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128 Are To Receive L. H. S. Diplomas

ALLEN TO GIVE ADDRESS AT GRADUATION

Commencement Exercises
Scheduled For Tuesday,
May 29 at Tabernacle.

CLASS AMONG THE LARGEST IN CITY

Presentation of Diplomas
to Be Made By Colon R.
Eberhard, Chairman of
School Board.

One hundred and twenty-eight seniors at La Grande High school are making preparations this month for graduation this spring. It was announced today by Principal A. L. Grapp, who also announced that Dr. Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of Journalism at the University of Oregon, would deliver the commencement address the evening of Tuesday, May 29 in the L. D. S. tabernacle.

This is one of the largest graduating classes in the history of L. H. S. The program for commencement night has been announced as follows: Processional—March from "Hannau" by Wagner, played by the L. H. S. orchestra.

Taxi Stands On Adams Cause Of Some Argument

The question of whether to grant a request by Ray Alistott and Robert Courtney for a taxi stand—two stalls on Adams avenue in front of the store room next to the I. G. A. store, resulted in considerable discussion at the city commission meeting last night before it finally was approved. But in the approving, it was announced that the city retained the right to revoke the taxi permit if at any future time traffic or other conditions made it necessary.

The two men have two taxi stalls on Depot now, but with a billiard parlor to be installed in the new location, they asked to transfer this permit. Neither Commissioner William Condit nor Commissioner P. J. Lokes liked the idea of granting taxi stalls on Adams avenue, although Commissioner Victor R. Melville, president of the city, and City Manager A. McAllister said they saw no reason why it should not be done at present. After some argument the

EARL SNELL TO BE SATURDAY VISITOR HERE

Earl Snell, of Arlington, candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state and said to be the natural choice of Eastern Oregon, will be a La Grande visitor Saturday, arriving by plane at noon, according to word received here. Mr. Snell is flying to La Grande in a plane piloted by Chester McCarty, a long-time friend.

According to Mr. Snell's schedule he will spend two hours here visiting with friends at a luncheon, taking off at 2 o'clock for Baker. From there he will go to Bend to spend the night.

Will See Revival Of Old Parties

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—In California's primary race for governor there is the largest entry of different parties that ever went to the post, Democrats, Progressives, Socialists, Prohibition, Liberty, Tors and Republicans. These last two are revivals of old-time parties that have been out of existence for years.

On our darkest days there is a ray of hope somewhere in the papers. "A gigolo committed suicide," it may be the starting of a fad.

Twenty-five scheming, designing American mothers pulled every political rope possible to get their daughters to see the king this week in London. He asked to have a look at Sophie Tucker. Yours,

CLOSING DAY OF COOKING SCHOOL TO SEE SURPRISES

Approximately 750 homemakers attended the opening day Wednesday of the "Kitchening" cooking school sponsored here by the Safeway Stores. The program for the closing day of the school, which will see the presentation of diplomas to the graduates, will be a surprise.

That's what Mrs. Marian Rogers Spencer, home economist, promises for the final session of the Safeway Stores "Kitchening" bureau course in "Kitchening" at the Sackajava ballroom Friday afternoon.

WHITMAN TO PLAY TWO GAMES HERE

Some snappy baseball is sure to be dished up to local fans here Saturday afternoon, when the Eastern Oregon Normal school and Whitman college teams plays a double header commencing at 2 p. m. at the Normal school field.

COVE HIGH NINE HERE ON FRIDAY

La Grande fans will have their first opportunity to see the Tiger baseball nine play on its home lot tomorrow afternoon, when L. H. S. tangles with the second-place Cove High team here at 3 p. m. In the opening game of the season Cove won at Cove by a margin of only two runs—8 to 6—and a battle royal is expected here Friday, with the Tigers anxious to

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ROSE QUEEN



Rival in beauty of the blooms that will bedeck Santa Rosa, Cal., at its annual May rose carnival is Lorraine Cleveland, above. She's been chosen queen of the colorful fête.

