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GEO. WALKER NEW PRESIDENT C. O. F. C.

NEW GROUP HEADS CIVIC BODY IN '34

Chamber of Commerce Board in Meet Today Elects Officers.

ERNEST DE LONG 1ST VICE PRES.

Angus McAllister Chosen Second Vice President With Gene Walker as Treasurer.

George Walker was elected president, Ernest De Long, first vice president, Angus McAllister, second vice president and Gene Walker, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce for the year 1934 at the first meeting of the new board of that civic organization held this noon.

The new president of this important organization in city development and progress came to La Grande some four years ago from Boise, Idaho, and has been unusually active in matters of public enterprise and work for the community. He has served both as president and secretary of the La Grande Rotary club and has taken important part in the activities of

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LOCAL CHAMBER BOARD FAVORS PETTENGILL BILL

Board of directors of the La Grande chamber of commerce, meeting today, went on record as favoring revision of the "long and short haul" clause of the interstate commerce act now before congress. Note of this action will be forwarded immediately to representatives of this state now in session at Washington.

Proposed amendment of this clause is now before the house of representatives in the form of what is known as the Pettengill bill. Railroad labor throughout the country has united in support of this amendment according to word given out recently by I. A. Snider, state chairman, western conference committee of the Standard Railroad Labor organizations.

Elimination of the "long and short haul" clause from the transportation

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Seat Sale For "Pied Piper" To Begin Tomorrow

Tickets for the "Pied Piper of Hamelin," Eastern Oregon Normal school opera, will go on reserve Wednesday at 8 a. m. at the Glass Drugs, according to Ned Jones, business manager. Exchange tickets which are now out will be called in for reserved seat tickets. The remainder of the reserve seats will be sold at the board. By telephoning the Normal school after 9 a. m. on Wednesday, patrons may reserve their tickets. These tickets will be delivered without charge. The usual admission prices will be asked.

Unusual interest is being manifested in the opera to be presented March 2, because of its unusual nature. This marks the first time that the Ackerman Training school has collaborated with the Eastern Oregon Normal school in a dramatic production. According to Miss Kate Houx, director of the Training school, the children are taking an active and interested part in the performance.

'Twas A DANDY FISH-- YET DICK SPURNED IT

It was a beautiful fish! There in the show window of Wagner's Hardware Co., resplendent in metal container the plebeian beauty reposing some 18 to 20 inches in length, with the handsome little card nearby. It attracted a lot of attention yesterday afternoon--brought both smiles and wondering glances from passers-by.

You see, it was a catostomus occidentalis, and it was a dandy just as long as the name. The fisherman knew, of course. Besides the jaw-breaking cognomen, Yeh, it was 'ust plain suckert!

Will is Run Over By Sleighs in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 -- Hurry up planes and start leaving here. I can't walk in these snowshoes. Been run over by two sleighs today. Taxicabs

are being pulled by dog teams and the weather man says there will be a blizzard tonight and to add to the gloom of this city is the death of John McGraw. N. Y. owes much to him. He was responsible for bringing more people to New York to see his Giants in world series and league games than any man New York ever had. Typified the spirit of his day and time and was a sweet character and a fine friend. Yours,

Phil Rogers.
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SERVING OF TEA TO BE FASHION SHOW IN ITSELF

The serving of the tea at the annual fashion tea, sponsored by the American Association of University Women on Saturday from 2 to 5 o'clock at the Sacajawea Inn, will be a fashion show in itself, with a group of La Grande high school girls, lovely in pastel frocks, acting as assistant hostesses in charge of serving. Miss Agnes Palmer is chairman of the serving committee, while Mrs. R. P. Tyler is chairman of the committee in charge of arranging the food.

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PRICE CUTTING CONDEMNED BY POULTRY GROUP

Protests by the poultry growers of Union county against price cutting to draw trade, and importation of storage products to undersell local products were registered last night at a meeting held at Island City for the purpose of affecting an organization for protecting the local poultry industry from unfair practices.

Twelve automobiles brought poultry growers from the vicinity of La Grande, Imbler, Alsea, Cove, Union, Hot Lake and other points. Mr. Webb, proprietor of the Hot Lake poultry farm, served as chairman.

