

BLAST USED IN LOOTING SAFE HERE

La Grande Flouring Mill Robbed of About \$175 During the Night

BANDITS ENTER FORSTROM STORE

Four Robberies Occurred During the Past Four Nights in Union County—Three in La Grande

Robbers, apparently seasoned yeags, blew the safe in the La Grande Flouring Mill building in east La Grande sometime during the night, and escaped with between \$175 and \$175. The act was not discovered until this morning when it was reported to the police who conducted an immediate investigation. No clues of any sort were left. At about the same time, reports reached here from North Powder that the store owned by C. J. Forstrom had been entered during the night and that several articles of merchandise, including guns, knives and watches, had been stolen. Four robberies. The two robberies last night brought the total list for the past four nights to four. Last Friday night two local business places were entered with loss of less than \$100 cash. About \$30 of this was taken from Newlin's store and \$1.50 and some jewelry was taken from Richardson's grocery and the (Continued on Page Five.)

DAMAGE TRIAL IS NONSUITED

No suit action on the case of George W. Buchanan vs. City of La Grande was brought this morning on the second day of the trial by Henry Hess, attorney for the defendant.

The non suit was granted by Judge McCulloch on technical grounds. George W. Buchanan, father of the little girl, Cuba Buchanan for who the damage suit was brought was held by Mr. Hess not recently entitled to push the case for the plaintiff inasmuch as he had not been legally appointed guardian of the child. This contention was upheld by Judge McCulloch in declaring the case non suited.

Court will open the afternoon session today with the case, Gladys Carnes vs. James DeVore and Theresa DeVore. All parties in the case are residents of North Powder. Mrs. Carnes is suing for \$500 damages for slander. Green and Hess are conducting the case for the plaintiff and R. J. Kitchen will represent the defendant.

SKATING RINK TO BE OPENED

G. E. Hebard has announced the opening of a skating rink in the Rex hall. Mr. Hebard has been operating rinks in California and Southern Oregon in the past year and comes to this city highly recommended from Medford, where he operated a rink for a period of four months in the armory. Mr. Hebard has with him William Froh, an expert exhibition skater, who is to be in full charge of the rink. He will also give lessons to both ladies and gentlemen.

Pirate Manager Makes Ready for First Game

Assurance that La Grande will have a baseball team this year and a good one was given this morning by Harris French, manager of the Pirates who is at present fitting up the ball players. It is planned to hold the first real turnout next Sunday with the players now available on deck. This will give the boys a chance to put in some steady work before the first games of the Blue Mountain League season are played April 15. Both La Grande and Baker will make the trip over the mountains to play Walla Walla and Pendleton on this date. The Whitman college nine has already played both Walla Walla and Pendleton and the results of the two games apparently show Walla Walla as the strongest team. The school boys beat Pendleton and went back home and got swallowed by Walla Walla a few days afterward. The Bears are rated a stronger organization than last year due to the addition of several ex-Whitman stars in addition to the regulars who performed during the season.

Outlook Is Bright For U.S. Action

Chamber of Commerce Hears Optimistic Talks on Wallowa Lake National Park Move.

That the outlook is rosy for securing federal action making the Wallowa Wonderland a national park, probably 30 miles square, was the gist of assurances made at the chamber of commerce luncheon today by speakers. Dr. R. P. Landis, president of the chamber and before calling upon Charles Shelton, of Baker, he outlined briefly the plan of promotion that is being undertaken by La Grande and nearby cities and towns to boost the "Switzerland of America" to the front. He asked the endorsement of the members of the body and stated that committees are busy now arranging for the financing of the program.

Mr. Shelton stated that he believed that the organizations of Baker county would join with Union and Wallowa counties in their efforts to secure a national park rating for the district, adding that, however, such action had not definitely been taken and would require some investigation first.

Baker Road Mentioned. He told of plans for the building of a road from Baker through the line and Eagle valleys to Wallowa Lake, which, when completed, would make a wonderful scenic loop from La Grande to Baker. Much in the building of this road depends upon the forestry service.

