

Begin Work On Elgin-Weston Highway On April 15

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HOUSE PASSES BONUS BILL TODAY

EXPECT ALL WORK TO BE DONE BY '36

Two Contracts Let For Construction Work Between Elgin, Tollgate

THIRD CONTRACT MAY BE LET SOON

Surveys Call For Easy, Gradual Climb All the Way From the Grande Ronde Valley to Top.

Construction of 4.8 miles of the Weston-Elgin highway under contract to F. Price, of Dayton, starting about five miles from Elgin, likely will start April 15, according to Glenn Bates, his superintendent. This contract likely will be completed by the last of July.

The Price crew of approximately 35 men and several pieces of heavy equipment worked from October 1 to the end of November, 1933, on the contract and will push on towards the mountains when work is resumed this spring.

Grubbing and installation of drainage are called for in the contract.

One Contract to Let

Where the Price job ends another contract for the same items has been let to Meyers & Goulter of Seattle and they have about 6.5 miles to construct to a point within 5 miles of Tollgate. Forest and Bureau of public roads engineers have indicated that this summer will see the last section of the new highway let to contract for grading.

The distance from Tollgate to Elgin, slightly more than 20 miles, will be all under construction, if this

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Guardsmen Make Ready For 1934 U. S. Inspection

Company E, 186th Infantry, had today practically completed plans for annual federal inspection here Wednesday at 8 p. m. by Major Pillsbury, of the United States Army. Tonight the major was in The Dalles, tomorrow night he will inspect Co. G, of Pendleton, and he will wind up his Eastern Oregon trip Thursday and Friday at Union and Baker.

The inspection is open to the public and all interested are invited by Capt. Walter A. Bean to attend.

During the last few days the interior and exterior of the armory received new coats of paint, and everything now is in shipshape order for the inspection. La Grande's unit had received "very satisfactory" ratings two years in succession and is making a special effort to make it three straight.

Regular drill with preliminary inspection by company officers will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The guardsmen also will assemble at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night.

IMBLER TO BE HOST TONIGHT TO EDUCATORS

The Union County Schoolmasters Club will hold its March meeting tonight at Imbler, instead of at North Powder as it was announced Saturday. The school men will enjoy a 6:30 o'clock dinner, and Senator Henry Hess, of La Grande, will be the speaker of the evening.

WHAT IS AN EGG? THE LAW TELLS YOU

What is an egg? Sure, we all know. But do we all know how to tell you what is an egg, according to specifications of the present Oregon egg law defining grades of henfruit?

Here's the dope: A fresh extra egg is an egg that is clean as to outward appearance, with a fixed air space of not more than one-fourth inch in depth, except, of course, in the case of an egg that is so small that it is impossible to measure. In candling the yolk may be visible. The weight shall not be less than one and five sixths ounces.

A fresh medium egg is an egg that conforms to all the specifications of a fresh extra egg, except that the weight thereof shall be not less than one and seven-twelfths ounces.

Will Defends Army Aviators



SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 11 — Everybody cheers the president's air mail move. It was a big thing to do. His next popular move would be to say to his legal department: "We said there was fraud; well, get busy and try somebody and, if guilty, convict 'em. That's all to-day, gentlemen."

Most criticism of the army is going to be very unjust. He is taught to fight in the air. When he falls at that then criticize him. He didn't live out as a postman. In fact, in modern warfare they don't correspond with each other. Our air mail pilots are the best in the world. That's why we have two departments in Washington, one for war and one for mail, both very efficient, but not at each other's jobs. Yours, P. S. — Eddie Hickenbacker did mightily well for us in the last war and he had never delivered a letter in his life.

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DR. W. J. KERR WILL VISIT EAST NORMAL

Chancellor to Speak at Assembly Tomorrow at Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Night.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, who is to be the chief speaker at the annual chamber of commerce banquet tomorrow night at the La Grande hotel at 6:30 p. m., will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning, and during his stay here will visit the Eastern Oregon Normal school, it was learned today.

Charles H. Reynolds, retiring president of the chamber of commerce, said that Dr. Kerr, who is chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher

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MUSICAL COMEDY AT HIGH SCHOOL SHAPING RAPIDLY

"Jewels of the Desert" musical comedy which La Grande High school will present March 22 and 23 at the gymnasium, is assuming Ziegfeldian proportions with some of the most winsome of the L. H. S. girls appearing.

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WINDING UP WORK ON HOG CONTRACTS

The hog allotment committee, of which Clyde Kiddle, R. S. French and John Waelty are members, started today making final allotments on hog contracts. The contracts will be subject to revision by the A. A. A. at Washington and the state board. All contracts are in the hands of the committee at present, and the group is tabulating and preparing the contracts to send in the report of the administration.

She's Florida's Prettiest at 16



A "Miss-America" in the making it's easy to see, is lovely 16-year old Mary Elsie Weems. She's shown at Coral Gables, Fla., after being adjudged "Miss Florida" at a beauty contest held at the Miami Biltmore Hotel.

WINTER RELIEF PROGRAM CLOSES

The Elks winter relief program has come to a close after outfitting 175 children with shoes, stockings, gloves and other necessities through the cooperation of the teachers in the public schools, Jesse V. Andrews, chairman.

