

No Water Shortage Expected In La Grande This Year

La Grande Is The Gateway to Wallowa, "The Switzerland of America"

La Grande Evening Observer

Only Newspaper Printed in La Grande Covering Union and Wallowa Counties

VOLUME 32

EASTERN OREGON'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

LA GRANDE, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1934

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NUMBER 180

SENATE ADDS MILLIONS TO TAXES

SUPPLY OF WATER HERE IS ADEQUATE

So Believe City Officials, in Checking Over the Local Situation

MAIN RESERVOIR AT BEAVER CREEK FULL

Has Two Months' Supply—Artesian Wells Capable of Supplying City When Necessary

Barring an unusually warm, dry summer, the city of La Grande anticipates no water shortage—at least no more of a shortage than ordinarily exists.

Many communities throughout the northwest, because of the lack of snow in the hills and because of the low water level in some sections, are greatly worried about the coming summer, with its usual heat and lack of rain. But in La Grande, little concern is felt.

For some years it has not been necessary to restrict water users, even for irrigation purposes, and it is expected that no such restrictions will be required this summer unless the weather is abnormally hot.

The Beaver Creek reservoir is full at present, and when full has sufficient water to take care of city purposes for approximately two months. And with more rain likely before the first of July—weather records indicate that is usually the beginning of the dry period here—there seems little likelihood, city officials believe, of a shortage.

(Continued on Page Three)

4-H Club Tours Begin; Two To Be This Weekend

The annual 4-H club tour of the Union County Beef club will be held Sunday, beginning at 8 a. m., under the direction of Todd Conrad, leader of the club.

The tour will proceed north from Island City toward Summerville, east to Imbler. From Imbler they will go south and will visit all club members along the way. They plan to end at Union, where a potluck dinner will be served at the experiment station, which will conclude the day's program.

The first club tour of the year was held last week by the Union Poultry club with A. R. Gable as leader of the tour. The farms of eight members were visited during the tour and comments were made by the leader on the methods which club members used in the care of their poultry.

The Ladd Canyon sheep club will hold a tour Saturday under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd Pierce who is the leader of the club. As this is a newly organized club this year, there are only five members, but Mrs. Pierce has been giving helpful suggestions. All the members live in the vicinity of Ladd Canyon.

MERCURY AT 82 ABOVE IN CITY TODAY

Summer weather predominated in the Grande Ronde valley this week-end, with a maximum of 78 above in La Grande Friday, and prospects for a higher mark today. Today the Observer office thermometer registered 82.

The minimum temperature this morning was at 42 above, three degrees above Friday's low mark. The weather prediction was for continued fair weather and above normal temperatures during the next week.

COLD NIGHTS AT END YES, IT'S 'OFFICIAL'

If there's anything in the city's ability to predict, guess, prophecy and foretell what the future holds, the period wherein very cold nights occasionally occur, is at an end. Definitely, and finally, if one can depend on the city's vision, there'll be no more of those crummy early mornings, with the mercury playing around 21 or 25 above.

This should be good news to fruitmen, gardeners and the public in general. . . . And the city has been turning 'em on this week!

Fools Wall Street So Inquiry Started



HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Apr. 6—Can't bring Insull back yet, I see by the papers today where he hasn't finished his memoirs.

N. Y. stock exchange is having their own investigation. They are investigating 14 different stocks that have been acting so funny that Wall Street itself didn't know what they were doing. In other words, you can fool the public, but you mustn't fool the members of the lodge.

The high income tax come pretty near passing Thursday in the senate. Only lacked about six votes, so it won't be long now. Well, there is millions and millions that are not making it that would be glad to give up 99 per cent if you would let 'em earn a hundred thousand or more.

Yours,

Will Rogers

© 1934, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

TRAIN FARE REDUCED FOR CELEBRATION

O-W. and Oregon Short Line to Charge One Fare for Round Trip to This City

Reduced rates from all points in Oregon and all points on the Oregon Short Line to the east will be inaugurated for the Semi-Centennial celebration of the Union Pacific's coming to Eastern Oregon in 1881. It was announced today by Colonel Ralph Huron, chairman of the celebration committee.

Mr. Huron received the following letter from A. S. Edmonds, assistant

COMMITTEES FOR 1934 STOCK SHOW ARE ANNOUNCED

UNION, Ore. (Special)—Directors and officers of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association expect to swing into the preliminary work of staging the 1934 show—to be early in June—within the immediate future.

And with this in mind, committees have been appointed as follows: Finance and budget, J. P. Hutchinson.

TOWN TEAM PLAYS AT COVE SUNDAY

The La Grande town team, entered in the Blue Mountain league, will open the season tomorrow at 2 o'clock at Cove. Reports are that quite a number of local fans expect to drive to the Cherry City for the game.

While La Grande is playing at Cove, Pondsda will journey to Union, Baker goes to Halfway and Elgin will play at Pleasant Grove.

The La Grande lineup was announced today as follows: Courtney, pitcher; Wilson, catcher; Nelson, first; Jones, second; Evans, short; Sullivan, third; Worthley, right field and pitcher; Cochran, center field.