Mr. Shelton touched upon the abundant game and fish in the lake region and warned that wild life region should be maintained by means of a forestland that would preclude any possibility of extinction. He also warned against taking in too much territory devoted to grazing and timber. Is Reassured. Mr. Shelton's warnings were answered by G. L. Larson, an officer in the Wonderland company, by J. H. Pearce, and by others satisfactorily.

Mr. Larson asserted that he would not against any move that would be harmful to the wild life and stated that he did not favor building of roads that would permit a "45-mile-per-hour view" of the Wonderland. He stated, however, that Wallowa Lake needed two more roads, one from Baker, and one from Lewiston. Chances for Park Bright. Mr. Pearce pointed out the strategic positions occupied in connection by Senator Stanford and Congressman Sinnott and said that he believed the prospects of success in reference to making the lake and surrounding region a national park were bright. He indicated, however, that it might take a little time but that, if careful steps were taken beforehand, there seemed little doubt of the ultimate success. Many tributes were paid to the (Continued on Page Five.)

CHILDREN AWAIT OPEN SEASON ON FOOLISH PEOPLE

Tomorrow is the day that every small boy and girl—sometimes not so small—look forward to with glee as soon as the Christmas season is over. For tomorrow is "All Fools' Day."

It ranks with Halloween excepting in destruction. April fool jokes are usually more or less harmless, mostly innocent pranks that, however, are often as good as a Harold Lloyd comedy to the onlooker.

The custom of playing tricks on the first day of April is so old that record of its origin has been lost, but it is known that India, as far back as history dates, has celebrated the spring festival of Holi, which ends March 31, with tricks and pranks playing a large part of the amusement.

In France such customs were in force back in the sixteenth century. The victim of the hoax was called an "April fish" while in Scotland he is an "April gawk." American boys, when they get one to pick up a nailed down pocket-book, call out "April fool."

La Grande People at Baker Golden Wedding

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Truesdall, of this city, was celebrated at a dinner given at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. P. Marriott. Seventeen members of the family were guests. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Reese McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. William Irwin and three daughters, Rita, Lara and Vida, of La Grande; Mrs. Lillian Vandevanter, of Union and O. B. Truesdall, of Seattle.

4-DAY TRIP FROM LAKE IS PLANNED

To Feature Hike Through Wallowa Wonderland Next Season

INCLUDES CLIMB UP "EAGLE CAP"

Glacier, Lily, Ice and Lee Lakes on Itinerary; A Journey Each Week to Be Arranged.

A four day mountain trip, to be made with horses, which will cover the best scenery and fishing of the Wallowa mountains, is a treat which will be offered the guests of the Wallowa Lake Resort this summer.

Persons making the trip will start from Wallowa Lake, and travel to the beautiful Moccasin lake the first day. At this point a log cabin is to be erected to care for the traveler. Fishing at this lake and other near lakes is good the year around.

The second day the party will travel to the Top of Eagle Cap mountain, one of the highest mountains in Oregon, which offers a view of Mount Hood, the Snake River country, Washington, sixty or more lakes at the base of the mountain—a view that is unequalled the world over.

Visit Lakes. The third day, the party would travel through the Lake Basin over to the ridge of Ice Lake, past the Glacier Lake, Lily Lake and the even more beautiful Lee Lake.

As the last day, the party would return along the Hurricane Creek Trail and reach Wallowa lake in the evening. It is a trip, over mountain trails, accessible only to those on foot or a horseback, where there are dozens of lakes and hundreds of miles of mountain streams where fishing is always good.

One Party Each Week. Throughout the summer months, one party a week will be taken on this trip. Reservation must be made in advance, as only accommodations for a limited number are available.

All equipment and arrangements for the trip are cared for by the resort company at Wallowa Lake. Persons making the trip, will be furnished meals, sleeping accommodations, guides, horses and everything to make the trip safe and enjoyable.

