

C. W. A. Brings \$21,964 To County School Projects

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TOUHY GANG IS SENTENCED TO PEN

CIVIL WORKS BIG HELP TO EDUCATION

Two Projects in La Grande School System Get \$17,000.

STATE REPORTS \$360,000.00 SPENT

Eastern Oregon Normal School Projects Are Not Included in Union County Total.

The civil works administration in Oregon has meant a great deal to the schools of the state and also the C. W. A. has been of great benefit to Union county education. Figures prepared by C. A. Howard, superintendent of public instruction, shows \$360,000 spent to date on C. W. A. labor and materials for school projects in the state. According to C. B. Miller, C. W. A. county manager, \$21,964.15 is Union county's share of this total.

Mr. Howard's report is from 26 of the 36 counties. Multnomah county obtained the most funds, \$109,861 on 12 large projects.

The Union county figure represents the projects which have been completed or else are now under way. Some school projects which have been approved but not started, probably will be cut off the list, Mr. Miller said, because of C. W. A. demobilization, which takes effect today with 104 less to be employed in this county next week.

Herbert Evans, superintendent of La Grande schools, reports approximately \$17,000 being expended by the C. W. A. in materials and labor for two projects here — the high school athletic field job and the general project which includes repairs, painting, etc., at the various school buildings in the La Grande system.

The C. W. A. funds being spent at the E. O. N. are not included in the county total as given by Mr. Miller, since these are state projects and are included in those sponsored by the state board of higher education. If these were included, it would bring the county total to a much higher figure.

LONG-SHORT HAUL CHANGE FAVORED BY RAILROADERS

Railroad labor through the country will unite in support of the Pettengill bill, now before the house of representatives at Washington for the purpose of amending the fourth section known as the "long and short haul clause" of the interstate commerce act. This amendment was made today by I. A. Snider, state chairman, western conference committee of the Standard Railroad Labor organizations.

"Passing of this bill by congress will go far towards solving a serious employment problem in the western states," Snider said. The fourth section, as interpreted by the interstate commerce commission during the last 15 years, has resulted in diversion of the greater part of transcontinental non-perishable freight to the inter-coastal steamship lines. Passage of the Pettengill bill will enable the transcontinental railroads to compete upon a fair basis with the inter-coastal steamship lines and a substantial portion of this revenue will divert to the railroads. Railroad employment will be increased, purchasing power will be added to, and all industry, agriculture and business in the intermountain and western states will feel the resulting beneficial effect.



WILL ROGERS says:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 — Reading today of Sandino's death in Nicaragua. There is one thing that he and I always agreed on and that was that American armed forces had no right down there.

As to whether he was a George Washington or a Jesse James, that's for his own people to judge.

While the nation's mind at the present seems to be on aviation, I want to tell you that some of the greatest flying ever done by army, navy or commercial was done by the marine aviators in their flights through those mountains after this same Sandino.

I spent a week with the marines in temporary. Arriving just three days after the Managua earthquake, I flew with them over the Sandino country, dropping supplies to marine camps hundreds of miles up in the mountains. I am glad we didn't find him that week. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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TIGERS IN COMEBACK TO BEAT IMBLER

La Grande High Has Narrow Squeak in First Game of Tourney.

It took a final period spurt for La Grande High's basketball team to take a win from Imbler's shifty cagers in the county basketball tournament this afternoon. The final score was La Grande, 26; Imbler, 19.

The boys from the school up the valley led at the half 10 to 5, largely due to fine work by McKinnis, guard, and McCoy, forward. The Tigers were thoroughly outplayed in both the first periods.

Coach Woodie's words between halves evidently had its effect upon the local lads for they came out to roll up 12 points to Imbler's five as they went into the final period. Stritt made his shots count to full effect in the second part of the game.

