

Longer La Grande Stay Secured For New U.P. Train

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ARRIVAL IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2

No Change in Times of Other Stops Made — Local Plan Adopted

EXACT TIME WILL BE GIVEN LATER

Inspection in La Grande Will Be at Early Hour, However, Old Timers Chief Reports.

La Grande and the surrounding country will have an opportunity to inspect the new Union Pacific stream-line train as it goes through Eastern Oregon the morning of April 2, it was announced here today. Efforts of local interested persons and organizations were rewarded in word from Omaha late Saturday night when it was discovered the train could be stopped here for a full inspection instead of the brief stop originally announced, without altering the schedule of other cities.

Railroad authorities quickly accepted proposals advanced that the train start over the Blue mountains at an earlier hour the morning of April 2. The arrangement does not conflict with schedules for any other cities, which could not be changed.

News was received here by Lee Hanford, president of the Old Timers' club and chairman of the executive committee, handling the July railroad celebration here, after he returned from Portland Saturday where he conferred with railroad officials and presented a letter from the chamber of commerce relative to the possibility of an inspection here.

"I found the officials at Portland

More Than 160 Students Will Play In Opera

The opera, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," to be presented on March 2 at the Eastern Oregon Normal school is rated as one of the more ambitious performances to be attempted by small colleges. In addition to the fact that the cast employs more than 160 students, each with an individual costume, the score is one of outstanding musical merit. Exceptional choruses, solos, and dances feature the opera, with no spoken lines in the interpretation of the "Pied Piper."

Miss Jennie Peterson states that she is well pleased with the work of the soloists and the choruses. Miss Peterson also says that the voices of the soloists are well suited to their respective roles, the prologue is interpreted by Darcy McCool, baritone. Leo Andrew, baritone, takes the part of the Pied Piper. The Mayor of the village is interpreted by Tuck Hodgden.

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FITZGERALD, AVERY SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

Lions heard two interesting talks during the weekly luncheon today at noon at the Sacajawea Inn. Ed Fitzgerald gave a resume of his recent trip to the San Francisco furniture market, the largest in the west, and H. G. Avery, county agent, gave an explanatory talk on the wheat and hog control allotment programs now being worked out by the government.

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CHERRY TREES BLOOM AT MASTERTON PLACE

Fruit trees are blooming in Union county! There have been rumors the last week of blossoms coming out in orchards over the valley, but the first verification came late Saturday when Bob Masterton, who lives just outside the city limits on Cove avenue, brought several twigs from one of his cherry trees. And the twigs sported both white blossoms and half-formed leaves. The blossoms were perfectly formed.

Ordinarily, the first fruit trees to bloom in the valley are apricots, and these usually show up between April 5 and 20, depending upon the earliness of the spring. Cherries follow a few days later.

This is the earliest blooming of cherry trees on record—just about a month and a half before the normal time.

And—believe it or not—reports from Alaska of boys swimming there are bettered here. At least one known instance exists here of a La Grande man swimming in the Grande Ronde river more than two weeks ago!

WILL ROGERS says:

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 — Say, these New York weather fellows deliver the goods. They advertised in all the papers yesterday that they had another storm in rehearsal, that they would be ready to produce one that would be a bigger production than the last one. And by gosh I believe it looks tonight like the boys are going to make good.

Clark Gable is back here appearing on the stage, and I am here trying to keep the women off him. The big brokers of Wall street are all moving down to Washington, for all their big clients are on the stand there all the time. They are putting tickers in the investigating rooms now. Yours,

Will Rogers.
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12 DIRECTORS OF COMMERCE CLUB NAMED

New Officials to Meet at Noon Tomorrow to Elect 1934 Officers.

Announcement of the 12 winning candidates for the La Grande chamber of commerce directorate was made today, following an official count of the membership ballot conducted during last week.

The new directors will meet tomorrow at noon to elect a president, two vice presidents and a treasurer. The directors and new officers will be installed at the annual chamber of commerce dinner next month, at which Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of the Oregon system of higher education, will give the address.

The new directors follow: Ernest DeLong, Ed Fitzgerald, H. M. Howard, B. C. Madill, Angus McAllister, Harry McKinlay, A. W. Nelson, W. C. Perkins, Charles H. Reynolds, Harley H. Richardson, Gene Walker and George Walker.