'HONOR BRIGHT' FRIDAY NIGHT

The cast of "Honor Bright," a comedy in three acts to be presented by the La Grande First Ward, M. I. A. in the high school auditorium Friday evening, has practically completed its rehearsals and tomorrow evening will journey to Baker and present the play there as a preliminary to the local performance. The cast of characters follows: (Continued on Page Five.)

COUNTY COURT MEETING IS SET FOR TOMORROW

The regular monthly session of the county court will begin at the court house tomorrow morning. Regular routine business is expected to occupy most of the session. Judge U. G. Couch arrived in the court house this morning after an absence of three weeks spent on a motor trip to California. Mr. and Mrs. Couch arrived home last evening from the trip which they declare was an exceptionally enjoyable one. They drove as far south as San Jose but spent most of the time visiting about San Francisco and Oakland.

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Recognition Of Russia Is Not Favored

President Coolidge Still Unresponsive to Suggestions for a Change of Policy.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge is still unresponsive to suggestions from any quarter that the present administration's policy concerning Russia be changed. The chief executive sees no warrant for any present consideration of proposals to recognize the soviet government, as conditions which prompted the denial of recognition remain unchanged.

AGAINST CERTAIN LOANS. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge does not favor private American loans abroad where the money is to go into military armament or similar expenses among the European countries.

HOT LAKE TO HEAR PIERCE

Governor Walter M. Pierce, accompanied by Mr. W. T. Pky, left Hot Lake this morning for Baker where he spoke today before the Kiwanis club of what he has accomplished during his 27 months' incumbency. He laid special stress upon penitentiary conditions and the road program. He will return to Hot Lake this afternoon and will speak at the auditorium at 5:15 o'clock. Governor Pierce will spend the remainder of his time in Eastern Oregon at the lake, according to announcement today.

Children Interested In Library Contests

With the beginning of a "How to Make Things Contest" at the public library one article has already been turned in and is now on display. It is a Wright Biplane (Glider) made by Donald Bourch, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bourch.

A puzzle contest has also been started and although several puzzles have been turned in there has been no perfect ones so far. One puzzle, belonging to Eld Happersett, had only one mistake, however.

Both contests will close April 15, when prizes will be awarded.

Italy to Tell the World Of the Work of Her Sons

ROME (AP)—Italy is to have a national encyclopedia which its creators hope eventually will compare favorably with the Encyclopedia Britannica. A committee of the Italian Cultural Institute, which was created through a gift of Giovanni Treccani, is now at work drafting the plans for the encyclopedia, which will offer to the world a statement of Italy's work in nearly every branch of human knowledge. The first edition will be of 32 volumes in parts of about 1,000 pages to each volume.

Germany Turn to Tobacco

BERLIN (AP)—The consumption of tobacco in Germany shows a notable increase. The tobacco taxes in January amounted to about \$12,500,000, the greatest sum ever received in a month from this source. Seventy per cent of the tax came from cigarettes.

"Director" and Woman Companion Impostors

Rex Leslie, "motion picture director" and Mrs. A. B. Willis, "secretary who has contracts for the Laaky company for continuities for the pictures now being filmed near Portland," are fakes—plain, unadulterated prevaricators, in other words.

The pseudo director came to La Grande last Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Willis, riding in a Packard, posing as a local reporter. A local reporter happened upon the two and the result was a sensational story printed in that evening's issue of the Evening Observer stating that Leslie was representing the Laaky company and was seeking a location in Eastern Oregon to "shoot" some pioneer films.

At the time, it seemed peculiar that the two failed to get in connection with the local chamber of commerce and movie theater owners.

No Meyers and Ford, of the Arched theater, wrote to Laaky headquarters and this is the reply they received: "In response to your letter received the following wire from studios: 'No such persons as Mr. Leslie' (Continued on Page Five.)"

138 KILLED IN TRAGIC ACCIDENTS

Half Hundred Dead, 100 Injured in a Wreck Near Warsaw

BRIDGE COLLAPSE FATAL TO FIFTY

Thirty-Eight Miners Entombed by the Sudden Rush of Water Near Newcastle, England.