(Continued on Page Six)

CHOIR PLANS BIG CONCERT ON APRIL 16

Local Organization, Directed by Andrew Loney, to Give Program in Church

Monday evening, April 16 has been definitely set as the date for the public concert to be given by the La Grande A Capella choir. It is announced today. The concert will be given in the First Presbyterian church and further information particularly with regards to tickets will be made within a few days.

The program to be offered will be varied in character and will include sacred numbers, some negro spirituals as well as some of the choir numbers featured by the St. Olaf A Capella choir when they sang in La Grande a few years ago.

This concert will be the first public appearance of this newest musical aggregation in La Grande. Sixty of

(Continued on Page Two)

Three Boys Are Before Juvenile Judge U. G. Couch

Three boys, two of them charged with stealing chickens and the third with stealing chickens and with entering a house and stealing money, were before Juvenile Judge U. G. Couch this morning. All three entered pleas of guilty at hearings yesterday. Bobby Johnson, 14, and Billy Weiss, 14, pleading guilty to chicken thefts, and Ernest Conrad, 16, to chicken theft and the house-breaking charge. Wiley Blainett, city policeman, arrested Bobby yesterday. The other two were arrested earlier in the week.

Judge Couch found all three delinquent children, and ordered Bobby and Bill to report to him at frequent intervals and also placed them under severe regulations at home.

The Conrad boy was held as a ward of the court pending the arrival of his father from California, who is expected here early next week. When the father arrives, a decision as to his sentence will be made, the judge said.

Two Fliers Killed In Alaskan Crash

McGRATH, Alaska, Apr. 7 (AP)—A downward air current struck at the altitude of a few hundred feet plumb-line Pagers, 34-year-old airplane pilot formerly of Chicago, and Michael Tekeoff, 45, to their deaths here yesterday.

(Continued on Page Six)

NEW YORK'S GREATEST EASTER PARADE IN YEARS



The skies smiled with sudden spring warmth, the mercury obligingly climbed . . . and all the welcome, glittering pageantry of pre-depression years was strikingly in evidence again when the camera recorded this spectacular Easter Sunday scene on New York's world-famous Fifth avenue. From a vantage point opposite great St. Patrick's cathedral (at right), you look down on a section of the near-record Easter parade that overflowed wide sidewalks into the street and made buses and other vehicles fight for right of way.

COVE NINE WINS FROM TIGERS 8-6

The La Grande Tigers came home from Cove yesterday with the short end of an 8 to 6 baseball score, but gave the Cherry Pickers a run for their victory. Except for a bad sixth inning, the local high school nine might have started the season with a win.

There were two men on base—second and third—in the sixth with none down, when the batter lofted one to left field. Both baserunners forgot their rules long enough to race on and when the ball was caught by R. Duncan, Cove, it added two automatic outs to retire the side.

(Continued on Page Six)

Big Merchandise Shoot Will Be Held on Apr. 29

The La Grande Gun club is announcing a merchandise and added money shoot for Sunday, April 29, the first registered shoot of the year in this city. All gun clubs from Boise to Portland are expected to be represented, with from 75 to 100 shooters likely to participate. At the last similar shoot held here in 1932, 80 rimrods took part.

The shoot will be held at the Lone Tree grounds and local merchants will provide the merchandise prizes.

(Continued on Page Two)

RAPS BILLS IN CONGRESS FOR RECOVERY

National Chamber of Commerce Sees Threat to Business Gains in Some Measures

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—The chamber of commerce of the United States said today that "on every hand there appear encouraging signs of further business recovery" but that the "advance" is threatened by some of the pending legislative proposals.

"More men are being put to work at better wages," the organization said in its fortnightly summary of national business affairs. "Firms and corporations, long in the red, are either over the line or getting closer to the black."

"Some of the recovery legislation enacted in the last year has had a wholesome effect in laying the basis for business recovery and in strengthening the nation's banking structure. . . . But attention is now centering on the need of business for opportunity to continue its forward movement, unhampered by new and unnecessary restrictions. Certain legislation,

(Continued on Page Two)

CLIFF SLIDE IS FATAL TO FORTY

OSLO, Norway, Apr. 7 (AP)—Advisers reaching here today said nearly 40 lives were lost through a huge cliff slide at Kosnasas fjord on the west coast of Norway.

"The slide gained a succession of heavy waves which swept both banks,

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51 1/2 cents a bushel here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 51 1/2 cents. Export bid 52 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Apr. 7 (AP)—Wheat took the star role in the grain markets today and went skyward a maximum of exactly 2 cents a bushel. Rye closed unsettled 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2 above yesterday's finish, wheat unchanged @ 51 1/2 @ 51 1/2, corn 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2 up, oats 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2, and provisions varying from 30 cents decline to a rise of 2 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

OREGON GETS \$1,014,000

WOULD EXEMPT BONDS

BREMERTON DEAD BURIED

PLANS CONSUMERS' COUNCILS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—The federal relief administration granted Oregon \$1,014,000 for relief work in April, including transient relief and college student aid as well as \$14,000 for the emergency educational program in March.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—The house interstate commerce sub-committee voted today to exempt state and municipal bonds from provisions of the stock market regulation bill.

