

Increase In Registration Is Reported At E. O. N.

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BANDITS LOOT BANK IN COLORADO

200 REGISTER FOR SPRING TERM HERE

Represents Increase of Five Over Similar Quarter in 1933.

E. O. N. KEEPS PLACE AS GROWING SCHOOL

Only Institution of Higher Learning in State to Chalk Up Increases Last 3 Years.

Registration continues to grow at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, keeping it in a distinct class in reference to enrollment as compared with other institutions of higher learning in the northwest.

The new term started at the E. O. N. on Monday, Mar. 26 and since then registration has been concluded.

A total enrollment for the spring term of exactly 200 exceeds the enrollment for the corresponding period last year by five students, thus continuing the distinction of the Eastern Oregon Normal school as the only state institution of higher learning having increased enrollments during the last three years, said President H. E. Inlow, of the school, in a statement today.

Mr. Inlow added that part-time federal employment has assisted 24 students to continue their college work through the spring quarter.

L. H. S. Students Begin Tag Drive Tomorrow Morn

Tomorrow before and after school, and during lunch hours, La Grande citizens may expect to be hailed to buy a tag—ten cents per throw—and the proceeds to go toward sending the L. H. S. band to the state music tournament in Corvallis April 20-21.

The band is just \$150 short of enough to make the trip and no tags are to be sold Thursday and Friday. And, unless some of the buyers forget their change, it will be necessary to sell 1500 tags to make up the expense fund to the desired amount. Some of the students are a bit hopeful, however, that here and there someone may be found who will refuse change when they tender a two-

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MOCK TRIAL TO BE STAGED AT M. E. CHURCH

"The Famous Plummer Branch of Promise Sult" which was given by members of the Young Women's Educational auxiliary at their March meeting is being repeated next Wednesday evening, at the Methodist church to which the public is invited. This mock trial, presented under the direction of Miss Annette Johnson, depicts a court scene of a number of years ago in which Miss Abigail Plummer is the plaintiff and Mr. Alonzo Highty-Tighty the defendant.

In addition to the play, there will be musical numbers by the male quartet from the Methodist church.

ROOF FIRE AT 1208 SPRING

The fire department was called to the Zuber home at 1208 Spring avenue at 9:10 o'clock this morning to extinguish a roof fire. Damage was slight and at 9:20 the trucks were back in the station.

The fire was caused by sparks from the flue. Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay reported.

The house is the property of Arlo Noyes.

SIX LA GRANDE BOYS ON U. S. NAVY TRIP

Among the La Grande boys who are in the fleet of the U. S. Navy which left California Monday for an extensive trip, were Donald Hannefeld, James McDonald, Lloyd and Frank McCoy, Rollin Hesser and Elsie Cross. According to Navy Recruiting officer Younger this fleet will make approximately a 13,000 mile trip during the next few months, first going to Cuban waters, then

Takes Hat Off To Spender



SANTA MONICA, Cal., Apr. 10.—In these days of everybody waiting to see how much money they can get out of some government appropriation, it's gratifying to find a big man who is willing to spend a terrific wad of his own money. I just saw the laying of the cornerstone of a new Los Angeles Times building. I don't suppose Mr. Chandler absolutely had to build a new building, and if he had been like lots of our wealthy he would have said, "Well, I will just wait and see how things turn out." He evidently doesn't believe that in a year's time we will all be calling each other "comrade." Yours,

Will Rogers.
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MISS HORTON WILL DIRECT PLAYGROUNDS

E. O. N. Physical Education Director—Harvey Carter is Assistant.

Miss Margery Horton, who has been physical education director at the Eastern Oregon Normal school during the past year, was elected last night as director of the municipal playground for the summer, at a meeting of the committee in charge, Harvey Carter, of La Grande, was elected as her assistant.

Miss Horton and Mr. Carter were selected from a large group of applicants after a complete and intensive check was made of credentials given by each applicant. It was felt that Miss Horton was particularly suited to direct this work because of her experience, both at Cottage Grove and Eugene in similar capacity and Mr. Carter has had a number of years experience in social service work, and was particularly fitted to direct the

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GASOLINE USERS PAY HIGH TAXES CLUBB REVEALS

"Gasoline has been the bright and shiny target for makers of tax laws," according to Bert Clubb, district manager of the Standard Oil Co., who spoke at the meeting of the Rotary club today at noon at the La Grande hotel, using as his theme the tax condition in the petroleum industry. He mentioned that the tax bill of the petroleum industry now exceeds one billion dollars, and further men-

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U. P. CELEBRATION CHAIRMEN MEET

Chairman of committees of the semi-centennial U. P. celebration to be held here July 19-21 held a meeting at the chamber of commerce office last night, with Ralph R. Huron, general chairman of the celebration committee, in the presiding role. The meeting was for those committee chairmen whose activities have to do with features next July at which admission will be charged.

The evening was spent discussing progress, general plans for the next few weeks and in making reports on accomplishments to date.

BAKER HIGH WILL BRING BAND, CHORUS

Neighboring City School Plans to Have Big Part in Festival Here On Saturday.