Warsaw—50 killed, 100 injured in train collision. Dortmund, Germany—50 killed in bridge collapse. Newcastle, Eng.—38 miners entombed by rush of water. Little hope held for rescue.

DETMOLE, Germany (By the Associated Press)—Fifty members of the German reichswehr were drowned in the River Weser today when a bridge being constructed in connection with the reichswehr maneuvers collapsed.

The victims were part of a marching column which attempted to use the temporary structure.

MINERS ENTOMBED. NEWCASTLE, England (By the Associated Press)—Only slight hope remained today of rescuing 38 miners trapped yesterday by a sudden rush of water into the Montague colliery at Scotwood, near here.

WRECK LAST BIG. WARSAW (By the Associated Press)—Nearly 50 persons were killed and 100 injured in a collision of the Tashkent express and the Moscow suburban train last night.

REMAINS OF TWO EXAMINED

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Dr. James P. Simonds, professor of pathology at Northwestern university, who examined the bodies of Dr. Oscar Olson and Mrs. Emily McClintock yesterday, said that both showed "marked chronic disease of the heart."

The doctor made his examination at the request of William D. Shepherd, accused of the murder of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan."

REFUSES HEARING

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Judge Hopkins today refused to hear witnesses supporting Shepherd's fight for bail because the witnesses were not named in the defense affidavit charging that the principal testimony against Shepherd had been framed.

The hearing was continued until Thursday.

White Plague Scourges Japan.

TOKIO (AP)—An official report states that tuberculosis is increasing in Japan. There are now 4,200,000 sufferers from the disease, with about 122,000 deaths a year.

San Diego's Prettiest Girl



The adolescent modernists may refer to the unbobbed as "horse and buggy" but when it came to selecting the most beautiful girl in San Diego's high schools and colleges, Madelein Prosper—with unshorn tresses—won out. She was selected from 4,000 pretty Californians, is active in social circles and noted as a dancer.

HOBBOES HELD FOR SLAYING

TACOMA (By the Associated Press)—Two men giving the names of Pat O'Neil and Mike O'Brien, were arrested late yesterday at Sumner by Marshal Horton after a struggle on the suspicion they were the hoboes who threw Forest Eneyart, 22, Rydewood, from a Northern Pacific freight train near Stamped Tunnel. Eneyart landed between the cars. His left leg was severed, his left hand crushed and he lay unconscious nearly two hours before found by the crew of the west bound North Coast limited. Eneyart died in Seattle Saturday.

Horton's suspicions were aroused by hearing one of the men say, "I knocked him down and that was the last of him. Kill 'em that's the way to get rid of 'em."

GIRL FACING SANITY TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Judge Harold Louderback in superior court here late yesterday halted the murder trial of Dorothy Ellingson, the 17-year-old "child of jazz" charged with killing her mother last January. The court announced that the jury would be dismissed today and a new jury impaneled to determine whether the girl is insane at present.

Heater Case Probed By Coroner's Jury

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—A coroner's jury found that Mrs. Hazel Heater died death at the hands of an unidentified person late yesterday. The coroner's jury who used a piece of gaspipe to kill her, Mrs. Heater was found in her apartment Saturday with her skull crushed, and died shortly after she was discovered by the landlady of the apartment house and Jack Hall, a logger, who was a friend of the slain woman. Hall was held by the police for investigation.

Ex-Governor of Idaho Answers Final Summons

MOSCOW, Idaho.—William J. McConnell, ex-governor of Idaho, first United States senator from this state, former state senator in the Oregon legislature and one of the best known pioneer figures in the west, is dead at his home here. Influenza was the cause of his passing on.

Col. Forbes Fairly Comfortable Today

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—Colonel Forbes' condition is described today as "moderately comfortable."

