

State Sets Minimum Milk Price Here At Ten Cents

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MILK PRICE EFFECTIVE IN COUNTY APR. 1

Oregon Milk Control Board Issues Order Covering This District.

PRICE INCREASE OF ONE CENT HERE

New Minimums Set For Both Wholesale and Retail — Special Rate Allowed For Schools.

The retail price of milk in La Grande will become 10 cents a quart on April 1, and this price is to be uniformly observed, whether the milk is retailed over the counter or left at one's door by a producer's delivery, according to order of the Oregon state milk control board. Charge accounts from March 1, may be billed at the ordered prices also. This represents an increase of a cent a quart in some instances, up to a 100% increase in others.

The ten-cent price is a minimum and it applies to all the market areas of Union county, as well as La Grande. This order is the result of a hearing held here earlier in March by the state board, when producers and distributors presented statements of costs.

The minimum wholesale price on milk was set at eight cents a quart, allowing a two-cent spread between the two prices. Minimum charge for pints is five cents wholesale and six cents retail. Wholesale minimum for half-pints is three cents—except to school cafeterias which may be two and a half cents per half pint. A gallon of milk in cans may be sold retail at not less than 35 cents and at 30 cents wholesale.

Other prices set by the commission follow: Table cream: pint 18 cents wholesale, 21 cents retail; half-pint 10 cents wholesale, 13 cents retail. Whipping cream: half-pint wholesale 11 cents, retail 14 cents; pints wholesale 23 cents, retail 26 cents. Skim milk: quarts wholesale four cents, retail five cents. Buttermilk same prices, Bulgarian excepted. The order also states that no cash

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Skeet Shooters Plan Big Event Here on Sunday

Trapshooters of the La Grande Gun club are expecting one of their best skeet shoots of the year at the Lone Tree trap grounds Sunday, with a number of Pendleton shooters planning to attend. Included is the youthful phenom, Young Bradley, 13, who has been knocking down from 20 to 22 out of 25 birds at skeet.

Skeet shooting will begin about 11 a. m. The shooting from the 16-yard range begins about 9:30 a. m., with the club competing against Lewiston-Pomeroy and Ogden, Utah. In the Boise Statesman telegraphic shoot, and against Bob Miller's team, Roseburg and Lewiston-Pomeroy in the Oregonian shoot.

COLDER NIGHT PREDICTED FOR EAST OREGON

Predicted frosts for this morning in Eastern Oregon were somewhat spotty, some sections escaping frost and others not so fortunate. The forecast for tonight is for freezing temperatures in this section of the state. Last night the minimum in La Grande was at even freezing—32 above zero.

The maximum Thursday was 63 above, a few degrees colder than on Wednesday, but clear skies are continuing.

GOV. MEIER HOPES TO ATTEND CELEBRATION

Returns are coming in from a number of distinguished persons of the northwest who have been invited to attend the semi-centennial celebration here July 19-21 of the coming of the U. P. railroad to La Grande.

The latest reply comes from Governor Julius L. Meier, who may be able to attend. His letter says:

"Thank you very much for your letter of Mar. 16, signed also by Martin King.

"It is difficult for me to tell so far

Will Loses A Fine Friend



HOLLYWOOD, Cal. March 22 — Will, there ain't many Republicans left and the good ones of them are dying off. Lost a good one and a fine friend yesterday. Fred Balzar, cow-puncher, railroader and miner, and a real two-fisted governor of the most independent state in our Union, Nevada. He drove out to see me when down here a few weeks ago and brought me a quilt. I knew it was his last trip and he did too, but he never flinched.

You would love Nevada. It's west without dressing up to look the part. A herd of cows and a hole in the ground made it a unique state. And a long rita and a pick keep it a unique state. Yours,

Will Rogers.
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ORGANIZATION OF TRUCK OWNERS IS FORMED LOCALLY

A local organization of truck operators has been formed and will be a part of the state-wide Association of Commercial Truck Owners.

Union county truck owners and haulers met last night with officers of the state association at the city hall, and the state-wide program was presented. Wesley Hayes, district manager for Union, Wallowa and Baker counties, with headquarters in La Grande, will complete the organization of the local unit.

C. C. Thompson, vice president; C. C. Thompson, vice president; and M. Hayes were here to attend the meeting. The purpose of the organization is to combine the large group of small, independent truck owners and haulers to work for reasonable compensation, and through the "Auto" organization they will be under the automobile code of the national recovery act.

H. B. Welmer, of Cove, is president of the local organization, which functions in the manner of the majority of trade unions. H. E. Dixon is secretary.

