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OLIVER AND ALDRICH TO BE GUESTS

State Officials Coming to Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

OLIVER MEMBER OF EDUCATION BOARD

Aldrich On State Highway Commission; Date of Dinner is Tuesday, March 13.

The La Grande chamber of commerce will be host to a number of distinguished guests at the annual banquet, March 13 when the annual banquet with installation of new officers is held.

Word was received today by Charles H. Reynolds, president, that Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oliver, of John Day, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Aldrich, of Pendleton, will attend.

Mr. Oliver is a member of the state board of higher education, president of the Oregon Horse and Cattle Raisers' association, and has been very active in livestock and educational activities in this state for many years. Mr. Aldrich is a member of the state highway commission and is well known throughout the state for his progressive work in the interests of the welfare of Oregon.

The main speaker of the evening will be Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of the state system of higher education.

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La Grande Faces Real Battle In Union Tourney

An idea of what La Grande may expect in the first game of the Union district basketball tournament is gained from word from Baker that the Bulldogs were defeated 21 to 20 by the Nyssa quintet at Nyssa Wednesday night. The night previous, Baker defeated Ontario at Ontario.

Nyssa held a lead practically all the way against Baker. La Grande will play Nyssa at 8 p. m. Thursday night in the third game of the first round.

TEA AND BOOK CHAT WILL BE HELD THURSDAY

The fifth of the series of silver teas and informal book chats will be held at the public library next Thursday evening, March 8, at 8:15. These evenings have been growing in popularity and attendance since the first one which was held last November during Book week. It is announced. The proceeds from the silver teas are spent for new books. These taking part in next Thursday evening's program are A. L. Grallapp, Miss Florence Day, Alfred Meyers and Mrs. George Birnie. A more detailed account of the program will be announced later.

DRY YEAR PREDICTION IS CORRECT TO DATE

Several weeks ago a weather savant at Vancouver, B. C., predicted that 1934 would be drier and with more sunshine than normal.

With the year one-sixth completed, his predictions so far have been borne out in La Grande, with the precipitation below normal and with more than the quota of sunny days during January and February.

Total rainfall here up to midnight, Feb. 28, was 3.29 inches, compared with normal of 4.05, a deficiency of .76 of an inch.

Will Explains Coronation Delay



NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—The first person to really question us on the worth of our 50-cent dollar is Panama. We are supposed to pay 'em 250 thousand a year for killing all their mosquitos and putting an irrigating ditch from one ocean to the other through their territory.

properly. They say we are to pay in gold. Be a good joke on 'em if we just pick up our canal and come home. Japan coronated the new emperor of Manchuria. They would have had the coronation earlier but they didn't have any armored car to haul him to the festivities in.

Washington not liquor today. Must have been a big novelty, about like a baby being continued on milk. Yours,

Phil Rogers.

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LOCAL LIQUOR STORE WILL OPEN MARCH 6

Staff Here to Go to Pendleton Tomorrow to Receive Instructions.

The La Grande state liquor store will be opened Tuesday morning, March 6, unless some unforeseen delays occur during the next few days. It was announced today by Walter Leisman, manager. Otto J. Hunter, Eastern Oregon supervisor, is expected here Sunday to complete arrangements.

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24 STUDENTS AT NORMAL SCHOOL WILL GET WORK

Authorization has been received by President H. E. Inlow of the Eastern Oregon Normal school to employ 24 students on part-time jobs during March under federal emergency relief administration. The work will be distributed between men and women, and will include campus improvement and clerical work. Assignment of jobs will be made upon the basis of financial need and scholarship standing.

President Inlow states that this arrangement will be of very definite assistance to Normal school students.

ADULT EDUCATION WORK CONTINUES

Adult education classes conducted during February at the La Grande High school building under the C. W. K. will be continued during the month of March. It was announced today, following receipt of authorization to go ahead with the program.

Supt. Herbert Evans, of the city schools, is in charge of the classes, which are held from 7 to 9 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Nagging Charge Wins Divorce



His ardent wooing turned to nagging, Dorothy Mackall, blond screen actress, charged against Neil A. Miller, suing him for divorce, which was granted. Miss Mackall is shown here as she appeared in Los Angeles court.

EASTERN OREGON DEMOCRATS PLAN CAUCUS MARCH 10

Representatives from the counties of Morrow, Union, Walla Walla, Baker, Grant, Wheeler, and Gilliam have been invited to attend the big Eastern Oregon rally of Democrats to be held in Pendleton March 10 under the auspices of the Young Democratic club of Umatilla county, according to word received by J. W. Leonhardt, local club president. Party leaders stress the fact that this is the only Democratic mass meeting to be held in Eastern Oregon before the state convention, April 13 and 14. About 200 persons are expected to attend the banquet at Hotel Pendleton to begin at 7 o'clock.

Speakers from Portland probably will include Carl C. Donaghy; Edwin D. Hicks, Miss Nadie Strayer, formerly of Baker; Bill Hadlund, Vernon Williams, president of the Oregon Democrat; Representative John J.

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PLAYGROUND MOVEMENT IS STARTED HERE

Committee Points Out Need of Supervised Play — Meeting is Called.