F. N. FINCH BUYS FIRST BUTTON TO AID U. P. JUBILEE

Fred B. Read, chairman of the souvenir button sale for the U. P. semi-centennial railroad celebration, here in July is "an old meany," according to other members of the committee, who have been restrained from even so much as a glance at the buttons

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GAISER SPEAKS ON THE NEW DEAL

The N. R. A. is not a final solution to the modern problems but it is a forward step because the government is beginning to realize that it is a coordinator of business to gain a fair share of compensation for the working man. J. H. Gaiser, instructor at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, said Saturday when discussing the "New Deal" and the N. R. A. before a large group of members of the American Association of University Women at 12:30 o'clock at the La Grande hotel.

Many of the revolutionary ideas evolved by Karl Marx around 1860.

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IMBLER WINS THRILLER IN FINAL GAME

Four Union County Teams to Take Part in District Tournament on March 8, 9 and 10.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Teams Qualified
La Grande, Imbler, Cove and Union.
Teams Eliminated
North Powder, Elgin, Wallowa, Lostine, Joseph and Enterprise.
District Tournament
Will be held March 8, 9 and 10 at site to be decided by eight teams that qualify in Union, Baker and Malheur counties.

The sub-district basketball tournament came to a close here Saturday night with four Union county teams qualified for the district tourney Mar. 8, 9 and 10, and a fifth Union county team moved out and eliminated by a one-point margin. For the first time in 10 or more years, Wallowa county will not be represented in the district title playoff.

La Grande, Cove and Union qualified Friday by winning two straight games, eliminating Elgin, Lostine and Wallowa.

This left North Powder, Joseph, Enterprise and Imbler to fight for the fourth place from the Union-Wallowa district. At 2 p. m. Saturday, North Powder met Joseph and an hour later the Eagles were through, beaten by the Union county team 30 to 18. Joseph made a race of it in the first

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Repair Work On Liquor Store To Require \$500.00

A building permit taken out by Ray Goodrich, for West and Siegrist, to alter and repair the business building on Depot and Washington—where the new state liquor store will be located—calls for expenditures of approximately \$500.

Three other permits were issued recently by the city record-treasurer, as follows: J. D. Plank, \$10, to repair home on S. between Greenwood and Spruce; Mac Stearns, \$50, to alter and repair home on Oak between Adams and Washington; T. H. Gathier, \$300, to alter and repair office and warehouse on Jefferson between Depot and O-W tracks, property belonging to O-W. Co.

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Brown Turns Counter Blast on Airmail Critics



Vigorous defense of his airmail policies was voiced by Walter F. Brown, former postmaster general, appearing before the Senate airmail quiz committee, when he denied fraud or collusion, and scathingly assailed cancellation of airmail contracts. Shown here chatting in the Washington committee room are, left to right, Warren Glover, former second assistant postmaster general; Senator Simeon D. Fess, Ohio; Brown; and Arch Coleman, former first assistant postmaster general.

PIERCE HAS TAX PLAN TO BALANCE NATIONAL BUDGET

Discussing the tax bill in a speech in the house, Representative Walter M. Pierce suggested a program of budget balancing by additional legislation to bring a total revenue estimated by him at \$10,000,000,000, or \$6,000,000,000 above the present income, according to press dispatches from Washington. The new taxes he proposed may be summarized as follows:

Increased income taxes, \$1,000,000,000, so that "the favored one third of a million having over five billions of dollars would surrender one third of it to sustain the government."

Income from government bonds, \$500,000,000 or one fourth of the interest on government securities, which could be done, he said, by changing the law, or, if necessary, the constitution.

Taking liquid surplus of corporations, \$2,000,000,000, so that 8 per cent would be taken of 25 billion dollars represented by that form of capital.

Increased inheritance and gift taxes, \$1,000,000,000, which "ought not to cause distress in any home."

Capital levy of \$1,000,000,000, which he described as 10 times the sum of the capital levy of the recovery act, which was \$1 on each \$1000 of declared capital.

Pierce said the manufacturers' sales tax probably would go through except for the opposition of the president. He is against it, he said, as

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Steelhead Are Running—Two Caught in River

The steelhead are running! First of the big game fish are coming up the inland rivers and streams.

A seven-pounder was on display at the Roy Parnum Supply Co. Saturday caught by Irving Bramwell, and Sunday Frank Flanery caught a nine-pounder. Both fish were taken from the Wallowa river. There is no closed season on steelhead, but the usual state license is required.

