

ECONOMY REACHES BEDROCK

YEAR TERM GIVEN TWO OFFENDERS

George Carlton and Allen Delaney Sentenced by Knowles

JUDGE HAS FAITH IN PENITENTIARY

Fine of \$100 Added to the Sentences; Jurors Disagree in Considering Graham's Case.

Judge J. W. Knowles passed out penitentiary terms to two men who reported to him for sentence this morning...

John Graham, who was tried jointly with Carlton on an indictment charging possession of a man, was immediately rearrested on a charge of possession of a still when the jury failed to agree on a verdict.

In sentencing Carlton, the judge reiterated his faith in jail sentence as the only means of enforcing the prohibition law.

"I cannot base leniency on the condition of your family," he told the prisoner in reply to the county's plea for a county jail sentence without fine.

A fine of \$100 accompanied the prison term to comply with the prohibition law.

MRS. BOND TO VISIT GRANGE

The Union County Grange will hold its regular meeting with the Wolf creek grange at North Powder on Saturday, December 12...

Several important business matters are to be taken up and discussed. Among others will be consideration of the part the grange will take in the state convention at Baker in June next.

State Lecturer Minnie E. Bond, of Eugene, will attend the meeting as a delegate from the state grange, and confer with the subordinate granges of the county.

The program, tentatively arranged, is as follows: Address of welcome, J. A. Niese; song, Wolf creek grange; response, James Gebler, Grange Plant grange of Elgin; duet, Hester Peris and...

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Fathers and Sons Will Dine Tomorrow Evening

Methodists Will Hear Of Conditions in India

Harry S. Hamilton, of Boise, Idaho, superintendent of the western district of the International conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, Dr. V. E. Hall of Myrtle, Idaho and Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, of India, arrived in La Grande today to conduct an efficiency rally at the local Methodist church this evening.

The meeting will begin with a fellowship dinner at 6 o'clock with Mr. Hamilton as the principal speaker. At 7:30 o'clock a public meeting will be held in the church auditorium with Dr. Tuck, of India, as the speaker.

These three men will be in this district ten days. They have already held nine meetings in this vicinity. They will go from here tomorrow morning to Enterprise.

H.E. Williams New Head Of Encampment

Spanish-American War Veterans Elect Officers—Installation to Be in January.

The Spanish-American War Veterans met last night, with a large attendance, and elected officers for the coming year. H. E. Williams was elected commander, L. R. Hale, senior vice commander, Thomas G. Bantz, junior vice commander, Charles W. Chandler, officer of the day, D. C. Conners, officer of the guard and Harry Bretz, health trustee.

R. H. Huron was appointed adjutant and H. E. Coolidge, quartermaster. L. A. Manning, the department senior vice commander of the state, from Portland, was present and gave an interesting talk.

Mr. Manning is in Eastern Oregon in the interest of the state encampment to be held this coming summer at Baker.

Sometime the first of January there will be a joint meeting of the local veterans and the Baker and...

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North Praises Local Chamber of Commerce

W. C. North, representing the O. A. C. Monarch union, complimented the chamber of commerce on the excellent luncheon men and her warm attitude when he visited the chamber of commerce at the office and at the luncheon meeting in Imbler Tuesday.

"I have visited every town of any importance in the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California, from the Canadian border to Mexico, and I have never experienced such co-operation and friendly feeling in an organization as you have in your chamber of commerce in La Grande," he said.

"Yet surely here an organization that is pulling together. Another thing—your climate surely beats anything that California can boast. I cannot but marvel at the wonderful cloud effects that I had the pleasure of seeing in Eastern Oregon."

Mr. North left last night for Pendleton.

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Economy



Peter Cassidy, eccentric Los Angeles hermit, claims to be the most economical person in America. He spends only 50 cents a week for food, clothing and lodging. How? He sleeps in a shack, eats little and gets clothes the second-hand man won't take. He earns his living by composing and singing songs.

AUTOS STOLEN DURING NIGHT

Two automobiles, one owned by Tommie Neal and the other by A. E. Kinnaman, were stolen here during last night and today no trace of the missing machines has been found, it is reported by the police.