A movement to establish public playgrounds in La Grande during the coming summer is being sponsored by the American Association of University Women through the educational committee of which Miss Edith Darby is chairman.

Miss Darby and members of her committee have arranged a meeting of representatives of all civic, political and religious organizations next Tuesday evening at the Sackawawa Inn to discuss the possibilities of establishing such a program through the co-operation of all.

That La Grande needs a well supervised playground is a fact.

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10 U. P. BUTTONS TO BE AUCTIONED

The first ten souvenir buttons, that will be treasured assets within a short while, will be sold for the Union Pacific semi-centennial celebration committee Saturday evening at 8:15 o'clock on the corner of Depot and Adams. Fred Head, chairman of the committee, announces. Bring dollars instead of cents, he urges, because the first buttons sold will be valuable to the purchasers ultimately and it is anticipated that they will be sold for no small price. The buttons will be auctioned off and the highest bidder has been procured to conduct the sale. The aim of the button sale is to

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Boy Scouts Plan Campaign to Aid Needy Families

In following out recent suggestions made by President Roosevelt in a radio address, La Grande Boy Scouts are launching a campaign to collect furniture, bedding, dishes, cooking utensils and any other household goods that may be of help to needy families.

The scouts plan to make a house-to-house canvass so as not to miss anything in the way of contributions, and will make arrangements for deliveries. Housewives are urged to check over their belongings to see if they have any articles they can spare and which might be put to a greater use by some needy family.

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Can't Take It, Eh, Roger?



The Touhy gang was a mighty tough lot when they had the helpless Jake Factor in their grasp and were bleeding his anguished family for a lot of easy money. But going to prison with iron shackles on your legs and arms is another matter. Roger Touhy, left, leader of the gang, flubbed like a baby as this auto carried him and his confederates, Gus Schafer and Albert Kator, off to Joliet to start serving 99-year sentences.

CURTAIN TO RISE ON "PIED PIPER" AT 8:15 TONIGHT

The curtain will rise at 8:15 o'clock tonight on the final performance of the opera "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", to be presented by the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the Ackerman Training school at the E. O. N. auditorium. The opera, in three acts, is by Beiswenger and Clokey and is under the direction of Miss Jennie Peterson and Miss Florence Day.

An unusually large and well trained cast is taking part in the performance. Besides the leading members of the cast — Darryl McCool, Kenneth Hodgen, Eileen Cochran, Leo Andrew, Jimmy Mills, Rodney Miller, Clark Wheeler, Harry Dawson, Loren Blanche, Howard Walker, Guy Tucker, Charles Wainman and Emil Geist — there are 48 members in the Normal school chorus and 35 in the Ackerman chorus. Dancers listed include Rustle dance, with eight performers, the Night Wind Sprites, with eight taking part, the Toy Soldiers with eight, the China Dolls with six and the Tops and Jumping Jacks, with eight.

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U. S. LUMBER BUSINESS IN GOOD GAINS

New Business in Northwest Also Increases — General Upswing in Trade is Reported.

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — The National Lumber Manufacturers' association today reported that lumber orders at 1301 mills for the week ending February 24 increased 10,731,000 feet over new business for the previous week. Orders for the week ending February 24 totaled 188,668,000 feet and for the previous six days period 162,935,000 feet.

PORTLAND, March 2 (AP) — New business amounting to 38,055,000 feet, approximately 9 per cent greater

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LIVESTOCK CREDIT GROUP ORGANIZED

PORTLAND, March 2 (AP) — Through a merger of two units which had been serving Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the Northwest Livestock Production Credit association was formed here Thursday, with Mac Hoke, of Pendleton, serving as president of the organization.

Thomas H. Drumbeller, of Walla Walla, and C. E. Croyle, of Portland, will assist Hoke in the administration of the association which was formed to finance stock growers in periods of seasonal depression.

Mc Hoke, of Pendleton, Herman Oliver of John Day, and Ernest E. Johnson of Enterprise, will act as the executive committee of the new association. The directors of the organization are determined that all range loans shall be handled in accordance with a recent resolution providing for initial loans of \$7500 through the Northwest Credit association, and for loans plus budget commitments, in those cases where the sum involved is \$10,000 or more. Individual local corporations will handle smaller loans and all feeder livestock loans.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 54 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 72½ cents. Export bid 71½ cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 2 (AP) — Pronounced strength and activity developed in grain futures trading today, with sharp advances in price shown, especially in the late dealings.

A maximum rise of about 2 cents a bushel for wheat took place. Inflation talk suggested by Washington messages was a bullish factor. Wheat closed strong, 1½¢ @ 1½¢ above yesterday's finish, corn 1½¢ up, oats ½¢ @ 1½¢ advanced, and provisions showing 7 to 12¢ gain.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

RANDITS GET \$60,000
JACK ALLEN ENTERS RACE
ROADSTOOL TOLL NOW 15
INTENSIFY BANDIT SEARCH

RICHMOND, Va., March 2 (AP) — Six armed bandits today held up a guard of the State-Planters Bank and Trust company, and robbed him of \$60,000 in currency.