BREMERTON, Wash., Apr. 7 (AP)—As arrangements were made today for burial of the six victims of Bremerton's "orgy killings," authorities apparently had failed to find a definite trail they expected to lead to the murderers. Talk of an expected arrest quieted when it had failed to materialize by early today.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—One hundred and twelve consumers' councils are to be formed throughout the nation to aid in adjustment of local consumers' price complaints.

SELECT MASSED CHORUS NUMBERS FOR E. O. FESTIVAL

"The massed chorus numbers for High School Music Festival, which are to be directed by Prof. Paul Petri, director of music at the Oregon State college, will be beautiful," says Miss Jennie Peterson, head of the music department at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and director of the festival. They are "On Song's Bright Pinions" by Mendelssohn and "Dear Land Of Home" from "Finlandia" by Sibelius. Mr. Petri has made special effort to choose music well suited to high school voices. Miss Peterson states, and has sent his markings to the schools in order that the interpretation may be uniform.

This feature will be the finale of the music festival to be held at the Eastern Oregon Normal school Saturday, April 14, the afternoon and evening sessions being open to the public at a nominal fee. Thirteen schools in Eastern Oregon will have entered representatives. The evening concert in addition to the massed chorus numbers will include numbers from the participating schools and will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

KANSAS OFFICERS HUNTING KILLER

FOOT SCOTT, Kas., Apr. 7 (AP)—Clyde Barrow, phantasm desperado of the southwest, fled before a growing army of police today after releasing a kidnaped police chief whose companion he had murdered.

Scores of officers went into action along the Kansas-Missouri border after the desperado and his two companions released Percy Boyd, Commerce, Okla., chief of police, early today. They had held him prisoner for more than 14 hours.

They abducted him near Commerce yesterday after Barrow had shot and killed Cal Campbell, 63, Miami, Okla., constable.

Boyd, who suffered a scalp wound, said he was positive as to the identification of Barrow and Bonnie Parker, the desperado's cigar smoking companion. He expressed the belief the other member of the trio, a tall, sandy-haired man, was Raymond Hamilton, alleged associate of Barrow.

Fat Can Be Used Again

Fat in which doughnuts or similar foods have been fried can be cleared by stretching cloth across the top of a jar and pouring the warm melted fat through it.

COBB'S VERACITY IS UPHELD IN BEAR CASE

KLAMATH FALLS, Apr. 7 (AP)—The veracity of Irvin S. Cobb, noted humorist, was upheld today when Ray Yager, rancher from the La Pine district in northern Klamath county, arrived here with an adult and very vigorous lava bear. The little animal—a miniature specimen of the singly—is on its way to an exhibition tour of California.

Yager trapped the bear, a female, last January. It weighs 35 pounds and experienced trappers estimate its age at over four years.

HOUSE BILL ALREADY AT \$330,000,000

Indications Are That \$150,000,000 More Will Be Added Monday

COUZENS SUBMITS 10 PCT. SUPER-LEVY

LaFollette Would Boost the Inheritance Levies—Both Amendments Expected to Pass

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—The senate brewed new headaches for the taxpayers of the nation today. The tax bill, which was a \$238,000,000 measure as it came from the house, already is up to a proposed \$330,000,000 in the senate, with a strong likelihood it will reach \$480,000,000 before it is passed.

An amendment by Senator Couzens (D., Mich.) that would add an estimated \$55,000,000, and one by Senator LaFollette (R., Wis.) that would be good for perhaps \$95,000,000 more, were given the approval today of Senator Harrison (D., Miss.), who is in charge of the legislation. Monday may see a vote.

The bill as received from the house was boosted to \$330,000,000 in the senate finance committee before reaching the senate floor.

Senator Couzens' proposal is for a 10 per cent super-levy, to be effective for one year only. The 10 per

(Continued on Page Two)

Nations Study Minimum Export Price on Wheat

ROME, Apr. 7 (AP)—The world wheat advisory committee, under the presidency of John Van Antwerp MacMurray, American minister to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, dug at once today into the question of establishing a minimum export price for wheat.

Most delegates seemed to regard this as the most important item before the meeting.

Andrew Cairns, of Canada, secretary of the committee, announced afterward that six nations had participated in the discussion and that they were generally sympathetic toward the idea of minimum exports and a price agreement. However, they differed in regard to the measures to be employed.

Four plans were placed before the commission. The first is a definite price agreement for each grade of wheat and flour. The second is an indirect method for reaching higher export prices by adjusting the export quotas so as to keep exports at certain percentages below the demand from the importing countries. The remaining two are combinations of the first two.

The American delegation was inclined to take the view that an international agreement to reduce acreage ought to precede an agreement on minimum price, since the latter might preclude the reaching of the former.

Machine Gunners Guard City Hall

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 7 (AP)—Police machine gunners, fearing a bomb plot, stood guard today at city hall, which was stormed yesterday by a raging mob of 6000 unemployed and sympathizers.

SEATTLE, Apr. 7 (AP)—American war veterans broke up a communist anti-war demonstration here with their fists, and today eight alleged "reds" were held on charges of disorderly conduct, and five on open charges.