

Roosevelt Announces New National Relief Program

La Grande Is The Gateway to Wallowa, "The Switzerland of America"

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SENATE FILIBUSTER THREATENING

375,000 BU. WHEAT STILL HELD HERE

Farmers, With Unsold Grain Valued at \$197,000, Watch Market.

LITTLE CHANGE SINCE JANUARY 1

High 55 1/2 and Low 50 Cents During Last Two Months — 1933 Crop at 750,000 Bushels.

With the local wheat price just now the highest since Feb. 6, it was estimated today that unsold wheat in Union county exclusive of the North Powder district, was worth \$197,000, approximately.

This is based on the belief that approximately half of the crop for this valley, which is estimated at 750,000 bushels for 1933, is still being held by the growers.

With wheat at 52 1/2 cents a bushel today, the crop is near the \$300,000 mark, and most growers are holding for a higher figure.

The highest price paid for wheat here in the last year was 70 cents last July, and since then it gradually dropped until winter, when it became comparatively steady, ranging from 50 to 55 1/2 cents since Jan. 1 of this year.

For the last several weeks, most grain growers in this section have expected the market to gain, but beyond a 5 1/2-cent spread, no changes of importance have taken place.

Meat Plant May Enter Bids For C. C. C. Business

La Grande has one of the very few meat packing plants in this state that have passed strict federal inspection so as to become eligible to enter bids for meat and meat products for C. C. C. camps in Oregon.

It is the Grande Round Meat Co., a company of long standing in Eastern Oregon.

F. A. Epling, proprietor, received the following telegram today from the President, San Francisco: "War department advises that bids for supplying meat and meat products to C. C. C. camps located in Oregon may be accepted from your company. Have advised district commanders C. C. C. Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Eugene, Ore., Medford, Ore. Suggest you communicate with district commanders in supply of whose camps you are interested."

Mr. Epling states that the government sent an inspector here some time ago, and that he thoroughly inspected the local plant, then making his report to Washington.

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TWO ARRESTS THIS WEEK BY STATE POLICE

Two law violators were arrested early this week by the state police and each was fined \$25 and costs in justice court here by Judge L. Denham.

Vernon C. Smith, of Payette, Ida., was charged with hunting fur bearing animals without a license near Union.

William Robinson, of Catherine Creek, was charged with selling a carcass of veal without a tag attached thereto issued by the state for such purpose.

Will Rogers Is Witness to Marvel



WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Few in here today. You got to fly back here to get over the tops of these snowdrifts and, brother, you got to have altitude.

My friend, General Johnson opened up his complaint division of the NRA today. House was sold out before it opened and I saw something today with my own eyes that you wouldn't believe could happen.

The senate voted not to take the raise in salary. Thank Senator Borah for that. I say you thank him. I doubt if many of the senators will thank him, but they did, so give 'em a hand.

The return of the 15 per cent in salary is only to apply up to \$6000 salaries. I tell you a lot of folks got these senators wrong. They are a fine bunch. That fellow they sent to jail just got out yesterday. Yours, Will Rogers.

CAST OF "PIED PIPER" READY TO PRESENT OPERA

The story of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is one of beauty and character.

Hamelin town is infested by rats, rats of every kind. The citizens and the mayor are on the brink of despair. Suddenly a strange, fantastically garbed creature appears. It is the Pied Piper. Agreement is made that for one thousand guilders the piper will rid the city of the rats, which he does. But the mayor and the villagers repudiate their debt and defy the piper to do his worst. Scorned and alone, the Pied Piper charms the children of the village to follow him to Mystic Mt. All but a little lame boy, who cannot follow, set out for the enchanted fairland.

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LA GRANDE RICH IN LEGEND AND HISTORY--NELSON

The particular section of the Grande Ronde valley around this city figured prominently in early Oregon history and development in that more than 90 per cent of the immigration that builded this state passed through where now stands La Grande.

So declared A. W. Nelson, head of a local printing concern and long and widely known and recognized as a student of Pacific northwest history. Nelson's remarks were part of a brief synopsis of early Oregon history to

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ARREST MAN FOR UMATILLA SHERIFF

Harry Marshall, negro, was arrested at 8:30 p. m. here Tuesday at the stage depot by Policeman Art Weagle. Marshall was being held this morning for the sheriff of Umatilla county, who called the police here last night and asked that the man be apprehended to answer to a theft charge.

Police said that before his arrest, Marshall expressed a 45 caliber army automatic pistol to a Lester Dahl, of Portland.

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PLAN INTENSIVE DRIVE TO HELP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community service day, March 17, is library day for the American Legion auxiliary this year, and will be marked in La Grande by an intensive drive for suitable books for the city library.