FINAL WEEK OF C. W. A. IS UNDER WAY IN COUNTY

The last week of the C. W. A. started this morning, with crews of men at work on four major Union county projects. Thirty-eight men were employed on the L. H. S. athletic field project, 34 on the state fish hatchery at Trout, and about the same number on the Hunt road and Pierce lake projects in the valley.

Charles B. Miller, C. W. A. manager for Union county, said that he expected a ten to 15-day recess between the end of C. W. A. next Thursday night and the beginning of the E. R. A. During this period re-registration of all unemployed will be required.

SARAH BROWNELL DIES AT ELGIN

Sarah E. Brownell, aged resident of Elgin and a native daughter of Oregon, died at her home this morning after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church at Elgin tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, with the Eastern Star and P. E. O. in charge. Burial will take place in the Elgin cemetery beside her husband who died Nov. 5, 1928, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Brownell was born in the Willamette valley June 21, 1849, and was 84 years, nine months and two days of age at death. She married Dr. W. E. Brownell Nov. 21, 1883. No children were born to this union, but Mrs. Brownell is survived by a large number of nieces and nephews in this section of the country. She made her home at Elgin for the last 44 years.

"In any event, I appreciate your courtesy in extending it and I hope the celebration will be a big success." (Signed) JULIUS L. MEIER, Governor of Oregon.

The invitation was sent by a committee headed by J. H. Pearce.

Famous Baby Star Becomes a Bride



Newest of Hollywood's brides is lovely Mary Kornman, the same hoydenish little girl you saw cut up in "Our Gang" comedies not so long ago. Now 18, and a Wampas Baby Star nominee for 1934, Mary eloped to Yuma, Ariz., with Leo Trovar, a cameraman.

PIONEER BURIAL SATURDAY AT 2:00

Albert J. Kloostera, aged 76, who passed away at the Grande Ronde hospital Wednesday evening, March 21, will be laid to rest tomorrow. Funeral services will be held Saturday at the Presbyterian church at Elgin, at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. L. B. Williams, of Wallowa, in charge. Burial will be in the family plot in the Elgin cemetery.

J. A. BURLEIGH VISITS HERE

J. A. Burleigh, prominent attorney of Enterprise, was in La Grande today visiting his son, Sylvester Burleigh, and transacting business.

He reported the outlook good in Wallowa county and said there was plenty of snow in the high Wallowa mountains to insure water during the coming summer.

L. H. S. STAGES "JEWELS OF THE DESERT"

Musical Comedy Presented in First of Two Public Performances Thursday Evening.

Well trained voices, precise choral work and artistic dancing, choruses combined to make "Jewels of the Desert," La Grande High school musical comedy which opened last night at the gymnasium, one of the stellar dramatic attractions of the high school season.

The entire production was a compliment to the ability of the directors, Andrew Loney Jr., music supervisor; Miss Kathryn Sertain, dance and dramatic director, and Miss Nora Myers, costume supervisor.

In Mac Andrews, as Betty, the English girl, and Isabel Williams, as Nana, the Arabian "Jewel of the desert," gave widely varied performances and variety to the production. Ray Hendrickson was handsome in the role of Benarulah, lover of Nana; and Norman Hogeness was dashing as Lieutenant Andrews who made love to Betty under the desert moon.

Comedy roles were amusingly depicted by John Williams, as Cueser, (Continued on Page Two)

Interest Grows In Ball League; Call Meet Here

Interest throughout Union and Baker counties in a home talent, no pair players baseball league this spring and summer is developing. It was reported here today, and plans have been made for a meeting of representatives of Richland, Pondera, Baker, Union, Elgin, Tualum (Pleasant Grove) and La Grande in the back of the Western Union office here next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

At that time organization will be effected, with submission of by-laws and regulations for the playing season. A schedule also will be drawn up, according to present plans. Although seven towns are to be represented, it is planned to have but six teams entered.

Players expected to be on the La Grande team have been working out individually on the Greenwood school diamond for the last month and are reported to be ready to begin team practice immediately. La Grande is hopeful of having a considerably stronger team than last year.

ASHMAN FILES FOR CONSTABLE

W. F. Ashman, Republican, today filed with the county clerk his candidacy for La Grande constable. He is the first to enter this race.

James Nelson, Republican-Democrat, died recently and since then Mrs. Nelson has been serving in his place.

When Water's Low, So Is Venice



If you think the canals of Venice are scenes of romantic beauty, enhanced by soft gliding gondolas and silver-voiced gondoliers, this picture may be something of a shock, as the drought was to the Venetians. Due to unusually low tides, some canals have gone almost dry, leaving many boats grounded and complicating transportation.

