMEN DIE

Fire Fatal to Aged Inmates of Pennsylvania Memorial Home.

FIREMEN HELPLESS; WEATHER 18 BELOW

Freezing Temperatures in Northern Florida; New York City Covered By Ice, Snow.

By The Associated Press
Armed with stinging snow, fierce winds howled over the Atlantic seaboard today, menacing ships, crippling transportation and causing several fires. The area of cold extended down into Florida where freezing temperatures were reported. At Jacksonville, the mercury dropped to 31 degrees.

The North Atlantic coast was pounded by gales. Coast guardmen worked frantically to save the crew of the steamer Northern Sword, pounding to pieces on the rocks near Whitby, Mass.

Off Cuttyhunk, Mass., two patrol boats took the fishing schooner Hope Leslie in tow and raced toward harbor.

Far out in the Pacific ocean, a lumber schooner, the Horace K. Baxter, reported she was leaking and out of fuel. A coast guard cutter steamed to her assistance.

Virtually all New England was buried under swirling drifts of snow. Temperatures tobogganed.

A six to 12 inch blanket of snow covered Eastern and Southern New York. Trains and buses were hours late. Highways were dotted with stalled automobiles.

Ten Burned to Death
Several disastrous fires broke out in scattered sections. Ten aged women, inmates of a home for the indigent, were burned to death in Brookville, Pa. Firemen stood by helpless as the flames raged through the frame building.

Fire-fighters strove desperately to save the town of Southfield, N. C., from being reduced to ash by a conflagration which had destroyed the Sanders building, the town's principal structure.

Flames likewise menaced Southern Pines, N. C. Fire departments from two nearby towns were enlisted in the efforts to keep the fire from wiping out the business section after it had swept through the Grey building.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 20 (AP)—Freezing temperatures came to Northern Florida shortly after daylight this morning as a cold wave moved southward.

At 8 a. m. the mercury stood at 31 degrees and at least another degree drop was expected during the morning.

Much colder weather was expected

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Demand Grows For Oregon Swim Suits

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—Mitchell Heinemann, general sales manager of the Jantzen Knitting Mills here, said today that "orders are coming in at the fastest pace in years." The company yesterday, he said, received in the mails alone, about 10,000 orders for swimming suits.

December orders, Heinemann said, were 113 per cent greater than in December 1932, January of this year saw a 21 per cent increase compared with January of 1933, and orders to date this month are 50 per cent greater than February of last year.