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TIGERS TRIM BAKER; TAKE 1934 TITLE

La Grande Wins Ticket to Salem—Five Tigers on All-Star First and Second Teams.

FINAL STANDINGS		
	W. L.	Pct.
1. La Grande	5 0	1.000
2. Baker	3 2	.600
3. Cove	3 2	.600
4. Haines	2 3	.400
5. Imbler	1 2	.333
6. Richland	1 1	.333
7. Nyssa	0 2	.000
8. Union	0 3	.000

All Star Teams		
First Team	Pos.	Second Team
Stitt, L.G.	F. B.	DeBorde, C
Ballantyne, B.	P.	Reynolds, L.G
Bean, L.G.	C.	D. DeBorde, C
DeBorde, L.G.	G.	McKinnis, I
Elms, I	W.	Webb, L.G

By Nolan Skiff
The La Grande Tigers wound up its tournament play at Union Saturday with a fourth and fifth consecutive win, and thereby successfully defended its 1933 championship, and

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Weather Is Like Summer in West; High Here at 72

Summer-like weather was enjoyed throughout the Pacific coast area yesterday, with temperatures ranging from over 100 in California to 75 in Portland and 72 in La Grande.

The maximum here was the warmest this year and today's high was expected to approximate Sunday's figure. The minimum this morning was 34 above.

Scores of people took advantage of the faultless weather Sunday to take hikes, go horseback riding or motor, fishing, golfing, etc. And hundreds of others took the opportunity to begin gardens and do spring work about the yard. The forecast for Oregon indicated continuance of the fair weather Tuesday, but with a frost in Eastern Oregon tonight.

PORTLAND, March 12 (AP) — An advanced springtime nearly ran itself

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Ambergris Find Stirs Coast



They (residents of the San Francisco bay area) laughed when folks at Bolinas reported a vast find of exceedingly rare ambergris. But their laughter ceased when a chemist pronounced it ambergris—spume from a sick whale—worth \$28 an ounce. Above, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Haroldson with Alf Jr., with a 14-pound piece of the smelly stuff, worth \$4500.

TROUT FISHING SEASON TO OPEN TEN DAYS EARLY

PORTLAND, March 12 (AP)—The Oregon game commission today voted to open the trout fishing season April 5, ten days in advance of the usual opening, and to close it Nov. 15, about 15 days earlier than usual.

The action was taken because of the exceptionally early spring and the many requests from sportsmen who hope to visit Oregon's famous fishing streams early next month.

FEDERAL TAX OFFICE OPEN TILL MIDNIGHT

Lloyd Welch, deputy internal revenue collector for this district, announced today that the income tax collecting office in the post office building would remain open until 8 p. m. Wednesday, Mar. 15, and until midnight on Thursday, Mar. 15, for the accommodation of taxpayers.

Midnight, Mar. 15 is the deadline to get in income tax returns without penalties, and Mr. Welch says that returns either must be in the local office by that time, or in the Portland office.

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EARTH SHOCK STRIKES UTAH, IDAHO TODAY

Buildings Sway in Salt Lake City—Quake Felt in Wyoming Also.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Mar. 12 (AP)—An earth shock that moved office buildings, stopped clocks and cracked windows and plaster in this city, was felt this morning over Northern Utah, southwestern Wyoming and Southern Idaho.

Office-bound residents of this city stopped in the streets to watch the buildings sway and householders reported swaying chairs, rattling furniture and clattering dishes.

A cloud of dust arose as the Ezra Thompson building and the Tribune building adjoining it, rubbed their walls together. In the Continental bank building two windows were cracked, and cracks appeared in the plaster of the Chitt building, another tall office structure. The statue atop the spire of the city and county building was knocked out of plumb. The first shock was felt at 8:35 a. m., mountain time, followed by a much heavier one. Another slight shock was reported at 8:32 a. m. The seismograph at the University

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PRISON ESCAPE ATTEMPT FAILS

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Mar. 12 (AP) — Using home made guns, four desperate convicts attempted a daring escape from the prison here today but were frustrated by guards after many shots had been fired and one prisoner killed.

The attempted escape was led by Edward A. McHugh, guards said, with William Bagley, Lewis H. Downs and George Frederick assisting in the effort to flee over the prison walls.

The prisoner accidentally slain when McNab's gun went off was John Hubert Arbuckle, 29, of San Bernardino.

Taking advantage of a dense fog which surrounded the prison, Downs suddenly confronted Guard Fred H.

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 5 1/2 cents here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Flouring Mills. Export bid 78 cents, Portland cash 74 cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 12 (AP) — Fresh activity and strength in the wheat market late today lifted prices to a material extent, with early sellers switching hastily to the purchase side.

