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LOCAL TAX PAYMENTS ARE HEAVIER

\$200,000 IS PAID DURING LAST MONTH

Total of \$156,000 Received on 1933 Roll With Work Not Finished

THOUSANDS PAID ON BACK TAXES

Influx of Cash into County Treasury This Year Is Best for Some Time, Claycomb Reports

During the last month, approximately \$200,000 in taxes were paid in and received for at the county court house. Deputy Sheriff Dick Claycomb estimated today. This sum represents payments not only on the 1933 tax roll, but also of delinquent taxes. At present, \$156,000 of the payments made up to March 15 on the 1933 tax roll have been received, he said, adding that several days work remains to complete receipting of the payments received on this roll. A large amount of the taxes due were paid by mail, and Mr. Claycomb's staff is still busy working on this, with indications it will not be finished for a few more days when a final check may be made. Among the payments not yet received are several of the larger taxpayers in the county, so the \$156,000 is expected to be boosted by several thousands of dollars. Deputy Claycomb expects the amount of taxes paid this first quarter of 1934, to exceed the amount paid during the first half of 1933. A check of the Observer files reveals that the tax collecting department took only \$105,118.42 of the 1933 taxes up to May 8 last year. With this amount likely to be exceeded this quarter, and more payments due next quarter, there seems no question but that payment of first half taxes this year will be far in excess of the \$105,118.42 when June 15 rolls around.

Back Taxes Paid

Besides the payments received on the 1933 tax rolls, approximately \$30,000 on the 1932 rolls came in the last month, between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

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Spring Vacation Begins Soon in Public Schools

While spring vacation ends for the students in the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the J. H. Ackerman Training school Monday morning, spring vacation for La Grande High, Greenwood, Willow, Riveria and Central schools will begin a week from today.

There will be no school in the five city schools mentioned above all during that week—from Mar. 30 to Apr. 2. During the coming week a number of the teachers plan to attend the educational association meetings in Spokane.

PENDLETON TO ENTER SPRING MUSIC CONTEST

Pendleton High school will enter the spring music contest in La Grande, April 14 sponsored by E. O. N. It was learned here today. There will be two concerts and Pendleton will have mixed choruses, glee club entries and band entries. One concert is in the afternoon and one at night. The choruses will sing: Bright Pinions (Mendelssohn) and Dear Land of Home (Sibelius). The Glee club will sing: Joy of Spring (Grieg) and a Negro Spiritual, It's Me, Oh Lord. The band will play Mozart's minuet and Moment Musical (Schubert). Paul Petri of Oregon State college will be guest critic. Dean Lobaugh and Miss Helen Falconer chose the Pendleton entries in the concert.

YES, YES! LET'S NAME COLT 'ONYX'

Mrs. Brownie is receiving congratulations and Miss Florence Day, Brownie's owner, is attempting to recover from the shock of having another mouth to feed. Brownie had been unusually obese for a long time and several reducing measures were given a trial. Her food was restricted, her diet made slimmer, she was taken on long canisters in the woods. Yet despite the application by her mystified owner of all known measures and diets

Wall Street Boys Are Fighting



HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Mar. 23—Those old Wall street boys are putting up an awful fight to keep the government from putting a cap on their corner. You don't hear as much of Senator Bill Borah as you used to; with all the new-fangled things they have for breakfast nowadays you don't hear as much of him and eggs as you used to, either, but it's still mighty good eating.

When Mr. Borah says when you cut down your wheat production 43 million acres, where are the farmers and people that farmed those 43 million acres going. Then it's proposed to send two million from the crowded cities to the country. How are those two going to pass going and coming, those professors in the agriculture dept. are going to have a tough time answering that traffic problem.

Yours,

Will Rogers

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E. O. N. SPRING TERM BEGINS MONDAY MORN

Year of School Work to Close With Commencement Exercises Thursday, June 7

After a week of vacation, registration will open Monday morning, March 26, at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and classes convene on Tuesday. President H. E. Inlow announces indications are that several new students will be enrolled for the spring term. Judging from inquiries which have been received, part time employment under the federal administration is permitting several students to continue their work this term, he said.

The calendar for the term includes a holiday on Memorial day, May 30; baccalaureate services on Sunday.

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LOCAL INTEREST GROWS IN VISIT OF SIR HERBERT

Much interest is being shown locally in the coming of Sir Herbert Ames, former member of the Montreal city council, Montreal, Canada, to La Grande next Wednesday and Thursday.

Prof. Joseph H. Gaiser, faculty adviser of the International Relations club of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, is arranging Sir Herbert's program at the school, and today announced the following speaking subjects:

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UNION PLANNER TO OPEN APR. 1

UNION, Ore., Mar. 24—The planing mill of the Oregon Trail Lumber company will start spring operations April 1, according to an announcement made here this week by Ellis Hess.

The duration of the run is unknown as the company has not yet been advised as to its quota of lumber production. One shift will be employed at the start, Hess stated.

Bert Shelton is ready to start his logging operations on Catherine creek next Monday.