NINE COLLEGIANS VICTIMS OF GAS

HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 26 (AP) — A furnace tended by an unskilled hand was blamed today for the death of nine students in the worst tragedy in Dartmouth college history.

They were killed by carbon monoxide gas as they slept early yesterday in the Theta Chi fraternity house. An explosion apparently had disconnected a chimney pipe and the deadly fumes crept through the 16-room house.

The dead were:

William S. Fullerton, 20, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
Edward F. and Alfred H. Moldenke, brothers, New York City.
William M. Smith Jr., 21, Manhattan, N. Y.

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32 BUSINESS FIRMS ENTER FASHION TEA

Display of Latest Modes Scheduled For Mar. 3 at the Sacajawea.

Thirty-two La Grande business houses will participate in the second Annual Fashion Tea sponsored by the merchants of La Grande by the American Association of University Women, March 3, at the Sacajawea Inn. A wide variety of exhibits and displays will be colorfully arranged under the direction of the exhibitors and the A. A. U. W. committee.

Spring fashions in clothes for men, women and children will be displayed by living models in the ball room from 2 to 5 o'clock and the houses participating are Falk's La Grande Store, J. C. Penney company, Cinderella Shop, Montgomery Ward and Co., Doris Vi Smart Shop, Stevens-Engel Co., J. C. Breier Co., Trotter, Norton's Kid's Shop, and The Knit Shop.

Displays on the mezzanine floor will be made by The Tuggerly, Fitzgerald's Furniture Co., Melville's, Birnie's Jewelry Co., Richardson's Art Store, V. H. Bohnenkamp Co., Nelson's Printing Co., Guthrie's Jewelry Store, Cinde-la Beauty Shop, Roban's Flower Shop, J. H. Peare and Son, Jewelers, La Grande Book and Stationery, Radio Music and Supply, Burnetts Shoe Co., Wagner's Hardware, Cherry's Florist shop, the Liberty Theatre.

The streets around the Sacajawea

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NO EMBARGO ON LOCAL CHERRIES

Cherries from Union, Wallowa and Baker counties, as well as several other counties in this state, may be shipped anywhere this year, provided they are accompanied with a certificate signed either by Hankell Andrews, fruit inspector, or H. G. Avery, county agent.

The cherry fruit fly continues in some counties of the state, but embargo laws of other years have been removed from this section. Oregon counties now quarantined by embargo laws issued by Max Gehlbach, of the state agriculture department, include: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 70 cents. Export bid 75 1/2 cents.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (AP) — Stop loss selling carried grain prices down to a material extent late today, with May oats reaching the lowest quotations yet this season.

Much improved weather conditions for the new domestic winter wheat crop was largely responsible, together with weakness of stocks and of cotton. Trade sentiment was increasingly bearish, notwithstanding this was the seventh successive day of declining prices for wheat.

Wheat closed yesterday, 1 1/4¢ under Saturday's finish, corn 3/4¢ & 1/2¢ down, oats 1/2¢ off, and provisions unchanged to 7 cents higher.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

FORD AND N. R. A. AT OUTS

TO JUMP TAX ON HOGS

MAY SEEK NEW MAIL BIDS

MORE MONEY FOR FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — The Ford Motor company is under investigation by NRA's national compliance board in a new outbreak of the feud between the two.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — Secretary Wallace said today the processing tax on hogs would be increased from \$1.50 per hundredweight to \$2.25 at midnight Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — Chairman Mead told reporters today the house postoffice committee favored amendment of the present law to permit aviation companies whose airmail contracts have been cancelled to bid for new contracts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — Chester C. Davis, farm administrator, said today the campaign of last fall to sign up wheat growers in a compact to reduce production would be reopened.

The action was taken, Davis said, in response to a widespread demand of farmers who did not sign last year.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP) — Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania today announced his candidacy for the United States senate on a Republican "support Roosevelt" platform.

100 MEN WORKING TODAY ON BAKER AIRPORT PROJECT

BAKER, Feb. 26 (AP) — One hundred of the 200 men to be given employment on the Baker municipal airport improvement project under the civil works administration program started work this morning. The improvement project, including the grading of runways and digging of drainage ditches around the field, will cost approximately \$15,000.

