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CONSOLIDATE PRECINCTS IN FOUR TOWNS

Only 30 Voting Places in Union County As May Election Nears.

SIX LESS BOARDS WILL BE REQUIRED

Union, Elgin, North Powder and Cove Precincts Merged in Order Issued By the County.

When voters go to the polls in Union county next May 18 to mark their ballots, there will be six less precincts in operation in four towns, it was announced today by C. K. McCormick, county clerk. The number of precincts in the county now stands at 36, compared with a former 36, the reduction being made possible through consolidation.

Precincts consolidated all are at Union, Elgin, Cove and North Powder. The 13 La Grande precincts and other precincts over the county remain unchanged.

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Tax Rush Eases Up Somewhat At County Office

Final payments without penalty of the first quarter of Union county taxes were made yesterday, but today tax collectors at the county court house still were checking on payments received in the mails. As a result the rush had eased up somewhat today.

No estimate of the size of the payments the last week had been made today, but it was believed that they were quite heavy. No comparison was possible as this is the first year that taxes have been paid quarterly.

SALEM, March 16 (AP) — Approximately \$225,000 had been received by the state in receipts from personal income, intangible and corporation taxes up to March 15, the state tax commission announced yesterday. The final date for filing returns is April 1. The commission estimated a total return of \$600,000 more this year than last due to the recent amendment to the income tax law which increased the rate and lowered the exemptions.

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LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED AT CLAM FEED

Officials of the La Grande Gun club, which is to hold its annual clam feed at 7:30 tonight at the Lone Tree club house, today were expecting one of the largest attendances during recent years. With 600 pounds of clams on hand and plenty of beer and other items of the menu provided for, they were well prepared to see that everyone had his fill, however.

A number of talks are to be given, including one by Game Commissioner Carl Silven, of Baker. Several other out-of-town sportsmen who attend probably will be called on. All talks will be brief, according to J. H. Pears, who will serve as toastmaster.

EARLY FISHING DOES NOT APPLY TO LAKES

Trout fishermen throughout Union and Wallowa counties have been re-trapping rods, checking over equipment, watching the weather forecasts of late—with the opening of the trout fishing season scheduled for April 5—ten days earlier than usual.

But state policeman warn that this early date applies only to rivers and creeks, not to lakes. Lake fishing will not be legal until later on.

Fish laws for this section have changed but little, it is reported. Six inches still is the limit for trout caught in Union and Wallowa coun-

Nudists Become Atheists In Winter



HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Mar. 16 — I was just thinking, if it really is religion with these nudist colonies, they sure turn atheists in the winter time.

Well, the St. Lawrence canal, which Canada and us were to build together, was defeated in the senate.

But wait till they want to deepen the Mississippi, then these other babies will get back at 'em. Yours,

Phil Rogers.

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REHEARSALS FOR MUSICAL COMEDY IN FINAL PHASE

"Jewels of the Desert," a glamorous musical comedy of the East, is in final rehearsal this weekend, preparing for the first performance on Tuesday afternoon, a matinee at the High school gymnasium for the school children. The musical comedy is to be presented by the La Grande High school on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week at 8:15 o'clock for the public. Tickets are on sale now and may be reserved at the Wednesday morning at Glasse Drugs.

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THOMPSON NAMED HEAD OF SCHOOLS IN WALLOWA, ORE.

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 16 — C. A. Thompson has been appointed as superintendent of schools for the coming year, to succeed Sup't. O. P. Campbell, who resigned a few weeks ago. Mr. Thompson was selected from a list of 42 applicants. He has been employed in the Wallowa schools as Smith-Hughes instructor the last nine years, and has a large acquaintance over the county.

All other teachers have been employed with the exception of Mrs. George Brown. No action has been taken to replace her. Her work, members of the school board said, has been satisfactory, but the board does not look with favor upon employing married women, especially where one in the family has employment.

RAIN AND COOLER WEATHER ARRIVE

A break in the summer-like warm wave that has held La Grande in its welcome grip the last week took place late Thursday, accompanied by cloudy skies and 70° of an inch of rain during the night. The sky was overcast at daybreak this morning, but later the clouds broke up somewhat, allowing the warm sunshine to come through occasionally.

The weather prediction was for a return of fair skies tonight and Saturday.

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Co-ed Prexy



Grace Marion Johnson, above, became the first co-ed president of the American Legion recently when the student president left school. When elected vice-president, Miss Johnson tied with another girl for the post and a flip of a coin put her in office.

HOUSE STAYS PAT ON 90 MILLIONS VETS' BENEFITS

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — By a margin of one vote, the house insisted today that veterans allowances approved by the senate be trimmed substantially. The vote was 190 to 189.

On a previous roll call it appeared that the house had voted for the senate-approved \$118,000,000 instead of the \$90,000,000 the representatives previously had agreed to.