UNION PLANS FOR ANNUAL STOCK SHOW

Dates to Be Set Probably at Meeting Next Week—1934 Organization to Be Perfected

UNION, Ore., Mar. 24 (Special)—The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association is making arrangements for an annual exposition here again this year.

Vice President G. I. Hess, of Union, who presided at the meeting of the association held here this week during the absence of President Herbert Chandler, of Baker, made the announcement that the "show will go on."

Mr. Hess said that the dates had not been set as yet because of the absence of Mr. Chandler, who is now in Montana, and also because some of the directors were not present. A meeting has been called for next Tuesday night, when this question is to be settled and organization perfected for the year of 1934. Mr. Hess urges that all directors and all interested citizens attend the coming meeting.

The present officers and directors of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association are as follows: Herbert Chandler, president; G. I. Hess, vice president; M. S. Levy, J. P. Hutchins.

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Mercury Dives To 25 Above In City; Fruit Hurt

The mercury took a nose dive in La Grande last night, falling to 25 above, the coldest mark of this month and equal to the coldest mark made during February. As a matter of fact, the January minimum was only one degree colder, at 24 above.

More fruit damage was believed to have been done over the valley by the cold snap, accompanied by frost in some sections.

Friday's maximum was 59 above, the chilliest in several days, although the sun shone continuously. Today dawned bright and clear, with the weather man predicting fair skies over the weekend with more freezing weather in Eastern Oregon at night.

CARS FIGURE IN COLLISION

Cars driven by R. W. Schaad, of Halfway, and A. M. Hyde, of La Grande, figured in a collision at Maple and Adams avenue at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No one was hurt, according to reports to the police.

Closing of Stavisky Theatre Hits Paris Night Life



The Stavisky scandal has had shocking repercussions not only in the political but entertainment world of Paris. As a result of the closing of some of the handsome swindler's former haunts the capital has lost much of its celebrated gaiety. One of the darkened houses is the Empire, Stavisky's theatre, pictured with windows shattered by stones hurled by rioters. A singer at the theatre, Rita Georg, right, is shown with Irene de Zilahy.

KLAMATH FALLS, ASTORIA IN BASKETBALL FINALS; FISHERMEN ARE FAVORITES

SALEM, Mar. 24 (AP)—Staging a brilliant last half rally over Franklin High school of Portland, Klamath Falls won the right to enter the finals of the 13th annual state basketball tournament tonight against Astoria, which had little difficulty in defeating Ashland in the semi-finals last night. Klamath Falls won 25 to 23, while Astoria took a 41 to 16 score over the Lithians.

During the final 15 minutes of play last night, the tall aggregation from Klamath appeared unbeatable, and played the co-champion of the Portland schools off its feet.

In the first game last night Astoria, after Ashland took a four-point lead, started out to demolish the Lithians, and succeeded. Constant shots by Sarpola, Czeszka and Wright from any position on the floor, discouraged the Ashland boys, and their forwards, Boxie and Hema were unable to sink their shots. The score at half time, 23 to 7, indicated what the result would be.

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LOCAL YOUTHS RE-ENLIST IN C. C. C. WORK

CAMP PORT OXFORD, Ore. (Special)—Among the La Grande youths who already have decided to re-enlist in the C. C. C. work are Warren O. McMurran, Merle Carbine, R. Enberg, K. Ashman and George Sinclair. La Grander who have decided to drop out are Antone McEwen, Glade O'Neill, Clifford Briggs and Henry Yohn, Ralph Roby, George Wart and Jay Lovell, of Wallowa, also have decided to go home. Wallowa county boys who are staying are Hyland DeJean and Clayton McKenzie.

Henry Yohn, La Grande, recently had the misfortune to sprain his ankle. The injured member is now doing nicely.

IN RIDES THE HERO



JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

STRIKE SETTLEMENT NEAR?
OIL COMPANIES INDICTED
GREYHOUND BUS WRECKED
DOHERTY GAINS REVEALED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—Settlement of the disordered automobile labor situation apparently hinged this afternoon on one major remaining difference between the manufacturers and union spokesmen, with expectation of an early announcement still evident.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 24 (AP)—A federal grand jury tossed a bombshell into the California petroleum industry today with a wholesale indictment of 41 individuals and five companies, including the Standard Oil of California, charging that marketing "subterfuges" have caused the "most vicious price-cutting war" in all history.

YUMA, Ariz., Mar. 24 (AP)—A rain-swept ribbon of concrete and trench-sand combined today to mete death to one man and probably fatally injure another as an east-bound passenger bus of the Greyhound Lines somersaulted and crashed on its back in the Imperial county, California, sand dunes, 18 miles west of here.

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14 PERSONS DIE IN FIRE IN LYNCHBURG

At Least 80 Others Are Injured in Disastrous Transient Bureau Blaze in Virginia

LYNCHBURG, Va., Mar. 24 (AP)—Fourteen persons were killed and at least eighty others were injured in a fire that swept the federal transient bureau here shortly before dawn today. Three of the dead were negroes and the rest were white.