Construction of the Baker airport was made possible late Saturday when the city announced it would withdraw all restrictions, and permit the project to proceed according to the revised plans of the government engineers. The city is co-operating in the fullest. The mayor eliminated the city quarry project in order to allow the airport work to go ahead.

It will give Baker one of the finest airports in Eastern Oregon.

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PRES. ROOSEVELT ASKS REGULATION OF WIRES, RADIO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) — Another legislative chore was given Congress today by President Roosevelt: creation of a federal commission to regulate communication systems.

In a special message, the chief executive asked that regulatory power over wires, cables and radio be transferred to the proposed governmental branch.

"It is my thought," said the president, "that a new commission such as I suggest might well be organized this year by the president, with the authority for the control of communications of the radio commission and the interstate commerce commission."

The new body should, in addition, be given full power to investigate and study the business of existing companies and make recommendations to the congress for additional legislation at the next session."

The message arrived while the sen-

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FACE DEATH OFF RUSSIA; RUSH RESCUE

Terrific Storms Sweep Over Much of the United States

BLIZZARDS, TORNADO TAKE MANY LIVES

North and South Both Hard Hit—Missing Airplane Found With All Aboard Dead.

By Stanley P. Richardson
MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (AP) — Facing death from drowning or exposure, 545 fishermen and 330 horses were drifting helplessly on two separate ice floes in the Caspian sea today while an airplane from Moscow sped to their assistance.

A sudden rise in temperature yesterday caused the ice to break up, catching 400 men and 190 horses in the vicinity of Dolgiy Island and 145 men and 140 horses near Kulali Island on ice packs which rapidly were swept out to the open sea.

Their plight was described as extremely perilous, because of a lack of food supplies and the fact that the ice upon which they were marooned was soft.

Meanwhile a soviet government rescue commission was continuing efforts to find a way of saving 161 persons, including two little children and a number of women who took refuge on a Bering straits ice floe after their ship sank February 13.

BLIZZARD RAGES IN U. S.

A blizzard swirling over the United States from Indiana east to the Atlantic coast today buried almost a quarter of the country under a blanket of snow.

Following yesterday's tornadoes, which took a toll of 16 lives in the deep south, the snowstorm raged, causing new fatalities.

Six deaths were attributed to the blizzard, which by noon had added an average of five inches to the old snow in the northeast section, and bade fair to add two inches more before it abates tonight.

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Joseph Editor's Sister Missing; Suicide Feared

Larry Allen, editor of the Joseph Herald, and his sister, Miss Mary Allen, passed through La Grande recently en route to Portland where their sister, Miss Dorothy Allen, of Portland, has been missing since Friday, Feb. 16. Friends of Mr. Allen in La Grande have received no word concerning the missing girl.

Portland police have found indications that point to suicide since her purse, containing personal effects and scrip, was found by Peter Celestine, 81. The elderly man, whose memory suddenly was poor, was unable to tell where he had picked it up, but according to the plan's son he probably found it on or near the Madison bridge over the Willamette river.

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Cave-in Kills One, Injures Another

GRANT PASS, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP) — Cave-in of a 75-foot bank in the Edwards gold mine at Alameda Sunday afternoon fatally crushed and buried George Edwards, about 55, owner, trapped Frank Leon, helper, without injuring him, and only failed by a matter of inches of trapping a boy working with the two men.

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SITE FOR PIONEER MARKER IS SELECTED

The site for the marker to commemorate the first settlement in La Grande was selected Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Briggs—who now own the property and who are donating the ground — the members of the committee from the Francis Brown auxiliary to the Sons and Daughters of Union County Pioneers and the Historical society, S. B. Morgan, county engineer, and others. Members of the committee are Mesdames Alma Onley, Hester Elsworth, Carrie Garry, Anna Hovick, Edith Curry, Susan Williamson, Winnie Williamson, Harriett McDonald, Ella Russell, Ella Rynearsou, Millie Young and Etha Walinger.

The Briggs home was formerly the J. B. Horner home in Mt. Olen and the place of the first settlement in the Grande Ronde valley. The site will be graded and a small park created. There are several honey locust trees there that were planted by the Horner family in 1858. The work on the spot will begin in about 10 days. The original site of the settlement is about 200 yards northwest of the road side spot where the monument will be erected.

Five cabins were built on the site originally in which the little band of 19 men, women and children found shelter from the winter and from the Indians.