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## AUSTRIA VOTED TO MEMBERSHIP BY COMMITTEE

Unanimous Ballot Taken by League of Nations Commission for Admission of New States Favors Former Foe.

## SPAIN AND BRAZIL OFFER TO JOIN IN MEDIATION

Nations Will Aid Wilson in Armenian Task if He Desires; Acceptance of Role by U. S. President Relief to Europe.

GENEVA, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Austria was today unanimously voted a member of the League of Nations by the commission for admission of new states. It is expected the assembly of the league will ratify the decision.

### Little Opposition Likely

GENEVA, Dec. 1.—(By Henry Wood U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—The commission on membership today voted to recommend the admission of Austria to the League of Nations. A debate is looked for when the proposal reaches the assembly floor, but the fact that the vote in the commission was unanimous made it appear there would be little opposition to the new member.

Interpretation of the penalty clause of the league covenant was agreed upon by a commission headed by Lord Cecil.

A resolution adopted today provided that all members of the league must break off diplomatic relations with a state blockaded due to infractions of the covenant.

It was also agreed to propose that inhabitants of member states break off all relations with the penalized state.

President Wilson's acceptance of arbitration in Armenia was received with great enthusiasm in the assembly. A note of thanks was ordered prepared and dispatched to Washington immediately.

The probable attitude of the United States toward the Italian project of the league control all raw materials was responsible for defeat of the proposal in the second commission. The commission's report on economic matters favored adoption of the Belgian proposal for international action to strengthen exchanges and do away with violent fluctuations in values.

Offer to Join Wilson.  
GENEVA, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—A letter to President Wilson, accepting his offer to act as mediator in Armenia being drafted today by the council of the League of Nations, announces that Spain and Brazil have offered to join President Wilson in the role of Armenian mediator. News of President Wilson's acceptance gave the assembly great relief as the Armenian question had become the bugbear of the assembly.

"Poor old Europe will feel less abandonment," said a member of the French delegation today. The council will leave it to President Wilson to decide whether or not he needs the assistance of Spain and Brazil.

## GRAIN LEAPS TO \$1.62 1-4 ON CHICAGO EXCHANGE

Wheat made a jump today, December wheat closing at \$1.62 1-4 after opening at \$1.56, while March wheat closed at \$1.55 3-4 after opening at \$1.51. Yesterday December closed at \$1.56 3-4 while March closed at \$1.50 1-4.

Following are the quotations, received from the Chicago grain market by Overbeck & Cooke, local brokers:

Wheat				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	1.56	1.65	1.55 1/2	1.62 1/4
March	1.51	1.56 1/2	1.49 1/2	1.55 3/4

Corn				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	.65 1/2	.68 1/2	.65 1/2	.68 1/4
May	.72 1/2	.74	.72 1/2	.74
July	.74	.75 1/2	.73 1/2	.75 1/4

Oats				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	.44 1/2	.45 1/2	.44 1/2	.45 1/4
May	.48 1/2	.49 1/2	.48 1/2	.49 1/4
July	.48 1/2	.49 1/2	.48 1/2	.49 1/4

Wheat advanced during the first hour on buying influenced by reports of damage in the Argentine due to heavy rains, declined later on a contradictory cable and again gained strength toward the close when leading shorts endeavored to cover their contracts and found offerings light. Aside from reports of a good export demand with sales for the day placed at 1,000,000, the news in general was not particularly bullish. The National City Bank in its review of the world's wheat situation suggested decreased requirements by importing Europe this year and reported that the output of Australia and India would assure a substantial surplus in place of a scarcity as believed in the development. In addition a Paris cable told of larger yields than previously estimated. While stocks in Chicago are light, this situation might easily be relieved by Northwestern wheat.

## UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOLS PAY GOOD SALARY AND RESULTS OF GOOD REPORT SAYS

### PROGRESS ON LADDER OF BUSINESS SEEMS ON UPWARD TREND

Indications of Eastern Barometer Are That Low Ebb in Financial Centers is About Reached; Better Times Near

Progress on the ladder of business and finance will be upward and not downward after the first of the coming year, men in financial and business circles in Pendleton today said. The tenacious which has pervaded the atmosphere for several months is vanishing somewhat and feeling is that better things are to come with the new calendar.