The practice of some merchants of importing storage poultry and storage eggs from outside points to undersell Union county products was roundly condemned by half a dozen or more speakers. The condition of the poultry industry in Union county was declared to be "the worst in

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EASTERN OREGON MEDICS TO MEET

The Union County Medical society will be host to the societies of Baker, Umatilla and Wallowa counties at Hot Lake sanatorium on Friday evening, March 9, with Dr. Lyle B. Kingery, of Portland, as the principal speaker. Dr. Kingery is a skin specialist and an authority in that field. Dinner will be served at 5:30 o'clock. Dr. W. K. Ross, president of the Union county society, will preside at the session.

BANK TO PAY LAST OF C. D. SERIES APR. 2

Approximately \$125,000 to Be Exchanged For Certificates of Deposit--Will Clear Slate.

The remainder of the certificates of time deposits held by depositors in the First National Bank of La Grande since it reopened a little less than a year ago, are to be called on April 2. It was announced today. Two series of certificates, Series C and D, will be called, and payment will release approximately \$125,000 for regular channels of trade.

Series C do not become due until Dec. 15, 1936, and Series D are dated Dec. 15, 1936, so the calling of both series for payment on April 2 means that the former will be paid off a year and eight months ahead of time, and the later two years and eight months before due.

It is another evidence of the splendid financial condition of the First National, which during the last several months has paid off other series of certificates, practically all of them some time before due. Series B, approximately \$100,000, and due in December of this year, was paid off the middle of this month.

Payment of the concluding series April 2 will restore for immediate use the last of the depositors' money for which certificates were issued at the time of the bank's reopening.

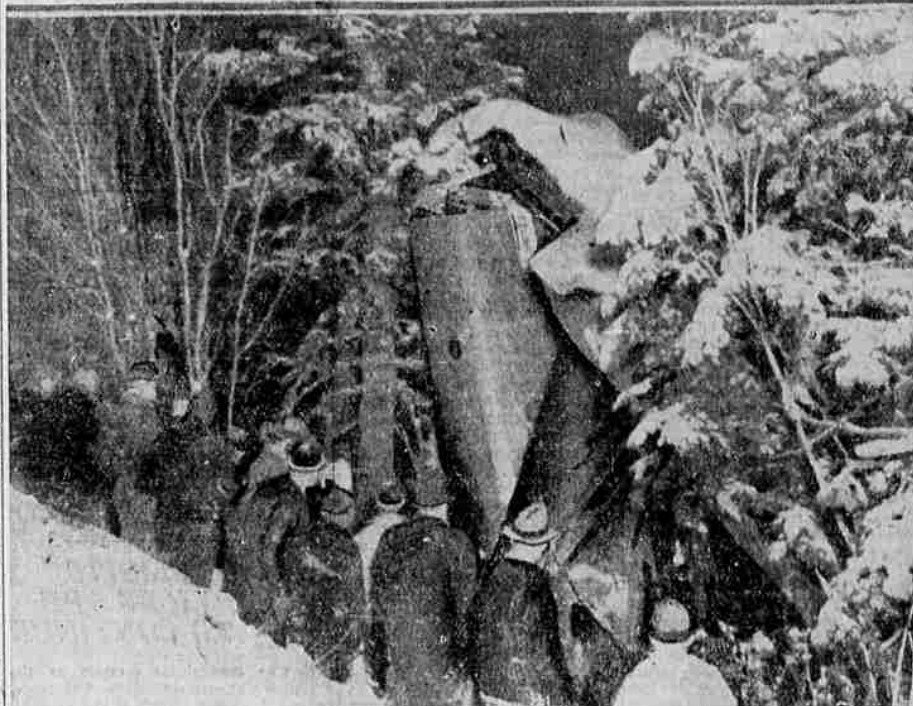
Wool Growers Of County to Meet At Union Mar. 2

Walter Dutton, of Baker, supervisor of the Whitman forest; Stanley Jewett, head of the biological survey at Portland; and E. L. Ludwick, assistant manager of the Pacific Wool Growers of Portland, will be the principal speakers at the annual meeting of the Union County Wool Growers on March 2. The meeting will be held at the Union hotel in Union and will open with a banquet at 6:30 o'clock.