The committee, headed by Mrs. L. C. Morehead, met with Miss Mabel Doty, librarian, yesterday and they are enthusiastically contemplating the drive for books which will open on Monday, March 5, and continue for two weeks.

Boxes will be placed in convenient places where contributors may deposit books they want to present to the library.

Mrs. Morehead is assisted in making arrangements for the drive by Mrs. Herbert Evans, Mrs. Stella Ingie, Mrs. Hazel Graham, Mrs. O. B. Maxam, Mrs. John Camp, Mrs. F. G. Henning and Miss Doty.

Completed arrangements for the drive will be announced later this

Boone Elected Secretary Of Oregon Group

Harold C. Boone, secretary of the La Grande chamber of commerce, was elected secretary of the Oregon Commercial Secretaries association Monday evening at the annual meeting in The Dalles.

Mr. Boone returned to La Grande Tuesday.

W. S. Nelson, The Dalles, is president; Fred S. Perrine, Oregon City, vice president; Roy Rittner, Pendleton, Earl Reynolds, Klamath Falls; W. C. Harding, Roseburg; Mrs. Elsa Mae Mayfield, Hood River, board of directors.

GETTING INTO LINE HIMSELF

GOVERNMENT HANDOUTS

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BEST DAIRY CONVENTION HELD HERE

La Grande Complimented Highly For Its Hospitality and Entertainment.

Another feather in its cap for La Grande!

It is customary when conventions are held, for the delegates to pass a resolution thanking the host city and those connected with the entertainment of the convention, and this was done when the Oregon Dairymen's association met here earlier this month.

But a step further was taken, and therein lies the real boost.

The resolution was accompanied by a letter from P. M. Brandt, of Corvallis, acting secretary, who said in part: "In addition to this being the usual type of courtesy resolution, I want to emphasize that it really represents the real viewpoint of those in attendance. . . . I am frank to tell you without any exaggeration or hurrah at all that this was the outstanding meeting of the association for the last eight or ten years. We had a fine reception, fine support locally, not only in town but throughout the area, and we had excellent support throughout the state. . . . I do not recall of ever having a single meeting where we had such a statewide representation as at this meeting."

The resolution read: "Whereas, it was at the kind invitation of representatives of the La Grande businessmen, extended to us at our convention in Salem last year, that this association has held its annual meeting in this city, and

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Girls Arrested on Holdup Charges



When Jane Furlong, left; Catherine Hudson and Cathlene Underwood appeared at the Reno police station to beg for a breakfast, police held them on charge of holding up Tony Bruton near San Jose, hitting him with an iron bar and fleeing with his money, and auto. The girls waived extradition, and Reno police say they admitted the robbery.

MODELS REHEARSE FOR FASHION TEA NEXT SATURDAY

Models for the second annual Spring Fashion Tea, sponsored by the American Association of University Women held their first rehearsal last night at the Saejawa ballroom.

Saturday, and the fashion display promises to be larger and more glamorous even than last year. Miss Marjorie Horton is training the models for the event, assisted by members of her committee. Rehearsals will be this evening and tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock in the ballroom.

Hostesses have been named for the afternoon and include Miss Mabel Doty, Mrs. Benjamin Johnson, Mrs. H. W. Fredericks, Miss Margaret Callahan, Mrs. George McDonald, Mrs.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

CREDIT GROUP ABOUT READY

C. C. C. NEWS EXPECTED SOON

EDUCATORS PETITION F. R.

3 ROBBER SUSPECTS HELD

PENDLETON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Operation of the Pendleton Production Credit association is expected to start March 10, with Walter E. Moore of Heppner in charge as secretary-treasurer. It was said today. The unit will handle loans for Umatilla, Morrow, Wallowa and parts of Grant and Union counties.

PORTLAND, Feb. 28 (AP)—A special dispatch to the Journal today from Washington, D. C., said Senator Stetler has been advised that "decision on the number of civilian conservation camps that Oregon may have in the next six-month period may be made in about a week."

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 28 (AP)—Creation of a special council for national social-economic planning was urged upon President Roosevelt today in a resolution adopted by educators attending the National Education association's department of superintendence convention. They also went on record urging the federal government to provide financial aid for the public schools.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 28 (AP)—A woman and two men were questioned for hours today in a \$207.394 robbery in which an unarmed bank messenger was shot through the heart. Detective Chief T. J. Higgins said witnesses had identified one of the men, but he declined to say which it was. The prisoners are Sam Decaro, Joe Martino and Decaro's wife.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Senator Schell (R., Minn.) said today newspapers are confronted with censorship by the "demand" of President Roosevelt for a federal communications commission.