	PG	FT	PP	TP
Imbler	2	1	2	5
McCoy, f	2	0	2	4
Pratt, f	0	0	2	4
Crouser, c	0	0	1	0
Fowler, g	0	0	0	0
McKinnis, g	4	2	0	10
Totals	8	3	5	19
La Grande	4	0	0	8
Stritt, f	4	2	1	10
Reynolds, c	0	0	2	0
Zivcovich, c	1	2	0	4
Webb, g	0	0	4	0
DeBole, g	2	0	2	4
Bean, c	0	0	0	0
Peterson, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	4	9	28

The closest game of the morning

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Party Will Honor Sage of Springs

Dunham Wright, the sage of Medical Springs, will celebrate his 91st birthday on March 13, at his home at Medical Springs. Mrs. Pat Powers, his daughter, will entertain in his honor on that day and many invitations are being issued to residents of the La Grande and valley. The Francis Brown auxiliary of the Sons and Daughters of Union County Pioneers, of which Mr. Wright is one of the most eminent, received an invitation yesterday when they met at the home of Mrs. W. M. Condit.

BURKE IS NAMED CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR CHAIR

Yamhill Senator is Choice Of New "Progressive Republican Party."

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP) — Upon the squared shoulders of Senator W. E. Burke, of Yamhill county, has been draped the mantle of "Progressive Republicanism" in Oregon. Burke, stormy petrel of the now scattered forces that four years ago rallied with whole-hearted enthusiasm to the standard of the late Senator George W. Joseph. On a platform of public hydro-electric power development, and opposition to the state sales tax, the progressives will seek to put Burke in the governor's chair.

Senator Sam Brown, Gervais farmer and announced candidate for the Republican chair, said today.

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HOG CONTRACTS MUST BE SIGNED NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Feb. 28, has been set as the final date for signing hog control contracts in Union county. Clyde Kiddie, allotment committee member, said today. The majority of the hog producers have signed the contracts, but a few are still unsigned. Meetings will be held at Cove, Union, Elgin, Imbler, North Powder and Tualum City next Wednesday and everyone will be expected to present his evidence, papers and other data for final signing of contracts.

MANY ATTEND B. P. O. E. DANCE

Commemorating the birthday of George Washington, the B. P. O. Elks entertained at their annual ball last night in the ball room at the temple. Streamers and festoons in gay patriotic colors decorated the lights and the walls of the ball room. Harley Richardson was in charge of the decorations. Victor Beckley, chairman of the dance committee, was largely responsible for the success of the event which was attended by a large group of dancers. Punch was served during the evening by Misses Judy Siegrist and Genevieve Spaeth. Music was furnished by Dick Lindsay's orchestra.

FLIGHT

No change in the local weather conditions were expected tonight or tomorrow, according to today's government forecast, which called for generally fair skies with no change in temperature.

This morning was mostly clear with a minimum of 35 above for last night. Thursday's maximum was 56 above.

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DRIVE ON TO UNDERWRITE CELEBRATION

Committees Begin Work of Obtaining Pledges in La Grande.

RESPONSES SO FAR ARE ENCOURAGING

Goal Set at \$6,000 But it is Not Expected All of This Sum Will Be Necessary.

A campaign to underwrite the semi-centennial Union Pacific celebration to be held in La Grande next July is now under way here, with \$6,000 set as the goal.

Committees, under the leadership of Ed Fitzgerald, treasurer of the celebration general committee, have started their work, and report that practically everyone so far approached has pledged support.

Important to those pledging is the statement that it is not expected anywhere near the \$6,000 amount will be necessary, because of the many sources of income that will exist during the celebration, from entertainments, sports events, etc., but the committee feels that the goal should be set at \$6,000 nevertheless, to be on the safe side.

J. M. Fariss, chairman of the publicity committee, met yesterday with the committee. Lee Hanford, chairman of the executive committee, and E. R. Huron, general manager, at a luncheon meeting. Mr. Hanford left last night for Portland where he will contact the company officials with regard to placing all the railroad yards and bulletin boards in the state with the help of the Old Timers clubs in the U. P. system.

NO CHANGE IN WEATHER HERE

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WITH THE ARMY CARRYING MAIL



Lieut. Col. H. A. Allen (left), is in command of western operations of the Army's airmail activities, with headquarters at Salt Lake City. Major C. L. Tinker has charge of the transcontinental terminals at Oakland, Cal. Above is an army observation plane, similar to the ones flying over La Grande daily.

ORDERS REFUND OF \$300,000 TO GRAIN SHIPPERS

SALEM, Feb. 23 (AP) — The order requiring railroads operating in Oregon to refund about \$300,000 to Oregon shippers of grain and grain products shipped principally from Eastern Oregon producing points to Portland, was handed down today by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner. The refund represents the difference between the lower intrastate rates and the interstate rates which were charged. The railroads affected include the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, the heaviest participant; the Southern Pacific; Oregon Trunk Railroad company; Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company; the Northern Pacific company and the Great Northern.