The barometer for conditions in the east and it is there that the tone of optimism is beginning to be noticed, say local men interviewed. While at the present conditions are far from being satisfactory, the indications are that the low ebb in the financial centers is about reached. It will be some time before this ebb is overcome by a rising tide in the west, just as the depression was well under way in the east before it hit this section.

Demand on the federal reserve banks of New York and the New England district are not as great now as of late, telegraphic reports indicate. The country banks of the west and middle west are the hardest pressed because of the failure of crops to move as of normal times. When the crop is disposed of and liquidation has been accomplished, the upward trend in business is predicted.

Bonds have held their own for the past few weeks, with slight variations. The liberty issues, for example, are about \$1 better than they were at their lowest point during the summer.

Psychologically the situation is better and men in business say that psychology is a big factor in a time such as the country has been passing through. Reports in the press, the trade journals and the banking letters contain a word here and there of hope that was lacking during the downward trend. The east is about ready to make the turn, reports say, and the movement westward is expected to strike shortly after.

## COMMISSION TO MAKE TEMPORARY PAYMENT

Maintenance of state highways in Umatilla county will be paid for temporarily by the State Highway Commission and the county's half billed next spring when the tax money comes in, under an arrangement effected with the commission at its meeting in Portland on Monday. Owing to the exhaustion of funds in the county's general fund, a reverse of the arrangement formerly in use was found necessary.

The county and state have been sharing the cost of maintenance of state highways, the county furnishing the labor and paying the bills, then billing the highway commission for its half. Some counties selected the reverse plan, of allowing the commission to do the work, pay the bills and then bill the county for its half. This plan was found necessary in this county for the time being on account of the lack of funds. There is no money loaned or apportioned by the commission to the county.

### Big Percentage of Pupils is Found in High Schools of District and Factors Combine to Get Best Teachers.

Grade teachers in Umatilla county's schools are receiving on an average \$1250 for their annual salaries and nearly all are on the 12-months' basis, the annual report of County School Superintendent W. W. Green, just completed, shows. Principals of schools having three or more rooms are receiving on an average \$2100 a year and high school teachers receive an average annual stipend of \$1570.

The high school enrollment in Umatilla county is high, the report shows, 18.1 of the total enrollment of the schools being in grades above the eighth. There are 12 high schools in the jurisdiction and every one has been certified to as standard. Only two weeks ago an inspection of high school equipment was held with W. M. Smith, assistant state superintendent of public instruction in charge, and the two remaining schools not already certified as standard were awarded certificates following the inspection.

Three Union High Schools  
At the present time there are three union high schools, two of which were formed within the last two years. These districts range in assessed valuation from \$2,500,000 to \$7,500,000. One district has a building costing \$40,000 and a bond issue for \$200,000 has been voted to build in another. The union district at Milton, Oregon, employs 12 teachers. No transportation to school children is furnished by these districts.

Thirteen percent of all pupils in the county attend one-room schools. Nine and three-tenths percent are educated in two-room schools, while 2.4 percent attend three-room rural schools. Village and city schools have 75.3 percent of the total enrollment.

During the past two years the assessed valuation of the county has increased about \$1,000,000 and is now approximately \$38,000,000. The increase of special tax levies for school purposes is estimated at \$150,000 and is about \$400,000. This is equivalent to a little less than a seven-mill county tax levy. The two-mill elementary school tax will add much in a more equitable distribution of taxes as on the same valuation will amount to an estimated \$600 per elementary grade teacher, the report says. This situation will lead to consolidation of districts wherever possible.

Work for Consolidation  
This county has an excellent system of roads, the report reads. "Already about 36 miles of hard surface is laid in the county, over 10 miles in the cities and 75 miles of gravel roads. Seventy-seven percent of the school population is in districts that have school buildings of this highway and 48 per cent is less than five miles from the same highway. This condition also tends toward consolidation.

"The work of the schools has been systematized through the use of monthly outlines based on the state course of study. These furnish suggestions and standards for pupils and teachers and aid in supervision. Close supervision has been made in many districts."