Baker High school will bring a mixed chorus of 40 voices to the fourth annual Eastern Oregon High School Music Festival to be held Saturday, April 4 at the E. O. N. auditorium.

This group will sing "Sanctus" from the St. Cecilia Mass in Latin by Gounod, and "Goodnight, Goodnight Beloved" by Pignati. Miss Bertha MacDougall, who is director of chorus work in Baker High, will conduct the mixed chorus.

H. R. Grant, director of instrumental music in Baker High, will bring the school band, which will play "Chilean Dance" by Misard and the serenade "June Night" by King. Baker has at the past three festivals presented excellent talent and this year's numbers will be equally interesting. The band will appear on the afternoon concert at 2 o'clock and the chorus at the evening concert at 8 p. m.

Several other Eastern Oregon

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74 Loans Made In East Oregon By Corporation

Seventy-four loans have been granted in this district through the local office of the Home Owners Loan corporation since it came into existence, according to C. J. Shorb, district manager. Of this number about half of the loans have been granted in Union county and several thousand dollars of this amount have been used for the purpose of paying delinquent taxes, city liens, street assessments, etc. Eight other counties are included in this district, but in some of these, no loans have been made.

GEORGE T. COCHRAN NEW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

George T. Cochran, of La Grande, was elected deputy grand master of the Royal and Select Masters at the grand council session of the annual meeting of the York Rite Masons of Oregon, held in Astoria last night. It was learned here this morning, Ernest P. Banks, of Oregon City, was elected grand master. Mr. Cochran is a prominent attorney of this city.

GRAND MASTER OF I. O. O. F. GUEST AT COUNTY SESSION

About twenty-five members of the Odd Fellows lodge of La Grande, drove to Elgin last night for a joint meeting of the lodges of Union county consisting of Union, Cove, Sumnerville, La Grande and Elgin.

The occasion was the visit of Grand Master Winslow of the Jurisdiction of Oregon. During the evening Mr. Winslow gave an impressive and inspiring talk regarding the work of the order. He dwelt at length on

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HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARS WIRT'S CHARGES



"Brain trust revolution" charge made by Dr. William A. Wirt, Gary, Ind., educator, was investigated by the special house committee shown here. Seated, left to right, are John J. O'Connor (Dem., N. Y.), Alfred Balwin (Dem., N. C.), chairman; and Frederick H. Lehbach (Rep., N. J.). In the back row, standing, are William W. Arnold (Dem., Ill.), left, and Harold McGugin (Rep., Kansas).

\$2 Brings Man \$2,171.80 On Tanforan Ticket

SAN BRUNO, Cal., Apr. 11 (AP)—A \$2 investment on a couple of "long shots" made racing history. Tanforan track when both Bilk Covering and Star Royal came home winners and returned the holder of the lucky "daily double" ticket \$2,171.80. It was the highest daily double ever paid at Tanforan, the entire amount went to a man who chose not to identify himself.

RESCUE 62 FROM ICE FLOE AT SEA

MOSCOW, Apr. 11 (AP)—Three daring soviet aviators wrote a new illustrious page in the history of Arctic endeavor today by rescuing, within 24 hours, 62 members of a party of 90 Russians, marooned two

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GRAZING BILL APPROVED BY HOUSE TODAY

Measure Gives Interior Department Control Over Public Domain

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—The Taylor grazing bill to give the interior department control over 175,000,000 acres of public domain in eleven western states was passed today by the house. It now goes to the senate.

Debate on the administration supported measure was concluded yesterday. The measure gives the secretary of the interior power to collect fees for grazing. A part of the money collected is to be returned to the states in which the lands are located. Other funds collected are to be extended to protect the vast area from destruction through erosion, floods and over-grazing. The vote was 265 to 92.

STUCHELL BUYS BANK AT BAKER

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 11 (Special)—J. W. Stuchell announced the purchase of a controlling interest in the First National bank of Baker Tuesday afternoon. Although the consideration was not announced it was understood to have exceeded \$200,000.

About 25 stockholders, including the Pollman interests, sold to Mr. Stuchell, it was understood. He has invited all of the present directors to remain on the board, and announced that no changes in the operating personnel of the bank are contemplated.

Stuchell was elected president of the institution last night, succeeding Joe Schmitt. All members of the board remain except N. N. Elliott, who resigned to make a place for Stuchell. No changes in personnel are contemplated.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51½ cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 51½ cents. Export bid 51½ cents.

CHICAGO, Apr. 11 (AP)—Sharp breaks in rye quotations carried the rye market down 2½ cents a bushel today, and had some bearish effect on other grains. Rye closed nervous, 1½¢ to 1½¢ under yesterday's finish, wheat steady, 1½¢ to 1½¢ down, May 86½¢ to 86½¢ off to 1½¢ up, oats at 34¢ to 34¢ decline, and provisions unchanged.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SENATE REVERSES ITSELF
DR. WIRT CAN "GO HOME"
ARREST EIGHT SUSPECTS
CANNON TRIAL PROGRESSES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—The senate today reversed itself and voted into the revenue bill an additional 10 per cent on all individual tax returns next year. The vote for the emergency 10 per cent proposal was 43 to 36. Yesterday it was defeated 46 to 44.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—Dr. William A. Wirt, instead of amplifying his fears of a revolutionary plot today to the house investigating committee as had been planned for a time, was told he could "turn in his expense account and then go home" to Gary, Ind.