Two boys, their identity unknown, are believed to have taken Neal's car, a coach, from his home at 1765 Oak street. A woman called the police saying that she saw the boys enter the automobile and drive away. The license number is 290-747. Kinnaman's car bore license number 359-497.

FIVE COUNTIES PLAN EXHIBIT

For the purpose of deciding the advisability of placing an Eastern Oregon exhibit in the Northwest exposition which is to be held in Madison Square Gardens in New York City, next spring, representatives from Umatilla, Baker, Malheur, Wallowa and Union county will gather in La Grande for a luncheon meeting Friday noon.

If the delegates approve the plan as a worthwhile means of advertising...

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Seals to Be Placed On Sale in La Grande

Tomorrow morning the Christmas seals—bright-faced tokens of hope for the present and future victims of the dread plague, tuberculosis—will be placed on sale in the shopping districts.

Bus housewives, confident of the good that the seal sales accomplish, have volunteered to put aside their holiday shopping, to take their turns at the booths that will be placed in the postoffice, the banks, the department stores and other locations where the shoppers may be readily served.

Mrs. Evelyn Rosenbloom, who is chairman of the campaign in La Grande, has invited the cooperation of the churches, and every parish is assisting in the sales. Mrs. Wayne Wade is directing the sale of seals throughout Union county.

TAMPERING IS CHARGED BY SANFORD

Grand Jury to Investigate Rhinelander Annuity Suit Trial

JUROR CLAIMS HE WAS "APPROACHED"

Justice Morschauer Hears of Attempts to Sway Verdict in Sensational Case.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Wyandot county's grand jury today received instructions to conduct an investigation into an alleged attempt to tamper with the jury which heard Leonard Kip Rhinelander's annuity suit against his mulatto wife, Alice Jones.

Frederick G. Sanford, a juror, in the trial, told Justice Morschauer that he had been approached by a certain Yonkers man who had broached the subject of the Rhinelander case.

Evoked Rhinelander.

"I gathered that he favored Rhinelander and was opposed to inter-racial marriages," Sanford told the judge, adding that he had been approached by other Yonkers residents during the trial but that he is able to give only one name definitely.

IMBLER WOMAN PASSES AWAY

IMBLER, Ore. (Special)—Eveline Campbell Page, a pioneer resident of Imbler, died at her home here December 1, 1925. She leaves, besides her widower, two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Martin and Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller, and one son, Thomas Page, all of Imbler.

The decedent was born December 11, 1856 and crossed the plains when four years old. Her mother passed on on route west.

Later she returned to Missouri and was married to Abner Page December 27, 1875. In 1884 they returned to Oregon where she had since made her home for the past 22 years of Imbler.

Mrs. Page was a kind neighbor and a good friend to all in the valley and the community, and was sympathetic to the bereaved family.

\$10,000 Necktie Lost At Vanderbilt Affair

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Tolin Clark, New York society woman, lost a \$10,000 necktie during a box at the home of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt on the afternoon of November 21, it was learned today.

Police notified other guests and servants and searched the house without finding the necktie. Detectives were also unable to find trace of the bowtie.

Mrs. Clark refuses to discuss the loss.

Christmas Gifts For Someone

Toys that are discarded or outgrown, furniture that is replaced by changed needs, clothes that cannot be worn out—there are an endless number of useful things in every home that are of no value where they are but of real value if properly placed.

A Want Ad telling of things you no longer want will find people who do want them and are willing to pay for them. An Observer Want Ad costs very little—yet it carries a sales message to over 12,000 people in the La Grande territory. Get some extra holiday money—place a Want Ad today. The returns are immediate.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

President Estimates the Coming Expenditures at \$3,896,207,291

INCREASE AMOUNTS TO \$160,083,326.00

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The expenditures of the federal government for the coming fiscal year were estimated today by President Coolidge at \$3,896,207,291, an increase of \$160,083,326 over the outlay for the current year.