FRANKLIN CAGERS ELIMINATE SALEM; ASTORIANS WIN

STATE TOURNEY SCORES
Championship Flight
Thursday Games:
Ashland 45, Coquille 23.
Astoria 22, The Dalles 20.
Klamath Falls 35, Eugene 30.
Franklin 35, Salem 23.
Semi-finals Today
7:30 p. m.—Ashland vs. Astoria.
8:30 p. m.—Klamath Falls vs. Franklin.

Consolation Games Today
11:00 a. m.—Columbia 27, Dalles 21.
11:00 a. m.—Silverton 43, McMinville 14.
2 p. m.—Coquille 10, The Dalles 58.
3 p. m.—Eugene vs. Salem.
All losers in consolation bracket eliminated.

SALEM, March 23 (AP) — Four representative high school basketball teams, one from Portland, one from the coast and two from Southern Oregon, battled their way through hard opposition to enter the semi-

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BELIEVE F. R. IS SIDING IN WITH LABOR

Automobile Union Heads Elated — No Reports Made of Conferences.

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — A feeling that President Roosevelt was siding with them in their controversy with automobile manufacturers was evidenced today by labor leaders.

The union spokesmen said another afternoon conference scheduled with Hugh S. Johnson, NAR administrator, who has been active in the strike-averting efforts. President Roosevelt was ready to receive the men on either side of the dispute, if that became desirable, and was especially interested in whatever position the manufacturers would take on his plans.

Meanwhile, the labor leaders sent telegrams back home expressing "elation" and confidence that President Roosevelt "will see us through." The strike was being held in abeyance pending the outcome of the negotiations.

At this afternoon's meeting the

REVISED AIRMAIL BILL INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — A revised airmail bill introduced in the senate today by administration men would bar from bidding on new contracts every company which had a representative at the now-famous 1930 Washington conference of airmail operators, or at any other meeting held — it says — "for the purpose of rearranging the air mail map of the United States."

The new bill was introduced jointly by McKellar (D., Tenn.), and Black (D., Ala.), chairman of the special air mail investigating committee.

The interstate commerce commission would be authorized to establish rates after a four-year period, instead of three years as in McKellar's first bill which was severely attacked by Charles A. Lindbergh and others.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 71½ cents. No export bid.

CHICAGO, Mar. 23 (AP) — Awaiting definite developments regarding automobile labor troubles and as to stock exchange regulation by congress, grain trade dwindled today, and wheat prices averaged lower.

Wheat dealings were the smallest met with in a long while, and ceased altogether at times.

Wheat closed drab, unchanged to ¼¢ down as compared with yesterday's finish, May 87½¢ vs ¼¢, corn ¼¢ vs ½¢ off, oats ½¢ vs ¼¢ decline, and provisions varying from 5¢ setback to a rise of 2¢.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

BANDITS GET \$26,000.00
ACCUSE "BRAIN TRUSTERS"
BANK DEPOSITS GAIN
ASSASSINATION PLOT

BROCKTON, Mass., March 23 (AP) — Bandits today held up a truck belonging to the Home National bank here today and escaped with a sum estimated at \$26,000. Police said between four and five bandits participated in the robbery.

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — Congressional hearings on revised legislation for stock exchange regulation disclosed today full support by the federal reserve board and produced statements that the Roosevelt "brain trusters" seek to impede business recovery in order to push the nation into communism.

PORTLAND, March 23 (AP) — Portland bank deposits took an upward leap of more than \$4,500,000 between Dec. 30 last and March 5, this year, it was revealed today when the banks responded to a call issued by the comptroller of currency.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, March 23 (AP) — Plans to assassinate Premier George Tatarescu and other government leaders were declared by police to have been revealed today.

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — President Roosevelt today signed the bill aimed at Samuel Insull, providing for immediate removal of American citizens accused of crime from countries in which the United States exercises extra-territorial jurisdiction.

CANDIDATES ARE SLOW IN FILING FOR MAY ELECTION

By Clayton V. Bernhard
SALEM, March 23 (AP) — Only 10 days remain in which candidates for political office may file with the secretary of state, and yet with less than a hundred declarations, most of these for legislative and judicial positions, an unusual situation is faced — the necessity of hundreds of filings the last few days. Filings close here Tuesday afternoon, April 3.

In the meantime, election officials reported, registrations of voters were progressing rapidly, and a continuance of the trend of two years ago of many changes to the Democratic ranks was noted. Registration of voters with the county clerks closes April 18, just one month prior to the primary election. It was pointed out that unless voters changed their party affiliation those who voted at the last general election need not re-register.