The original complaint against high rates charged was filed by the Wasco Warehouse Milling company and others on February 28, 1929. The chief complaint was that the railroads were charging higher rates for grain shipped from Eastern Oregon to Portland than for grain shipped from the same points to other points in the state.

F. R. FAVORS FEE FOR RANGE LANDS COMMITTEE TOLD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — President Roosevelt's approval of legislation for regulation of public grazing land was transmitted to the house public lands committee today by Secretary Ickes. Testifying for the bill by Representative Taylor (D., Colo.) to set up a grazing administration under the interior department with fees to be collected for grazing permits, the interior secretary read a letter from the president saying he favored a "principle of this bill" and authorizing him for Secretary Wallace to say so to the committee.

There has been considerable opposition among committee members, particularly to federal grazing regulation on grounds it might operate to take lands away from stockmen. Secretary Ickes denied vigorously that "anyone would be put out of business."

FIRST LIQUOR STORE OPENED IN SALEM TODAY

SALEM, Feb. 23 (AP) — State liquor store Number One, at Salem, opened for business at 11 o'clock this morning with about 50 people crowding inside immediately after the doors were opened. Approximately 20 permits had been sold within 30 minutes after the opening, and although many entering the store came solely to "look around," quite a number of them made purchases. Roy Stewart, local manager, stated.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51½ cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 72 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (AP) — Wheat prices underwent a dip late today, and cash gains were more than wiped out.

The late setback of wheat was induced more or less by eagerness which had developed in stocks. Forecasts of further moisture relief for wheat districts which had recently complained of drought served also as a weight on the market, and so too did slowness of demand for wheat from Canada and from countries south of the equator.

Wheat closed unsteady, ½¢ @ ½¢ under Wednesday's finish.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SIGNS CROP LOAN BILL
SAYS TESTIFIED AS TOLD
TO CLASSIFY LANDS
CATCH WANTED MAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — President Roosevelt today signed the \$40,000,000 crop production loan bill with the declaration that it should be the last of this kind.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — Former Postmaster General Walter F. Brown today quoted James Maher, postoffice department stenographer, as saying he testified "what they put in my mouth" when he told senate investigators about the burning of some of Brown's correspondence before he left office.

SALEM, Feb. 23 (AP) — Classification of 100,000 acres of land adaptable to reforestation will be under consideration by the state board of forest control at a meeting to be held here tomorrow. The land is located in Clatsop, Columbia, Deschutes, Klamath and Washington counties.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP) — A man who said he was Phillip Perone, 42, wanted in connection with the slaying of Vito Imbriato in Philadelphia several months ago, was arrested by Oregon state police on a ranch near Stanfield, today.

SIX WEEKS LEFT FOR CANDIDATES TO MAKE FILINGS

By Clayton V. Bernhard
SALEM, Feb. 23 (AP) — Six weeks from today filings for the 100 positions in national and state government to be filled this year will close as far as party nominations are concerned, and to date but 17 names have been recorded as seeking these positions. Many others have announced their intentions to seek nominations while still others are toying with the idea.

April 3 is the last day for official declaration, allowing 45 days in which candidates may campaign before the May 18 primary election. This year will see more than half of the total of 171 positions filled by election.

The state, either as a whole, by districts or by counties, will vote upon three members to congress, governor, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, labor commissioner, two justices of the supreme court.

LEOPOLD III ON BELGIUM THRONE

By Albert W. Wilson
BRUSSELS, Feb. 23 (AP) — A new king of the Belgians, 32-year-old Leopold III, was enthroned today when the former crown prince took the oath to defend the constitution before both houses of parliament.

He officially became king, succeeding his father the late Albert I, at the conclusion of the reciting of the oath at 11 o'clock this morning.

Practice Shoot At Gun Club Sunday

The La Grande Gun club will have a practice shoot Feb. 25 for the Oregonian and the Idaho Statesman telegraphic shoot which starts March 4. The club's annual clam feed will be held on March 16.

DESCHAMPS DIES

PARIS, Feb. 23 (AP) — Francois Deschamps, who managed Georges Carpentier during the latter's ring career and was attempting to aid the one-time French idol in a comeback, died of paralysis last night, the eve of his 59th birthday.