The bodies, some of them, charred apparently beyond hope of recognition were carried to Lynchburg undertaking establishments while the injured were carried to two hospitals in every available ambulance, hearse, truck and private car.

One hospital where seventy patients had been admitted reported that possibly one-third of them were seriously burned, although the full extent of the injuries had not been determined several hours after the fire.

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PROMPT ACTION PREVENTS LOSS OF LOCAL MILL

Prompt action in discovery and report of a fire in the shavings vault of the fuel house at the Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co. sawmill in La Grande shortly after midnight, and a quick run and effective work by the city fire department prevented what might have been a disastrous fire early today.

The fire spread to the boiler room in spite of the work of the firemen, but there it was held and finally controlled. No estimate had been prepared today as to the amount of damage but it was not likely to be heavy, it was said.

A stiff breeze was blowing at the time, and had the fire slipped from control, might have spread to other buildings. The alarm was sounded at 12:55 a. m. immediately after the blaze was discovered by Watchman.

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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 51 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 24 (AP)—Wheat late today scored a maximum upturn of a cent a bushel, and reached a new high prior level for the week, and a prospective adjusting of the auto strike was taken as a favorable sign by grain traders, but did not greatly enlarge speculative interest. A majority of operators continued to await developments.

Wheat closed unsettled, 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ above yesterday's finish. May 87 1/2¢, 1/2¢ corn unchanged to 1/4¢ higher, oats 1/4¢ to 1/2¢ advanced and provisions unchanged to a rise of 10 cents.

ISLANDS TO ACCEPT PLAN FOR FREEDOM

Roosevelt Regards Action as the Beginning of a New Republic

PRESIDENT QUEZON AT WHITE HOUSE

Commonwealth of Philippine Government to Be Established by May 1, Next Year, Belief

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the bill providing for Philippine independence. He affixed his signature in the presence of congressional authors of the legislation and representatives of the island government.

The bill would allow Philippine independence in ten to twelve years, subject to the approval of the Philippine legislature and the Philippines. The Philippine legislature must accept the independence terms by October 1, or the legislation dies.

"This is a great day in American-Philippine relations," the president told President Quezon. "It means the beginning of the Philippine republic."

Senator Tydings (D-Md.) said Quezon told the president the law would be accepted by the Philippine legislature on May 1, historic anniversary of the entrance of Admiral George Dewey into Manila bay in 1898. "That means," Tydings said, "that the commonwealth of the Philippine government will be established before May 1 of next year. The commonwealth government is the transition government that remains in power for ten years during the economic transition period."

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PORTLAND ROSE IN WRECK NEAR RAWLINS, WYO.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Mar. 24 (AP)—The possibility that the derailment last night of the Portland Rose, crack transcontinental train of the Union Pacific might have been caused by a rail loosened by a deliberate attempt to wreck the train was under investigation by railroad officials today.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Mar. 24 (AP)—Two engineers were injured and an undetermined number of passengers were slightly hurt and shaken up

FRANCE HOLDS TO SECURITY DEMANDS

LONDON, Mar. 24 (AP)—Great Britain holds little hope that France will modify her security demands as a basis for a disarmament treaty and the British cabinet apparently is at a loss as to how to proceed with efforts to save disarmament.

This was learned in official circles today as oral communications between the two governments proceeded. France is expected to insist upon sanctions against an aggressor and on territorial guarantees as well as guarantees for the execution of disarmament.

On these conditions only, it is understood, she would agree to a limited rearmament by Germany while keeping her own arms strength as at present.

There have been no communications with the United States, it was said, and the British government "did not intend to bother America" about

Dillinger Hiding Place Discovered

CHICAGO, Mar. 24 (AP)—Police said today they believed they had found the abandoned hideout of John Dillinger.

Mrs. P. H. Kelly, an apartment building manager on Chicago's south side, identified photographs of Dillinger and his sweetheart, Pearl Elliott, as the couple who occupied an apartment there from the day after his escape from the Crown Point jail, March 9, until last Wednesday night.

'WHITEWASH' CHARGE AIMED AT COMMITTEE

By Clarence M. Wright

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—A charge of "whitewash" was leveled today by Representative McFarland (D-Tex.) on the report of a house investigating committee which found naval airplane profits to be moderate and recommended no changes in procedure.

The Texan spoke as he prepared a minority report on the naval subcommittee's study into the navy's airplane purchases since 1926.

McFarland charged that both the army and navy departments "knowingly" violated "the clear mandate of congress in purchasing their equipment" without competitive bidding.

"When you get the report from the investigating committee on military

affairs, it will not be a whitewash like the majority report of another committee," he added, explaining that by "another committee" he meant the naval affairs subcommittee.

Calculating that \$761,511,776 has been spent for aviation in general from 1929 through 1933, he said the "equipment has not stood up."

"The army's recent unfortunate experience in carrying the mails shown primarily the lack of proper equipment," McFarland added.

"Yet this bunch of pirates have had the audacity to come before this congress and before our committee and attack the administration, calling the president's advisers 'traitors'."

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