SEATTLE, Apr. 11 (AP)—Arrest of eight persons, whom Sheriff Claude O. Hanslick said might have had "some connection" with the murder March 29 of six persons near Bremerton was revealed here today. Those in jail are Roy Duchs, 29, Benton; John Murphy; Mrs. Geraldine Murphy, his wife; Porter Pettigrew, 32; Thor Mortenson, 35; Mrs. Beatrice O'Malley, 26; George Shepherd, 26 and Mrs. Babe Reid, 26, all of Seattle.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—Testimony that Edwin G. Jameson, New York insurance executive, contributed \$172,800 in 1928 to aid in defeating Alfred E. Smith for president was given a jury today in the trial of Bishop James Causton Jr., who with Miss Ada L. Burroughs Jr., charged with conspiracy to violate the federal corrupt practices act by failing to report all of \$95,300 received from Jameson.

NEW STRIKE IS THREATENING IN DETROIT DISTRICT

DETROIT, April 11 (AP)—Representatives of 82 shops employing tool and die workers in Detroit today refused to entertain wage and hour demands of the Mechanics Educational Society, which has threatened to walk out at midnight Thursday unless "satisfactory answers" were received.

The refusal was made known after a meeting of the employers' representatives with Matthew J. Smith, general secretary of the Mechanics Society. The workers had demanded wage increases of 20 per cent and a 36-hour, five-day week. Executives of the trades union immediately called a conference of officials to consider their future course.

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BERRY TO BRING INSULT TO U. S. A.

ISTANBUL, Apr. 11 (AP)—Samuel B. Berry will be placed aboard the S. S. Eximia Friday at Smyrna and started on his return voyage to the United States in custody of American authorities.

Burton V. Berry, 32-year-old third secretary of the American embassy, will accompany Insull on his trip to face charges of embezzlement and fraud in Illinois.

American authorities said they expected no further difficulty in finally bringing to an end the 74-year-old Chicagoan's long flight from justice.

"OREGON SCENERY" CAMPAIGN BEGINS

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 11—Had each tourist who visited Oregon last year been induced to stay only one day longer, this state's tourist crop would have brought an additional \$3,000,000 more than the \$20,000,000 it grossed.

To the end that 1934's tourist will be anxious to stay one or more days longer, Charles H. Gunther, assistant manager of the Oregon State Motor association, has launched a campaign of "scenery salesmanship" education. It is being conducted in civic and service clubs, garages, hotels and auto parks.

"The welcome on Oregon's doorstep has grown during in recent years, principally through failure of the average citizen to realize the tremendous economic importance of the tourist

MACHINE GUN GANG FLEES WITH \$25,000

Five Robbers, all Wearing Masks, Rob Sterling Depository.

PRISONERS TAKEN BUT LATER FREED

President, Assistant Cashier and Teller Released Two Miles Out of the Town.

STERLING, Colo., April 11 (AP)—Five machine gun bandits who smashed their way into the Security State bank here in a daring daylight holdup today and fled with about \$25,000 loot and three bank officials as hostages were sought over a large area in Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas and Nebraska today.

The robbers, all wearing masks, fled in a small coach, which had no license plates, driving in an easterly direction.

About two miles from Sterling they released their prisoners unharmed. The hostages were R. A. Towne, president, L. B. Propst, assistant cashier, and Davis Morrell, teller.

At the request of federal agents at Topeka and Salt Lake City, Sheriff John Johnson at Hugo, Colo., about 125 miles south of Sterling, staged a futile chase Monday after a large sedan occupied by a woman and two men, one of whom was believed to have been John Dillinger, notorious outlaw.

Sheriff Johnson and other Eastern Colorado officers have also been asked to watch for Clyde Barrow, hunted slayer-bandit, who was reported driving to this state.

Towne, Propst and Morrell said they did not get a very good look at the men who held up the bank today. They said the bandits, besides wearing masks, wore overcoats and kept the collars turned up to conceal their faces.

The bank executives said one bandit was tall and the other of average height.

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Husband Slays Five In Family, Then Kills Self

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 11 (AP)—Money worries were blamed today for a six-fold tragedy in which a crazed insurance broker killed his wife, his three children and mother-in-law and then took his own life.

The six, all found dead in bed with bullet holes in their heads, were: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Prudenfeld; Janet, 14; Carol, 11; Richard, 8; Mrs. Cora De Haven.

Police found a pistol beside Prudenfeld. They said he had shot his relatives as they lay asleep.

Milk Law Violators Will Be Prosecuted

PORTLAND, Apr. 11 (AP)—Dealers who violate Oregon milk control board prices orders will be summarily prosecuted, according to E. G. Harlan, chairman of the board.

Three months have elapsed, he explained, since the first price schedule and fair practice order was issued. In this time it is assumed all dealers will have had an opportunity to adjust themselves. All dealers are expected to report violators.

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