PENDLETON, March 2 (AP) — Mayor Jack Allen, of Pendleton, today formally announced he will seek the Democratic nomination in the May primary election as state senator from Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2 (AP) — Deadly fungi had taken a toll of 15 lives in California today. The latest victim was a woman of Keweenaw, who died in Woodlake hospital today after eating toadstools. Twelve deaths had occurred at San Luis Obispo, where 22 Filipinos and two white men sat down at a death feast of the fungi.

LOS ANGELES, March 2 (AP) — A search for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, long sought Oklahoma bad man, was intensified today on the positive identification by a Winshire Boulevard clothing of pictures of him as one of a trio who robbed him of \$156 worth of clothing and money on Feb. 19.

BALLROOM TO BE OPENED AT 1:30 FOR FASHION TEA

FASHION TEA FACTS
1:15 Grand Stairway open.
1:30 Ballroom open.
1:45 Bench seats on sale.
1:50 Orchestra program begins.
2:00 Fashion display opens.

A capacity house will view the second annual Spring Fashion Tea sponsored for the merchants of La Grande by the American Association of University Women tomorrow afternoon at the Sackawawa ballroom. Tickets have been sold out for a week, and about 300 women will witness the show which will be the biggest fashion event of the year.

Displays will be arranged on the mezzanine floor and the guests will be routed around that way before entering the ballroom. The grand stairway leading to the ballroom will open at 1:15 o'clock and 15 minutes will be allowed for viewing the mezzanine floor displays before the ballroom opens at 1:30 o'clock. After the guests who have tickets for the tables are seated, about 60 more women will be accommodated in the benches about the walls at 1:45. The bench seats are so comfortable and afford as good an opportunity of viewing the models as the others.

The Normal school orchestra will play a 10 minute musical program before the fashion show opens at 2 o'clock. Miss Bess Duke will announce the continuity during the afternoon.

LA GRANDERS TO ATTEND MEETING

A large delegation from La Grande plans to attend the banquet and annual meeting of the Union County Wool Growers tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the Union hotel. The program will open at 7:30 o'clock with an address by President E. E. Miller. The remainder of the program includes: "The Whitman National

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TARIFF AND PHILIPPINES ACTION ASKED

Two Pointed Messages Read to the House By Mr. Roosevelt.

PROLONGATION OF SESSION LIKELY

Both Measures Held Certain of Rousing Opposition Among Members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — President Roosevelt asked congress today to authorize him to bargain with foreign nations on tariff concessions and to re-enact the Philippine independence bill.

In two pointed messages read to the house he thrust forward issues already certain of rousing opposition and possibly threatening prolongation of the session past the time wanted by the Democratic leadership. Senate reaction had to wait, that branch being in recess so it could not today receive the presidential request for power to enter into executive commercial agreements with foreign nations; and in pursuance thereof within carefully guarded limits to modify existing duties and import restrictions in such a way as will benefit American agriculture and industry.

He mentioned no limit for the tariff concessions, but the administration will put it at 50 per cent of the existing levels. On the Philippine bill, the president asked that the Hawes-Cutting law—which recently expired—be revived for consideration by the Philippine people. He would have it amended, however, to assure immediate relinquishment of American military bases upon the realization of independence and to provide for discussions about

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Grain Growers Will Share In \$300,000 Fund

SALFEM, Mar. 2 (AP) — A large proportion of the \$300,000 rebate to be paid by railroads to shippers of grain and grain products in the recent order of Public Utilities Commissioner Charles M. Thomas should be returned to the growers, the commissioner said today, but the exact proportion would be hard to estimate. Adjustments in each case would be left to the shippers.

The list of warehouses and milling companies, who in the opinion of the utilities commissioner should make adjustments with growers, included: Wallawa Roller mills \$710; Joseph Milling company \$61; Pioneer Flouring Mill company \$51; Elgin Flouring Mill company \$532; Elgin Grain and Storage company \$221; Joseph Independent Warehouse company \$74,458; La Grande Milling company \$33.

Idaho Motion On Grazing Law Denied

PORTLAND, Mar. 2 (AP) — Ruling that it does not appear that the plaintiffs had been deprived of their constitutional rights, Federal Judge John H. McNary Thursday denied a motion for a temporary restraining order setting aside the 1933 Oregon grazing law. Residents of Idaho had filed action to authorize them to graze their sheep in the Jordan valley district of Eastern Oregon.

DEFENSE RESTS IN RASPUTIN LIBEL SUIT

By Burdette T. Johns
LONDON, Mar. 2 (AP) — The defense wound up its case in the "Rasputin libel suit" today in a blaze of new sensations—including the revelation for the first time by a member of the British parliament that he had invited to join the party which poisoned, clubbed and shot to death Rasputin, the Russian Imperial court's "mad monk."

It remained for Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, to supply the dramatic climax to the day's testimony in the \$2,000,000 libel suit of Princess Irene Yusouffoff against producers of the film "Rasputin and The Empress." The testimony already presented gave intimate details of the gruesome murder which took place in the cellar of the St. Petersburg palace.