But Representative Kennedy (D-N. Y.), shifted his "aye" vote to "no" and the administration forces won. When it first appeared the house had reversed itself by the same vote of 190 to 189, Speaker Rainey ordered another roll call.

A decision on the veterans allowances, as well as restoration of government employees cut pay, now will be worked out by committees representing the senate and the house.

GREGORY MOVES TO LA GRANDE

This week the Dr. J. B. Gregory family moved to La Grande and established a residence. The doctor had been dividing his time between Wallowa and Hot Lake, but it is said that on account of inconvenience in getting to school from Hot Lake that the family will hereafter live here.

ANNIVERSARY OF LEGION CELEBRATED

Union and Wallowa Posts Meet at Wallowa—Former State Commander Gives Address.

Jack Biggs, former state commander of the American Legion, gave a resume of the aims and accomplishments of the American Legion since the first meeting in Paris on March 15, 1919, last night when he addressed the posts of Union and Wallowa counties at a birthday banquet at Wallowa.

Those attending from La Grande were Fred Read, commander; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Garity, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Morehead, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Fross, Harley Richardson, C. L. Thompson, E. L. Knight and Clifford Bragg.

The Racketeers furnished musical numbers during the banquet, and the Enterprise drum corps, present in their full regalia, also played during the evening.

A dance followed the banquet and program.

GENERAL WHITE SPEAKS

PORTLAND, March 16 (AP) — Service to the nation, the state and the community was described by Major George Ared White as "the sole great purpose and mission" of the American Legion, in an address he made here last night at the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the organization of the legion.

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Local Chamber's Financial Report For Year Given

The financial statement of the La Grande chamber of commerce, for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1934, was announced today. It was included in the annual report just mailed to members in booklet form.

Receipts for the year amounted to

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Noted Scientist Dies In Peiping

PEIPING, China, Mar. 16 (AP) — Dr. Davidson Black, noted scientist and authority on the so-called "Peking man," whose explorations led him into many dangers from which he emerged unscathed, died today in the prosaic quiet of his office.

Death from heart disease came to him as he sat at his desk. He was 49 years old. He was born at Toronto, Canada, July 25, 1884.

THE GIRL HE LEFT BEHIND



It was to get Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's "excellent advice on army aviation questions," that Secretary of War Dera (left) conferred with the famed flyer in Washington. Here they're shown leaving the War Department building. Their discussion was held almost simultaneously with the issuance of President Roosevelt's orders curtailing army air mail operations. But Lindbergh has refused to serve on a committee of investigation appointed by Secretary Dera.

AUTO UNIONS TO POSTPONE STRIKE ACTION FEW DAYS

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — Representatives of the automobile unions agreed today to postpone strike action until Tuesday to give the national automobile chamber of commerce an opportunity to negotiate with Hugh S. Johnson for settling their disputes.

"If the answer is not satisfactory," said William Collins, chief organizer for the Detroit area, "the plants will be closed down Wednesday and work will remain suspended until the government does enforce the national industrial recovery act."

"We got the representatives to agree to hold off until General Johnson hears from the automobile chamber of commerce on Tuesday."

The proposals made by Johnson were for creation of an impartial board to review complaints and

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IN ARMY AIR CONTROVERSY



Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52½ cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Export bid 76½ cents. Portland cash 72 cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 16 (AP) — Wheat scored price gains in the late dealings today, aided by announcement that silver bills would be brought up at Washington Monday despite opposition.

Late upturns of wheat values were also more or less due to the fact that for several successive days the wheat market had been declining, and a reverse action of the pendulum was looked for by numerous traders.

Wheat closed firm, 14½¢ above yesterday's finish. May 37½¢ a 4¢ corn unchanged to 1¢ higher, oats 14¢ advanced, and provisions unchanged to 12¢ down.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

CALL TELEGRAPH CODE MEET

MRS. F. D. R. IN MIAMI

FARM LOAN INTEREST CUT

SILVER VOTE NEXT MONDAY

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — All telegraph companies were put on call today by the NRA to appear here early next week to help work out and accept a code for their industry. Exercise of this seldom used NRA power—demanding that a group accept a code—was taken just as a senate investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph company was proposed at the capitol.

MIAMI, Fla., March 16 (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived here by commercial air liner shortly after noon today, completing an 11-day economic survey flight to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — Interest on new farm loans by federal intermediate credit banks was reduced today from 3 to 2½ per cent effective immediately.

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MAN WHO ESCAPED WITH DILLINGER SHOT TO DEATH

PORT HORN, Mich., March 16 (AP) — Herbert Youngblood, partner of John Dillinger in his escape from the Crown Point, Ind., jail a fortnight ago, died in a hospital here this afternoon of bullet wounds received in a battle with sheriff's officers who had trapped him in a Moak avenue store.