Of the 96 candidates who have filed for the 115 positions, 45 are Republicans, 27 Democrats and 24 non-partisan — the latter group all for either circuit court judges or justices of the supreme court.

In the race for governor, only one filing has been made, that of Sam H. Brown, Republican, who filed by petition which has not yet been completed. Joe E. Shelton, Democrat, was the only filing listed for secretary of state. Two Democrats, J. W. Leonard, of La Grande, and Elmer S. McCormick, of Portland, filed for superintendent of public instruction, and Charles H. Gram, incumbent Republican, filed for state labor commissioner.

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NEW BUSINESS IN LUMBER REPORTED

PORTLAND, March 23 (AP) — New business amounting to 51,302,000 feet, about 20 per cent in excess of the 3-year weekly average for March, and 9 per cent greater than for the previous week, was reported by the Western Pine association today for the week ending March 17.

Shipments for the week were 41,903,000 feet, and production, 39,304,000 feet. Production showed an increase of 6,776,000 feet over the previous week.

Current orders were 178 per cent greater than orders accepted for the corresponding week a year ago.

FIERCE ARABS GUARD SHEBA'S MARBLE CITY

By Richard G. Massock
PARIS, Mar. 23 (AP) — Fierce Arabs are believed by Andre Malraux, French explorer, to be guarding the secrets of the rich lost metropolis of the Queen of Sheba's reign against modern exploration.

Malraux, who with his pilot, Captain Cornillon Molinier, returned here yesterday, is sure they found the "Paris" of the glamorous sheba in a cluster of ruined towers and temples on the southwestern edge of the Ruba-el-Khali desert, which he identified as the city of Naith.

The possibility that immensely valuable archaeological treasures — including the tombs of the queen and her dynasty — lie buried in the sandy waste is seen by Malraux, author and archaeologist.

"The Arab Nomads who fired upon our plane when we flew over the city must be driven off, however, before exploration will be possible," Malraux said.

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THREE PLANS TO FIX WORLD WHEAT PRICES

International Conference in Rome to Take Up Proposals.

MEETINGS BEGIN FIFTH OF APRIL

Secretary of Wheat Advisory Committee of World Economic Conference Sees Progress.

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — At least three, possibly more, alternative plans to fix minimum prices of wheat in world markets will be considered at the international wheat conference in Rome beginning April 5.

Experts meeting here resumed drafting plans this morning with representatives of 12 nations in attendance.

"We are making very good progress," said A. Cairns of Canada, secretary to the wheat advisory committee of the world economic conference.

Under one plan minimum prices would be fixed only for a limited number of wheats and would apply only to exports of a few of the largest producing countries.

Delegates favoring this scheme believe it would be easier to enforce and assume other grades of wheat would tend to keep a proportionately high level as a result.

At the other extreme is a plan to fix a maximum scale for all kinds of wheat and wheat flour of all countries.

A compromise plan, as well as alternative proposals for establishing machinery to enforce the minimum prices, probably will be presented at Rome.

CHICAGO, March 23 (AP) — A brief walkout of brokers halted action today in the wheat pit of the Chicago board of trade for the first time since the World War. It was a gesture of protest against over scarcity of business.

All the wheat brokers temporarily deserted the trading arena and sauntered about the floor of the exchange.

TWO SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY

PENDLETON, March 23 (AP) — Charles Smiley, of Pendleton, and Robert Greer, of Stanfield, each 21, were today sentenced to 10-year terms in state prison after they had pleaded guilty to charges of assault and robbery with dangerous weapons. The two were captured Sunday within 20 minutes after a service station here had been robbed of a few dollars.

Easter, Spring Trade Surpasses Expected Quota

NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (AP) — Dun & Bradstreet said today that "reports received from all parts of the country this week reveal sales of Easter and spring goods surging above anticipated quotas."

"The average gain in retail sales over those of last year," stated the review, "is placed at 48 per cent, while in many instances the 1932 figures have been passed by 10 to 12 per cent."

"Because of the prevailing rising markets inventories have been doubled, as retailers are anticipating needs in advance of normal requirements. Wholesalers report even greater gains than retailers, and are expressing concern over the inability of manufacturers to supply some grades of the most popular types of merchandise, because of restrictions of operations by NRA provisions."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP) — The American Railway association announced today that loadings of revenue freight for the week ended March 20 were 625,773 cars, an increase of 13,371 cars above the preceding week, 172,136 above the corresponding week in 1933 and 41,014 above 1932.