Vallee Gains Point In Suit

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP) — Rudy Vallee, orchestra leader, today was granted a temporary injunction, restraining his wife, Fay Webb Vallee, from suing him in California or anywhere else than New York for divorce and maintenance.

JURY AGREES ON 99 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

Roger Touhy, Albert Kator, Gus Schaefer Guilty of Kidnaping

SIX JURORS WERE FOR DEATH PENALTY

Others Opposed Execution So Abductors of John Factor Escaped Electric Chair.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (AP) — Gone is the bravado of the so-called "Terrible Touhy" as they heard a verdict of guilty and penalty at 99 years today. Roger Touhy, known as the leader of the gang which once defied Al Capone, choked and clamped his handkerchief to his mouth. Albert Kator and Gus Schaefer, pale, but accepted their fate in a calmer manner.

The curly haired Touhy was assisted to his feet, and the procession started back to their cells. At the county jail, reporters closed in on the trio, but they refused to say anything. Touhy threw himself down on his cot and groaned. Kator and Schaefer snarled feebly at reporters.

Later, the three seemed to accept their fate as the welcome alternative to death.

"They might as well have made it 100, as 99 years," said Kator, in a better humor. In less than an hour, they were reported sleeping soundly.

The jury had decided on the guilt of the trio in less than four hours. It was reported, the remainder of the time occupied in agreeing on a penalty. Six jurors wished to send them to the electric chair. The 99-year sentence was a compromise.

Factor, who with his wife, Bella, and son, Jerome, also a kidnapping victim, was present in the courtroom, expressed his gratification at the verdict.

ANNOUNCES NEW POLICY OF LOANS ON RANCH LANDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — William I. Myers, governor of the farm credit administration, announced today a new policy of allowing federal land banks to make loans on ranch lands which do not support livestock throughout the year. But are considered good security. In appraising ranch lands in the future, he said, valuations will be based primarily on earning power. On lands owned by applicants for loans this will be determined by the carrying capacity of the land, considering water supply and availability of winter feed.

Loans may now be made on desirable range lands which are fenced or have natural barriers giving protection for unimproved use, which are well-located, readily rentable, and ordinarily salable but which are not capable in themselves of supporting livestock throughout the year. However, where a range unit does not meet all the requirements for a loan but has protection, desirability, salability, and rentability, a loan not exceeding \$7,500 may be made if the applicant has sufficient income in addition to that received from the land in question to assure the payment of fixed costs and living expenses.

HEAVY RAINS FALL AGAIN IN SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23 (AP) — Rain continued to pelt Southern California today. The weather bureau said precipitation was general in the state and that there were heavy rains in the Sierras, assuring an ample water supply for the year. The heaviest fall of rain was at Mt. Wilson, with 2.80 inches in 24 hours.

As the rainfall, which lasted all night, increased in intensity today fears were expressed for the safety of residents of the La Crescenta-Montrose area, scene of the disastrous New Years flood. In fire-denuded mountains back of the little communities two inches of rain had fallen early today.

As a precautionary measure, 30 workers and several trucks were put to work at flood control stations in this district. The rain extended south into the unusually dry Imperial valley, which has its first precipitation since last August.

HERE'S NEW DOPE ON GEORGE W., LINCOLN

Biographical material never released before concerning George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other famous men whose birthdays fall during February, has been revealed in the National Chieftain, monthly publication of the works of pupils at the J. H. Ackerman Training school. Among the famous birthdays in February are Washington, Lincoln, St. Valentine, Edison, Longfellow and Lindbergh.

The fourth and fifth grade pupils selected one page of the Chieftain and dedicated it to the birthdays. Monday, Feb. 12, was Lincoln's birthday, and according to the Chieftain, "Lincoln was a great president. He was called Honest Abe, because of his honesty. There is a story told that a poor lady came into his store and bought something. When he gave her the change he gave her six cents less than she should have had. That night he walked six miles to give it to her."

A poem is dedicated to Longfellow: "Longfellow was a poet As every one knows. He was a children's poet And he didn't write prose." Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is also given a fitting eulogy on the occasion of his birthday anniversary: "Edison, the wonderful man, (Remember his birthday, if you

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