A conspicuous incentive to late buyers was official announcement that for the first time since July 1929, the United States wheat visible supply had fallen below 100,000,000 bushels. Today's total supply, 97,000,000 bushels, contracted with the total a year ago, 142,431,000 bushels. Wheat closed firm at almost the day's top, 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4 above Saturday's finish. May 88 1/2 @ 89c, corn 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4 up, oats 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4 advanced, and provisions unchanged to be decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

DOUG AND MARY PATCH UP BIG WHEAT SALE REPORTED REAPPOINT VANDEVERT NO INDICTMENTS RETURNED

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — Douglas Fairbanks Sr. and his wife, Mary Pickford, have practically patched up all their differences and are near a reconciliation, the Associated Press learned from indisputable sources today.

PORTLAND, March 12 (AP) — The overnight sale of one million bushels of wheat to China was confirmed through official sources here today. Three freighters will be used to move the cargo from the North Pacific coast to the Orient.

SALEM, March 12 (AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier today reappointed J. C. Vandeventer of Bend to the state game commission.

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The District of Columbia grand jury has refused to return any indictments as a result of its long investigation of war department business dealings.

THE DALLES, Ore., March 12 (AP)—Peter Khan, of West Union, Oregon, was arrested here at the request of Sheriff Connell, of Hillsboro, Ore., in connection with the death of Lee Collins, a woodcutter found near his cabin Sunday.

MACHINE GUNNERS LOOT TWO BANKS IN KANSAS TODAY

ATCHISON, Kan., March 12 (AP) — Four machine gunners robbed the Exchange National and Exchange State banks of approximately \$21,000 here today, shot and wounded Chief of Police Willard Linville and fled with nine bank employees as hostages, all of whom were released later.

Ed Iverson, cashier of the Exchange State bank, was beaten on the head and fell from the robbers' car as it sped out of the city. He suffered a fractured skull.

The two banks, associate institutions, are located in the same building.

Miss Addie Matlocks, Miss Mary Low and George Wolf, assistant cashier of the Exchange National bank, were the last of the hostages freed. They were released four and one-half miles south of here.

GOVERNOR MEIER NOT A CANDIDATE

PORTLAND, Mar. 12 (AP) — The renunciation of politics by Governor Julius L. Meier today continued to move tongues throughout the state and to give applicants for the governorship a new course upon which to train their actions and their ambitions.

In a dramatic conclusion to the second of a series of statements outlining his administration of the past four years, the governor Saturday night declared "in announcing my retirement from politics tonight, I do so with the glad conviction that I have served honorably and unselfishly."

In thus eliminating myself as a candidate for governor you may be sure of my constant devotion to Oregon, its people — their welfare and prosperity."

Governor Meier said "should now seek a governor who will be able to maintain those methods that have now been set in operation."

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JAP TORPEDO BOAT WRECKED; 120 LOST

TOKYO, March 12 (AP) — Japan's newest torpedo boat, the Tomozuru, a torpedo boat with an armament greater than most ships twice her size, was wrecked mysteriously today with the probable loss of 120 men.

The navy declined to describe the disaster immediately, but it was almost certain that the Tomozuru had capsized off the Sasebo naval base in heavy weather.

The ministry announced the ship had been found, after being missing since early morning, "badly damaged and drifting, many of her crew believed drowned."

The vessel, of 527 tons, was regarded as carrying one of the heaviest armaments ever conceived for a ship her size.

MEASURE IS ADOPTED ON FORCED VOTE

Action Taken in Lower House Despite Roosevelt's Objections.

BONUS BILL NOW GOES TO SENATE

Upper House of Congress Recently Defeated a Similar Proposal—F. R. Promises Veto.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP) — In the face of administration disapproval, the House today voted for cash payment of the \$2,000,000,000 soldiers' bonus in new money.

A final appeal by Representative Byrnes, the Democratic leader, that President Roosevelt feel the measure "strikes at the very heart of his recovery plan" proved ineffectual.

The legislation goes now to the senate which recently defeated a similar proposal. President Roosevelt has promised a veto if it reaches him.

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New Income Tax Suits Pushed By Federal Experts

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP) — The justice department, cracking the income tax whip over the heads of Andrew W. Mellon, former Mayor James J. Walker of New York, Thomas S. Lamont and Morgan and Co., and Thomas Sidle of Cleveland, O., pushed preparation of a score more suits today.

More than 40 tax experts are engaged in the special task of preparing the suits, similar to those naming Mellon and the others. Among the material at hand for their study are reams of testimony taken in the state banking committee's investigation of stock market and financial practices.

The 79-year-old Mellon, member of three Republican cabinets, barked yesterday at the justice department with a charge that the department was playing "crude" politics.

Cummings first response, when reporters told him of the statement, was: "It would be manifestly unfair to differentiate between Mr. Mellon's case and others of a similar character."

ORVAL SAILOR LANDS THREE FISH SUNDAY

Orval Saylor, La Grande angler, landed three handsome steelheads in the Wallowa river Sunday. He was one of many fishermen who sought the big fish, a few of whom were successful. His catch was on display at Wagner's Hardware store.

Keith Will Be Re-Tried

LOS ANGELES, March 12 (AP)—Lawyers for both sides in the contest of Miss Margaret Keith's million dollar will indicated today there would be evidence of a sensational nature in a re-trial of the case which caused a jury to disagree last Saturday.

The jury, hopelessly deadlocked, was discharged by Superior Judge Robert Kenny.