SECOND PROGRAM OF MUSIC WEEK FRIDAY EVENING

The second program of Music week, sponsored in La Grande by the Neighborhood club, will take place Friday night, May 11 at 8 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle. The concert, presented by the public schools, will be under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., supervisor of music, and chairman of the club committee in charge of the week.

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VIC ECKLEY TAKES OVER POST OFFICE

Postmaster Ralph Huron
Making Turnover to
New Appointee Today.

Victor R. Eckley, newly appointed postmaster of La Grande, took over his duties today from Postmaster Ralph Huron, who completed 12 years of service on May 1. The "turnover" was very informal, and was continuing throughout today. Postmaster Eckley took his oath of office earlier this week, and is fully qualified now to assume his federal duties.

Both men were at the post office today and for the time being, at least, the city has two postmasters. Tomorrow, however, will be a different story, as Huron will step down this evening leaving Eckley alone at the helm.

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Legion Over The Top In Its 1934 Membership Drive

At the regular meeting of the La Grande post of American Legion it was announced that the goal of 150 paid-up members has been reached and the post now boasts 161 members and is "over the top."

The program for Memorial day was planned for at the meeting last night and a committee under the chairmanship of C. J. Shorb was appointed to meet with other patriotic organizations of the city and complete plans for that day.

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LA GRANDE POSTMASTERS



Left to right: Victor Eckley, newly appointed postmaster of La Grande, and Postmaster Ralph Huron, who completed 12 years in office on May 1. The day Eckley was appointed to succeed him. Eckley is taking over the office today, which will be Huron's final day on the job. "Tomorrow I'll get my mail from the general delivery window," Postmaster Huron smilingly said. "Yes, and I'll fill out a change of address card today, also!"



GILL'S ARGUMENT AGAINST SALES TAX HEARD HERE

Ray Gill, master of the State Grange, spoke to a large crowd at the Eagles hall last evening in opposition to the sales tax. In the beginning Gill said that the sales tax was undoubtedly a move on the part of the wealthier classes to replace the income and excess profit taxes, and some states even went so far as to make the sales tax a wedge, by which they could prevent income taxes from being levied.

He said also that the only possible chance of putting over such a tax was during periods of depression, and that after a sales tax had been levied, those who consumed the money from the tax were seeing to it that the tax

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BAKER BASEBALL TEAM PROTESTED

BAKER, May 10 (AP)—A protest over alleged violation of certain rules of the Blue Mountain Baseball league has been received by Ren Black, manager of the Baker team, who today issued a denial of all the allegations filed by the La Grande club with President Roy Farman.

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W. F. GETTLE TAKEN FROM CELEBRATION

Snatch Occurs Early To-
day at His Estate at Ar-
cadia, Near Pasadena

LOS ANGELES, May 10 (AP)—W. F. Gettle, 47, millionaire oil operator, was kidnaped early today from his newly acquired country estate at Arcadia, east of Pasadena, and at the base of the Sierra Madre mountains.

The kidnaping, effected by two masked men armed with pistols, interrupted a gay party Gettle was giving in celebration of the completion of a swimming pool and recreation hall in the estate.

Apparently the plot has been hatching for a week or more, police said, and they expressed belief that more than the two men who effected it were involved.

The kidnapers scaled a seven-foot stone wall, topped with barbed wire. A step-ladder and automobile tire tracks were among clues left.

James P. Wolf, furniture dealer of Westwood, Cal., one of the guests, witnessed the kidnaping. He told officers that he and Gettle were in the recreation hall, chatting and drinking, as Albert Hitchin, a guest from Beverly Hills had left. The recreation hall is a hundred feet from the residence where the women guests were at the time.

Footsteps were heard on the walk, and Gettle and Wolf thought Hitchin or one of the guests was returning. "Put 'em up, gentlemen," a soft voice said.

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 55 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Export bid 59 1/2 cents. Portland cash 74 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—For the first time since Oct. 17 last, the wheat were held at the day's trading frame permissible limit of 5 cents a bushel. Immense speculative purchasing accompanied the rise.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

DEBTOR NATIONS NOTIFIED
CLUB WOMEN NAME HEADS
MAY REMOVE TAX ON SACKS
EDUCATIONAL AID PASSED

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—The United States has informed European debtor nations that this government will accept token payments offered on June 15 but those countries will not escape the provisions of the Johnson act, barring financial transactions with defaulting foreign nations.