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OREGON'S SLATE TO BE CLEAN ON NEW P. W. A. JOBS

PORTLAND, Feb. 28 (AP)—Oregon will start with a clean slate under any new appropriation for public works, according to a special dispatch said to have been given the Oregon delegation by J. C. Tokes. After stating that no additional money is yet available, Tokes was quoted as follows:

"When and if we receive additional funds, any restriction on making allotments to states which have received out of the first appropriations more than the portion . . . which they were entitled to by reason of population and unemployment, will be removed, and we will commence

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DORE AND SMITH ARE NOMINATED

SEATTLE, Feb. 28 (AP)—Two men who ran on campaign slogans that costs of city government, already drastically slashed, must be "cut to the bone," were the mayoralty candidates today, to be voted upon two weeks hence at the run-off election.

They were Mayor John F. Dore, the incumbent, seeking reelection, and Charles L. Smith, former assistant corporation counsel and chairman of the county Republican central committee. Smith won out by the margin of less than 1,700 votes over Frank Pitts, who was third.

The final complete vote (500 precincts): Dore, 30,245; Smith, 26,033; Pitts, 24,372.

Former Mayor Robert H. Harlin was a bad fourth, with 8,055 votes, and

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BOTULISM FATAL TO HALFWAY BOY

BAKER, Feb. 28 (AP)—Paul Ittigs, of Halfway, 19-year-old high school student, died in a hospital here late Tuesday afternoon of botulism, the same disease that claimed the life of Jesse Hunsaker, 14, Monday evening.

The youths became ill after they had eaten home canned spinach Friday evening, but they were not brought to the hospital until Hunsaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hunsaker, returned home Sunday night.

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 1/2 cents bulk today. Portland cash 71 cents. Export bid 76 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP)—Awaiting March unofficial domestic crop summaries to be issued tomorrow, grain prices displayed unusual steadiness today, but eased at the last.

Barring some unforeseen surprise, the crop summaries were expected to show relatively little change as compared with Dec. 1, when the condition of wheat was figured at around 74 per cent.

Wheat closed steady, 1/4 @ 1/2c under yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 1/4c lower, oats 1/4 @ 1/2c down, and provisions unchanged to 15c higher.

WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS IN DISAGREEMENT

Democratic Leaders Run Smack Into Opposition Sentiment.

NAVAL BILL CAUSE OF NEW ACTIVITY

House Chieftains, With Veto of Economy Act Held Likely, Call Meeting For Tonight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Ernest W. Smoot, son of former Senator Smoot, of Utah, disclosed to the senate air mail investigating committee today that he received more than \$10,750 compensation from private individuals and companies while he was clerk of the senate finance committee in 1929.

Smoot did not disclose the amount received from some companies.

Of the total given, \$13,000 was paid him by Vanderhoof and company for publicity work in connection with a tariff to protect sugar beets, he said.

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Sharp Protests Sent Each Other By Japs, Russians

By Glenn Babb

TOKYO, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Japanese foreign office sent a sharp protest today to Moscow, demanding that flights of soviet planes over Manchuria and Korea be stopped.

The filing of the protest followed reports from Hainking (Changchun), Manchukuo, of two instances in which (the reports said) Russians fired upon Japanese planes.

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (AP)—The soviet government today charged that Japanese military planes again have flown over soviet territory near the Manchukuan frontier.

At the same time the soviet government officially denied that any soviet airplanes had flown over any part of Korea or Manchukuo, as charged by Tokyo. The government also denied that soviet soldiers had shot down any Japanese airplanes.

20 Fishermen Are Rescued From Ice

ASTRAKHAN, U. S. R., Dec. 28 (AP)—With the help of an airplane, 20 of the 500 fishermen marooned on the ice floes of the Caspian sea reached shore safely today.

The rescue plane landed on an ice floe which bore more than 100 men. It distributed food to the marooned fishermen, then, after an aerial survey, guided 20 of them to land across the drifting ice.

CALLS PRESIDENT ON PHONE; FARM SAVED

"I says 'Sylvester Harris, a nigger down here in Mississippi. A man gettin' ready to take my land and I want to know what to do. De papers say call you and I does and here I is."

"De president says I quiet-like, 'Sylvester, I'll investigate and you'll hear from me."

The telephone conversation occurred Feb. 19. Since then George Hamilton, local representative of the New Orleans federal land bank, has requested investigation of the mortgage on Sylvester's farm and an adjustment through extension.

'COLD' ASHES OFTEN THE CAUSE OF FIRE

"I've never found anyone willing to admit that hot ashes caused a fire," said Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay, discussing common fire hazards. "No," he smiled, "it's always 'cold' ashes—which forces me to believe that that type of fire probably is more often caused by 'cold' than hot' ashes."

It was merely Mr. Lindsay's way of pointing out that ashes that many householders regard as 'cold' may be hot enough under the surface to cause a fire if placed near a shed or in a wooden box. "Cold" ashes usually are about as dangerous as the 'unloaded' gun, which is always killing someone.

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