BOARD TO MEET LATER, REPORT

A meeting of the recently appointed city planning commission, scheduled for 7:30 o'clock last night at the city hall, was postponed to some later date because of illness among some of the members. It was announced today.

WHERE EIGHT MET THEIR DEATH



Above is pictured the wreck of the air liner which crashed last Friday about 20 miles from Salt Lake City during a snowstorm. Eight people met instant death in the crash. The plane was not found until Sunday night. This picture, taken Monday, was rushed to the Observer overnight by NEA Service.

LA GRANDE AND UNION MAY TIE IN VOTES FOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A flip of a coin or some other similar means may decide where the district basketball tournament is to be held March 8, 9, and 10. If that isn't necessary, the tournament will be held at Union.

That was the information learned here today, coming from Hugh Coleman, superintendent of the Baker schools and chairman of the district board.

This is the way it stands: La Grande, Nyssa and Cove have cast their votes for La Grande. Union, Baker and Imbler have voted for Union.

So today the count stands three and three for the tournament site.

Saturday night Haines plays Ontario for the purpose of seeing which team will enter the district playoff. But both Haines and Ontario will vote for Union, according to reports So that gives Union half of the eight votes.

Wednesday night Vale will play Richland, to see which team will enter the district playoff. Vale has signified its intentions of voting for La Grande but Richland is understood to be in the Union list. So if Haines wins, La Grande and

JOHNSON BEATS CRITICS TO GUN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Hugh S. Johnson beat NRA's assembled critics to the gun today by suddenly unfolding a twelve-point program for revising existing codes.

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STATE POLICE IN RACE WITH GRIM DEATH

Officers Relay Anti-toxin For Botulism From Portland to Baker in 6 1/2 Hours Monday.

A race against death by the state police yesterday, when they carried a quantity of anti-toxin from Portland to Baker, ended in partial failure. Two Pine Valley boys, ill in Baker of botulism or food poisoning, were to receive the anti-toxin in an effort to save their lives, but it came too late for one of the youths.

Jesse Joseph Hunsaker, 14, grandson of former County Judge Jesse Dodson, of North Powder, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hunsaker, died in a Baker hospital Monday evening. Paul Higgs, 19, employed at the Hunsaker farm, is seriously ill but because of help of the state police, has a chance to recover.

The anti-toxin was relayed from

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Even The Senators Dropped In For A Kiss or Two!

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 27 (AP)—Dignitaries of California's administration turned today to inspecting reports of presidential kissing in the state printing office. James F. Lyon, 64-year-old supervising copy reader accused of kissing his feminine subordinates, replied he was no more guilty than 14 or 15 other male employees.

During legislative sessions, he said, some senators and representatives dropped in "for a kiss or two or maybe a date," anyway, he said, there was nothing wrong with it. "The women are all married."

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 55 1/2 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 71 cents. Export bid 76 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—Helped by a strong rally in the silver market, wheat rose late today to almost 2 cents a bushel above yesterday's finish.

The upturn of wheat prices appeared to be partly caused by the fact that the wheat market had been on the downgrade for a week, and had worked into an oversold condition. At today's minimum prices, wheat was off 4 1/2 cents from last week's top figure.

Wheat closed unsettled, 1 @ 1 1/2 above yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 1/2 higher, oats 3/4 @ 1/2 up, and provisions varying from 2c decline to 5c advance.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

LARGE SUM FOR AIRPORT
ANOTHER FLIER KILLED
NINE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK
BILL HEADS CREDIT GROUP

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—Local CWA officials have received word that \$40,000 for work on the Pendleton airport has been approved. One hundred more men will be added to the 150 already at work in an effort to speed up construction on leveling and rocking runways for the opening next month. The hangar is already about finished.