He died of bullet wounds in the chest and abdomen shortly after he had been identified by Capt. Matt Leach of the Indiana state police thereby spurring a search for Dillinger, desperado and bank robber.

Youngblood, facing a murder charge for a Gary, Ind., slaying, admitted his identity as he lay dying from bullet wounds.

MAHONEY STRIKES AT LIQUOR LAW

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 16 (AP) — Declaring the Knox liquor control law is "the most vicious piece of legislation that was ever placed upon the statute books of any state," William E. Mahoney, fiery little mayor of Klamath Falls, last night fired the first shell in his campaign for the governorship of Oregon.

Mahoney is seeking the Democratic nomination. He announced his candidacy in Portland several days ago.

He declared the federal government "should control the switch" at the Bonneville power plant on the Columbia river, and added "I refuse to stand by and let the Portland chamber of commerce, the utility gangsters representing J. P. Morgan & Co., and a few self-appointed political leaders rob the people of the benefits President Roosevelt intends they shall receive from Bonneville dam."

The state of Oregon, he said, should build its own transmission lines from Bonneville. Each municipality and power district, he believes, should build its own distribution system under "home rule," or "condemn existing systems."

people of this state voted for repeal.

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BOOTLEGGERS SELLING DESPITE KNOX LAW

PORTLAND, March 16 (AP) — Bootleggers are selling 75 per cent of the hard liquor distributed in Portland.

This was the inference left by George L. Sammis, administrator of the Oregon liquor control system, when at a meeting of the control board here late Thursday, he said the state stores "are selling 25 per cent of the liquor sold in Portland," and added that moonshiners and bootleggers are operating "with very little hindrance."

The commission postponed until later action they were expected to take yesterday on ordering a reduction in the state price list. It had been intimated that the liquor store prices might be cut as much as 10 per cent.

Law enforcement officers, and even district attorneys, are "carefully ignorant" of their duties under the Knox law, it was declared by George Neuner, attorney for the commission, and former United States attorney for Oregon. He said Governor Meier has demanded that the law actually be enforced.

The state has made a profit of about \$8,000 on its liquor store operations to date, Sammis said on the basis of incomplete figures. Up to March 14 sales have amounted to \$37,634 for the entire state.

GOVERNMENT 'FIGHTING MAD' AT HIS DASH

Grecian Authorities to Turn Fugitive Over to U. S. Agents.

PAID \$10,000 TO EMPLOY VESSEL

In Toronto, Canada Authorities Order Martin Insull Extradited to United States.

ATHENS, March 16 (AP) — Samuel Insull Sr., who was located early today aboard the Greek freighter Malotis, will be expelled directly to the United States, the Greek government let it be known.

Angry because of his coup in attempting to sneak away from Greece, the government has decided to return Insull to America, where he will face charges of embezzlement and larceny. The Malotis is proceeding to Piraeus, Port of Athens, where it is expected to arrive tomorrow. Two ships sail shortly to America and it was held likely that the 74-year-old fugitive, who battled for nearly 18 months to escape return, would be aboard one of them.

Previously, the government had planned merely to expel Insull from Greece, allowing him to go where he wished in search of refuge. It was said that Insull paid \$10,000 to charter the Malotis and that it sailed at

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Three Negroes Executed Today For Girl Attack

HERNANDO, Miss., March 16 (AP) — Crying aloud their prayers for forgiveness, three youthful negroes paid with their lives here today for assaulting a 17-year-old Mississippi school girl.

Clyde Collins, of Holly Springs, father of the attack victim, looked on as Sheriff Roscoe Lauderdale pulled the lever that sent the negroes, one by one, to death on the gallows.

Outside, 200 national guardsmen stood by to preserve order, but only a small crowd of civilians was about. Isaac Howard was the first executed. While sheriff Lauderdale read the order of execution he sang a negro spiritual, "I'll Meet You on the Other Shore."

Ernest McGeehe was next. "Tell every colored man," said McGeehe, "tell 'em never to be caught in this shape."

He also sang. As Johnny Jones was led to his death, he mumbled: "I want to warn others of my race. I wish some of them were here to see how we go—it's awful."

The victim of the attack was riding in Memphis with an aunt and an uncle December 27 when the three negroes boarded their motor car. The uncle was forced to drive to a spot near the Tennessee line in De Soto county, Mississippi, where the aunt and uncle were robbed, and the girl attacked.

Snell To Decide In Another Week

ARLINGTON, Ore., March 16 (AP) — Admitting that some of his friends who have been urging him to run for secretary of state, have joined others urging him to run for governor, Earl Snell, speaker of the house in the Oregon legislature, told the Associated Press last night that he would make no definite decision for at least another week.

"If I decide to run for either position," he explained, "it will be on a Progressive Republican platform."