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 10 (AP)—Announcement of the election of Mrs. W. B. Nicholson of Marshfield as president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, was made just prior to the closing of the biennial convention here at noon today.

The contest for the office of first vice-president was won by Mrs. W. W. Gabriel of Portland.

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Senator Pope (D., Idaho) said today he had been assured by agriculture department officials that the tax on lute sacks will be removed before the harvesting season starts in the west.

BIG INCOME TAXEVASIONS LESS LIKELY

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—The senate today passed and sent to the president the house bill authorizing \$3,000,000 a year for the next three fiscal years for further development of vocational education in the states and territories.

President Roosevelt added an estimated \$117,000,000 today to the nation's annual revenue by signing into law the 1934 tax bill. The act increased tax levies already amounting to \$3,250,000,000 by strengthening existing law against evasion and adding new sources of income.

Plugging loopholes disclosed by the senate banking committee to be available to the wealthy was congress' motive in writing the new law. But before the bill went to the White House some rates were boosted and the income tax levies rampaged.

The new law provides: Heavier taxes on higher incomes, gifts, estate transfers, corporations and personal holding companies.

Partial income tax publicity.

Elimination of consolidated corporation returns.

Repeal of the 8 per cent normal tax on individual net incomes above \$4,000 with surtaxes to start at \$4,000.

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INSULL IS DENIED BOND REDUCTION

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—Samuel Insull today was refused a reduction of the \$200,000 bond under which he is held prisoner in the Cook county jail.

Judge Will M. Sparks of the U. S. circuit court of appeals said he felt the evidence did not entitle the 74-year-old defendant to any lowering of the bond, which Insull's attorney, Floyd E. Thompson, asserted was the highest ever demanded of a defendant in any United States court.

Thompson had brought his plea before Judge Sparks in a petition for a habeas corpus writ. Insull remained in the county jail hospital.

BIG GAIN IS CHALKED UP IN CHICAGO

Local Cash Price at 55
Cents, Highest Since
January 30.

FALL WHEAT CROP AT 461,471,000 BU.

Official Government Fore-
cast Issued Today—
Condition 70.9 Per Cent
Normal.

Wheat soared five cents in Chicago markets, today, with May, July and September closings ranging from 47 1/2 to 55 cents advance over yesterday. Portland prices moved up 1 1/2 to 2 cents, with export bid advancing 2 1/2 cents to 79 1/2 cents. Local wheat was quoted in La Grande today at 55 cents a bushel, the highest price since January 30.

The two-cent raise locally meant approximately a \$1,000 gain in value of holdover crop in this county for the one day, and a gain of \$10,500 since the low of 44 cents for this year, established late in April. Estima-

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Alleged Robber Shot To Death In Salem Today

SALEM, May 10 (AP)—A second attempt within three months at what police said was a plot to rob the George E. Waters tobacco warehouse on State street here, cost the life early this morning of Albert Pullman, 29, of San Francisco. Robert Hall, also of San Francisco, was lodged in the city jail here.

Pullman, died shortly after 2 o'clock this morning 10 minutes after he had been taken to a hospital, the result of a bullet wound high through the legs, shot from the gun of Officer Frank Winslow of the Salem city police.

Police were notified of the burglary attempt by Benjamin Teulou, janitor at a printing office next door to the tobacco warehouse. Teulou was asleep in his bed at the rear of the shop when he was awakened by sounds from next door.

Hall offered no resistance when taken by two other officers where he was standing in front of the store. He was armed with a 32-0 revolver. He was taken to the city jail, but steadfastly refused to answer any questions.