LORAIN, O., Feb. 27 (AP)—A blinding snow squall along the Lake Erie shore has taken the life of Lieut. Albert J. Harmon, of the 10th observation squadron, Michigan national guard, the seventh service flier to die since Feb. 16.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27 (AP)—With the recovery of two more bodies, nine persons were known to be dead today in the wreck of an Akron-Pittsburgh train that crashed from an overhead bridge into a Pittsburgh street.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—James K. Hill, Pendleton wheat grower, has been elected president of the Pendleton Production Credit association. It was announced today. Walter E. Moore, banker of Heppner, was appointed secretary-treasurer.

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (AP)—Soviet steamers are being loaded with airplanes and supplies at Petropavlovsk and Vladivostok, Siberia, and will sail soon to rescue nearly 100 men, women and children, marooned on ice in the Bering Straits.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS ELECT LEONHARDT AS THEIR LEADER

J. W. Leonhardt was elected president of the Young Democratic league of Union county last night at a meeting at the Sacajawea Inn to reorganize and to plan the year's political activities. An immediate campaign for memberships was started, which will include a meeting in Union next Tuesday, March 6.

Short talks were given by Senator Henry Hess, Martin King and C. J. Shorb. Other officers elected were Clark Price, Mr. Rosenwald, Miss Ravenscroft and Mrs. Clyde Dodson, vice president, and Russell Price, secretary-treasurer.

Among the subjects taken up by the club was a resolution to be drafted and sent to President Roosevelt asking him to make Wallowa Lake his summer White House.

DEMO. POLICY TO BE "HANDS OFF"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Democratic national committee today declared a "hands off" policy with regard to Democratic candidates in the coming primary elections.

James A. Farley, as chairman, said in a statement the national committee would take no part for or against any Democratic candidate. The statement, however, was understood not to apply to progressive Republicans known to have the approval of the administration, such as Senators Johnson of California and Norris of Nebraska.

F. R.'S LETTER ON BONUS MADE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The president's letter to Speaker Rainey that he would veto the bonus bill was made public today by the Speaker as follows: "Memorandum for the speaker: "Dear Henry: "Mac has shown me your letter of February twenty-first. "Naturally when I suggested to you that I could not approve the bill for the payment of the bonus certificates I did not mean that I might let it become law without my signature. "I don't do things that way. "What I meant was that I would veto the bill, and I don't care who you tell this to. "Let me know your thoughts on the next step. "F. D. R."

LONG'S PLAN SWAMPED BY 64-24 VOTE

Considered During Action on Independent Offices Supply Bill.

APPROVAL GIVEN VETS' BENEFITS

Coalition of Republicans and Democrats Add \$100,000,000 For World War Soldiers.

The senate passed the independent offices bill late today without a record vote.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The senate today rejected a proposal for immediate cash payment of the \$2,400,000,000 soldiers' bonus. The vote was 64 to 24.

It took this action after adding more than \$50,000,000 for war veterans to the independent offices appropriation bill. This brought the total in the bill to more than \$100,000,000 beyond administration desires.

The bonus amendment was proposed to the independent offices bill

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Justice Courts Cannot Act In Liquor Cases

SALEM, Feb. 27 (AP)—Justice courts cannot impose fines or sentences under the terms of the state liquor control act, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held today. Van Winkle's opinion stated, "I find nothing in the act which gives to the justice court concurrent jurisdiction with that of the circuit court for imposition of a fine or a jail sentence thereunder."

The opinion was requested by the district attorney of Columbia county.

Educators Study Federal Aid Plan

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27 (AP)—E. E. Oberholzer, superintendent of schools at Houston, Tex., today was elected president of the National Education association's department of superintendence.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27 (AP)—Federal aid for schools, administered by the states, and a broadening of the tax base for school support today came under formal consideration of the nation's school superintendents. The National Education association's department of superintendence received from nine sub-committees a summarized report declaring federal aid was "necessary and inevitable."

RAGSDALE IS NAMED HONOR MAN IN UNIT

Word has been received here from the U. S. Naval Training station at San Diego, that Robert R. Ragdale, son of Roy Ragdale of this city, has been selected weekly honor man of his company. The designation of "honor man" means that his work was outstanding in a group of 140 men in his company. Honor men are selected because of their neat personal appearance, initiative and their ability to profit from instruction received during their recruit training.