LESS STOCK RANGING IN NORTHWEST

So Claims A. M. Geary, Portland, at I. C. C. Hearing Today

FREIGHT RATES CLAIMED UNJUST

Geary Asks Redress of Alleged Disparity Between Rates and Market Prices.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—A. M. Geary, of Portland, Ore., counsel for the Oregon Wool Growers and Cattle Breeders associations and for a northwestern shippers association, resumed the witness stand today at the interstate commerce commission hearing concerning livestock freight rates. Complaining that livestock breeders contend they are losing money, and in some cases are being forced from business by market conditions, he asked redress of alleged disparity between freight rates and market prices. Stock Decreased. Geary testified that the membership of the associations as represented decreased as the result of adverse conditions and that cattle and sheep on the northwestern ranges decreased 2000 to 3000 head since 1920.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Cattle in northwestern range states decreased from 851,398 head in 1920 to 679,312 in 1923. A. M. Geary, of Portland, Ore., attorney for cattle men's organizations, testified at the resumed rate hearing of the interstate commerce commission. The National Livestock Association, represented by Attorney S. B. Cowan of Fort Worth, Tex., and state and state livestock associations in the west and midwest, contend that (Continued on Page Five.)

XTRA

WHEAT PLUNGES. CHICAGO (AP)—Selling hysteria in the wheat market broke out again today. May wheat with in an hour dropped six and one-half cents to \$1.40, the lowest in many months.

FERGUSON RESTORED. AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Full political and civil rights were restored to former Governor Ferguson today when his wife, the present governor, signed an amnesty bill passed by the legislature.

BANDIT LOOTS BANK. RENO, Nev. (AP)—A bandit entered the Bank of Sparks, in the railroad town of Sparks, three miles east of here, at 9 o'clock this morning, "covered" the bank force with a pistol, locked them in the vault and escaped with \$25,000. The robbery was not discovered until customers, tried to gain entrance to the bank.

HERRIOT ACTS. PARIS (AP)—Premier Herriot upheld the government's religious policy in Alsace in the chamber of deputies debate today as the logical effort to unify recovered provinces with France by gradually bringing them under the same laws.

FIGHT ROW CLOSED. NEW YORK (AP)—The state athletic commission today definitely closed the Dempsey case in which it attempted to force the champion into a title match with Wills or Gibbons, and returned certified checks of \$2500 each which the two challengers deposited to bind the match. The action virtually eliminated the chances of Dempsey fighting in the east this year unless he agrees to fight Wills or Gibbons.

CANADIAN TOWNS FEAR RIVER FLOOD. QUEBEC (By Associated Press)—Apprehension is felt in Beauce, Quebec, where the Chaudiere river has overflowed its banks and inundated several towns and villages. The situation last night was slightly improved, but the fear was entertained that should rain come the flood would swell beyond control. The inhabitants of St. George are alarmed on account of the great pressure of water. Thus far no casualties have been reported.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge has directed Secretary Weeks to proceed with the war department program of army drills for the national guard up to the requirement of law. Coolidge has not been informed to what extent the program will require expenditure of funds appropriated for that purpose without the budget bureau's sanction. The use of these funds has been held up pending investigation of the need of them. The president believes that orders given Weeks will satisfy national guard officials who have glossed the matter with him.

Washington Seeking 300 Conventions Each Year

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA special)—A "convention day" will keep hard lines away. Such might be stated as the slogan of Washington interests, which, facing nine months of congressional absence, with a consequent slump in business foreseen, are organizing to make the capital city the convention headquarters of the nation. Three hundred conventions a year in the aim of Washington's new "convention bureau."

If that can be achieved, then the hotels can be kept filled, the rubber-neck wagons and taxi cab companies supported and business generally assisted over the slack period. A campaign will be waged to "sell" Washington to the country as the social convention city, where between sessions delegates can visit spots of historic interest, acquire new knowledge of the government and its organization and brush up on patriotism and politics. One hundred and five conventions were held here last year. Since then a big new public auditorium has been completed and (Continued on Page Five.)

AUTHORITY OF CHIEF UPHELD

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The governor's authority to appoint special prosecutors in counties to handle prohibition cases was upheld by a supreme court opinion today by Justice Hand, dismissing the state's action on information of A. J. Moore, district attorney of Deschutes county, against Rose Farham, appointed by the governor as special prosecutor in Deschutes county.

GUARD DRILLS WILL PROCEED

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