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## LUMBER PRICES BEING CUT DOWN NEARLY TO HALF

Pendleton Dealers Announce New Declines Bringing Building Material Mark Almost 50 Per Cent Under High

### DROP OF PAST FORTNIGHT GAINS IN ACCELERATION

Cement and Brick Only Slightly Cut But Paints and Similar Requirements of Construction Join Movement.

Declines in the prices of lumber, shingles and lath, which in some instances almost cut in half the figures that prevailed when peak prices were in effect, were announced today by Pendleton dealers in building materials. Shingles and lath took a harder drop from grace than did ordinary building lumber.

During the past fortnight there have been steady decreases in lumber, the dealers report. The trend downward has been in effect several weeks, gaining in acceleration. Coincident with this decline came announcement that few mills on the coast are operating at present.

Cement Largely Used  
Cement and brick, which never took the advances which characterized lumber, are slightly off but will not show marked decreases, one dealer said. Both Washington and California have used large quantities of cement in highway construction during the year with the result that there is a shortage of this material on the market. Brick in the market were made with high priced labor and as there has been no surplus, the price will not drop rapidly nor at once.

Paints and some other materials which go into the makeup of a building, are also showing a tendency to come down. No stimulation to building has resulted, however, as labor has not taken the same action. Credit has been hard to obtain, too, and prospective builders have not only shielded at prices but have lacked the funds were prices correct.

Many inquiries are received constantly by local dealers in building materials regarding costs of houses. The shortage of dwellings in Pendleton has grown acute with 1920, for hardly a half dozen have been erected. The cost of materials to build, with better outlooks promised for the new year and sharp declines in the cost of materials, an impetus is expected to result which will, in a measure, alleviate the crowded condition of the city.

INDIANS COMB BEACH  
SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—(U. P.)—Quill-latte Indians continue today to comb the ocean beach in the vicinity of James Island and Giants Graveyard in search of ancient relics. Bodies from the ill-fated cargo ship, according to a message received here today, Eight bodies have been found.

### A PEACEFUL CHANGE



## TESTIMONY IN CASE OF KERBY AND RATHIE WILL NEAR 175,000 WORDS

Probably 175,000 words will be contained in the completed transcript of testimony in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Elvie D. Kerby and John L. Rathie, which is nearing completion by John S. Beckwith, court stenographer and reporter. The transcript is being made in order that the appeal of the two may be carried to the supreme court.

## ESTIMATES FOR MARKET ROAD READY IN MONTH

Surveys and estimates for the Cold Springs market road will be ready for advertising at the January 4 meeting of the State Highway Commission, R. H. Hullock, district highway engineer, with headquarters at La Grande, today notified the county commissioners. This will enable the letting of the contract at the February meeting.

The road, about 20 miles long, will extend from Pendleton to Cold Springs landing on the Columbia. It has been designated a market road and there are at present \$185,000 in market road funds available to start work on it. The county has been trying for nearly nine months to get this road started with the help of the highway commission's engineers and state funds which are desired.

The one-mill tax on the 1920 roll for market roads purposes will raise approximately \$37,000. In addition to this the state has apportioned Umatilla county \$62,165.43 and its share of the surplus of Multnomah county's fund. Multnomah county is entitled to only 10 per cent of the state total, but raises more than that amount. The surplus is pro rated to the counties which levy a similar tax.

With nearly \$120,000 more available for market road purposes in 1921, there will be more than \$200,000 in this fund. Quite a large amount will be expended on the Cold Springs project, it is believed.

CHRISTIANS ARE TORTURED  
TOKYO, Dec. 1.—(U. P.)—Charges of vicious atrocities against Christians at Chien Tao, Korea, were made by missionaries today. They claimed Japanese troops have engaged in a systematic campaign of burning the homes, schools and churches of Christians, killing many without examination or trial.

## FOUR HUNDRED PRISONERS ARE HERDED INTO JAIL IN BRITISH REPRISAL ROUND-UP IN IRELAND

Black and Tan Police Raid Houses, Killing Two Men in Ardee; Victims Are Dragged From Homes and Riddled; Bodies Left Nearby; Hatchets in Play at Kilmichael.

### BRIDGING DRAINAGE DISTRICTS NOT FOR COUNTY IS DECREE

Owner of Canal or Other Artificial Waterway Bound to Build and Repair Crossings, Commissioners are Informed

Umatilla county is not responsible for the cost of building and maintaining bridges across irrigation and drainage districts within the county, an opinion furnished the county commissioners today by Willis S. Moore, assistant state attorney general, says. The opinion was rendered upon request of the present court, through R. I. Keator, district attorney.