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Baseball

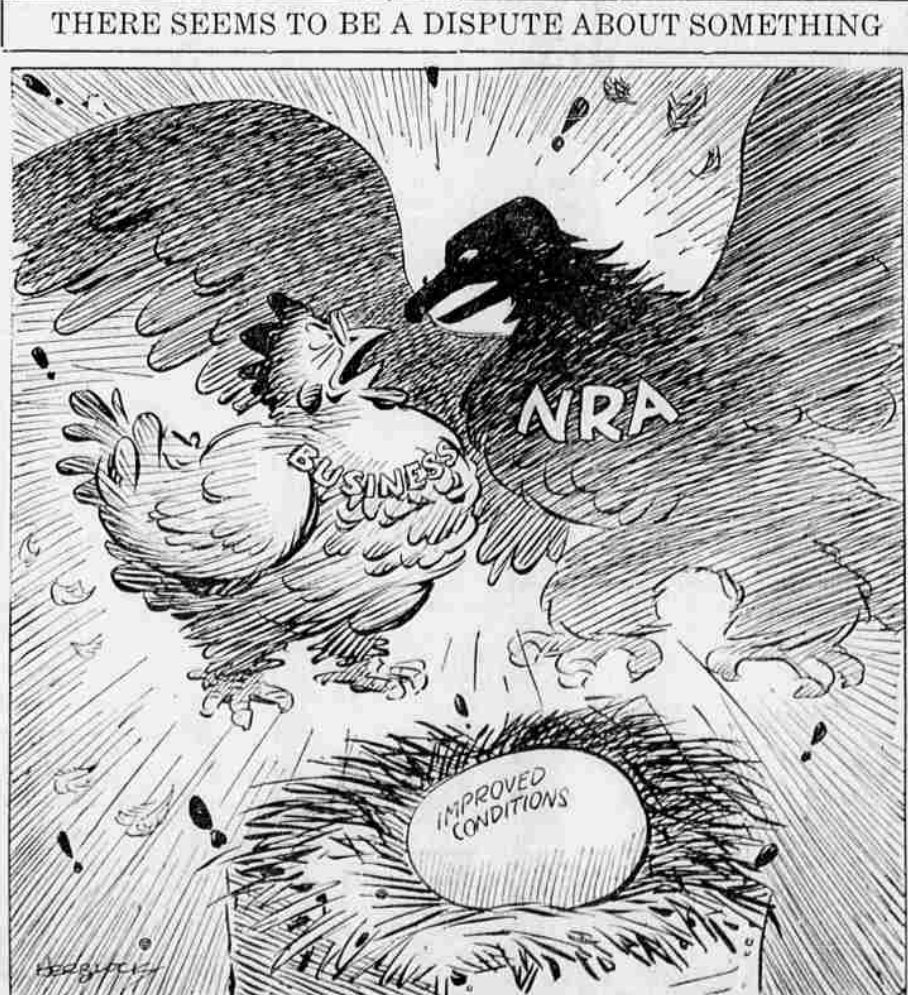
AMERICAN LEAGUE		R. H. E.
Detroit	3	4 0
Philadelphia	5	7 0
Towe, Benton, and Cahrane; Mac-haffey and Berry.		
NATIONAL LEAGUE		R. H. E.
Chicago	3	8 0
New York	13	13 3
Earnshaw, Stine and Ruel, Ruffing and Dickey.		
Cleveland	11	12 2
Boston	10	12 4
Batteries: Hudlin, Winegarner, Lee, C. Brown and Spencer, Pytkin; Walberg, Welch, Weiland and Hinkle.		

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R. H. E.
Boston	2	7 0
Cincinnati	5	9 1
Batteries: Zachary, Barrett and Spohrer, Hogan; St. Johnson, Manion, and Longuard.		

NRA TO RETREAT ON ONE FRONT SOON

By James Cope
WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—An early abandonment of attempts to supervise every little business in the land was definitely indicated today at NRA.

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GOOSEBERRIES RIPE IN LA GRANDE NOW

"Gooseberries for sale!"
The berries, which usually ripen late in May or something early in June if the season is late, are now ripening in La Grande—the earliest on record.

Over at Island and Portland, where O. O. Johnson makes his home, each year a sign appears in front of his place when the gooseberries are ripe—and it is up.

He explained that only a few are ready for the market now but that the bulk of the crop will be ripe in three or four days.

Usually the gooseberries ripen about the time the strawberries come on, but this year they are a little ahead of the strawberries.