"The owner or owners of a canal or other artificial waterway are bound at common law to build and keep in repair suitable bridges where such waterways cross a public highway," the law is quoted. This is a statute which has been on the books in Oregon for several years and is referred to because of a variance of opinion between the county and irrigating districts in the county regarding maintenance obligations.

The commissioners met today for their final meeting of the year 1920 and transacted several matters of business. The appointment of H. E. Inlow, city superintendent of schools, as a member of the county library board, succeeding P. P. Austin, was affirmed. The budget for 1921 was officially signed, also, but will be finally fixed only after the assessed valuation of public utilities property in the county is received from the state tax board.

A resolution was allowed for a road running one and a quarter miles east from Stanfield. This road will connect with the road now leading up the gulch, which suffered by washouts with the recent winter floods.

## CAPTORS OF OWENS AND HART ANXIOUS FOR PAY

Captors of Neil Hart and Jim Owens who reside in Union county, are getting nervous over the failure of the officials of Umatilla county and the City of Pendleton to divide the \$6000 reward, according to a story which appeared in the La Grande Observer last evening. Claimants for a share of the reward were to have left for this city last night, the story said, but none had appeared before the county court this afternoon.

After two preliminary hearings, the city and county decided to do the matter up properly by having a hearing before the circuit court at the present term of court. Most of the rewards are contested and in order to prevent against possible lawsuits and other trouble, the officials decided to leave the matter in the hands of the district and city attorneys.

Officials here today, when questioned about the trial for the reward division, were unable to say at just what time final disposition will be made of the remaining \$5000, of which \$2500 is for the Hart and Owens captors.

## CHIEF RINGOLD KNOCKS ON WOOD AS NOVEMBER PASSES FIRELESS

November passed without a fire or a fire alarm being turned in in Pendleton, Fire Chief W. E. Ringold reported today. The fireless November is believed to hang up a record for many years and is attributed to the increased attention given to fire prevention instruction.

The last time the department was called out for a blaze was on October 24, so the period of absence from fires today reached 27 days. For this time of year this, too, is believed to near a record. The mildness of the season, which has made extremely hot fires in homes unnecessary, is given credit for keeping down the fire hazard.

Chief Ringold knocked on wood today when he told of the 27 fireless days. With Christmas coming on, the department is taking on a more vigilant attitude. Rather than have to respond to alarms, however, the chief is busy visiting merchants, giving advice about decorating windows and placing of wires and inflammable decorations. Members of the department frequently make inspection tours of alleys and open spaces in rear of stores in the business district to see that rubbish is kept from accumulating. These precautions, together with care in placing electric wires and thins or

### STATE WOOL GROWERS WILL CONVENE HERE

Pendleton will be host on December 17 and 18 to the wool growers of Oregon when the State Wool Growers' Association meets here in annual convention. Some growers from Washington and Idaho are expected to attend.

Dr. S. W. McClure, formerly manager of the Cunningham Sheep & Land Co., and secretary of the National Wool Growers' Association at Salt Lake prior to becoming manager here, will be one of the principal speakers. R. N. Stanfield, U. S. senator-elect from this state, and one of the country's principal wool men, is also on the program as are a number of marketing experts and authorities on the political aspect of the wool business.

## ARMY AND NAVY SALES CO. WILL OPEN STORE

The Army & Navy Sales Co. will on Saturday open a permanent store in Pendleton, with a \$10,000 stock. Store quarters at 516 Main street are now being made ready for occupancy by the firm.

The Sales Co. operates stores in Walla Walla, Pasco, Kennewick, and Dayton. Stock consists of army and navy goods, including blankets, leggings, shoes, roast beef, bacon, corned beef, etc. Other stock will be added later.

H. S. Root, who has been in charge of the Walla Walla store will manage the Pendleton branch. He states that he will employ a small store force to assist him.

## Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, official observer:  
Maximum, 52.  
Minimum, 29.  
Barometer, 29.28.

THE WEATHER FORECAST  
Tonight and Thursday rain.