The bulk of the increase goes to the postal service, which is operating under a new schedule of wages and rates, and to the veterans' bureau, to meet increasing requirements of the soldier bonus. The postoffice department alone is allowed \$103,808,118 more than during the present year. The veterans' bureau gets an increase of \$33,255,000.

Allocations for other agencies of the government show a number of lesser increases, balanced by about an equal number of decreases.

Aviation to Receive More

Maintenance of the army and navy at 1925 present inflated strength is contemplated under the estimates, but the aviation services are allotted somewhat larger funds for purchases of equipment.

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Prominent Lumber Man Dead at San Francisco

BERKELEY, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—C. A. Smith, 75, president of the Coon Bay Lumber company and one of the most prominent lumber men in the west, died today at his home here.

He came to San Francisco from Marshfield, Ore., in 1907. He was formerly head of the C. A. Smith Lumber company, and was engaged in the lumber trade in Minneapolis before coming to Oregon.

Men's Forum Members Enjoy Social Meeting

Thirty-nine members of the Men's Forum of the Methodist church enjoyed a delightful program on the occasion of their first social gathering for the year, last evening in the parlors of the church.

Chairman Dixon of the social committee presented several interesting numbers. Russell Nelson played two piano selections; Sherwood Williams sang two tenor solos and Paul Knatts sang two baritone solos.

Waldo Stoddard gave the principal talk of the evening, reviewing his recent trip to China. Mr. Stoddard's observations and conclusions proved profitable thought among those of the audience.

After these various musicians and speakers had completed their numbers, the forum adjourned to the dining room and partook of light refreshments. As a concluding episode, the men washed, dried and put away the dishes.

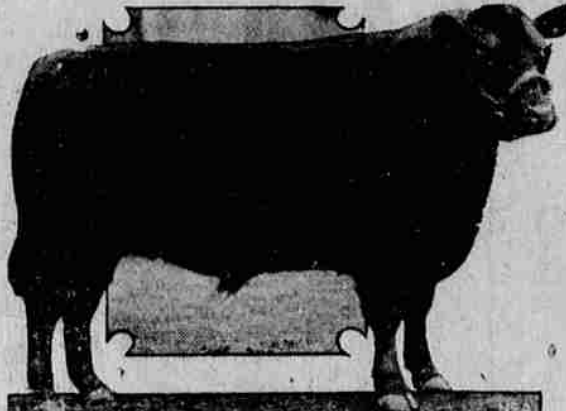
England and France To Study Problems

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—England and France today reached accord concerning the study of problems of mutual assistance in time of war in connection with preparation for an international disarmament conference.

After a secret meeting of the house of nations council, a French delegate announced that Foreign Minister Benes, Czecho-Slovakia, had been appointed to draft a formula covering the question which divided the French and Belgian.

The impression here is that England favors separation of study of land and naval disarmaments, keeping the road open for a possible second naval conference in Washington, while France continues to regard the problems as inseparable.

He Wins--But He Loses!



Mah Jong was champion steer of the International Live-stock exposition in Chicago. But at the conclusion of the show he was sold to Armour & Co., for the Biltmore hotel in New York—at a record price of \$3 a pound, a total of \$4680. This is the highest price ever paid for a champion steer. Mah Jong'll be eaten at a holiday banquet.

BILLY'S BOOK IS UNDER FIRE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—An effort by the prosecution to question the authorship of Colonel William Mitchell's book "Winged Defense" failed today before the Mitchell court martial.

Assistant Judge Advocate Gullion sought to bring the subject before the court through the testimony of Captain Hart, navy officer, and to prove that Mitchell "deliberately cribbed" some passages, but the court declined to open such a phase of the controversy.

The rifle "false in all" was agreed by Gullion, who asserted testimony should be received to "impeach the accused as a witness."

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Hunter Carries Victim 15 Miles To Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Accidentally shot during a quail hunt, Benjamin Acunera, Jr., of Ross, Marin county, was carried 15 miles on the shoulders of the man who is said to have fired the accidental shot and brought to the Ross general hospital with wounds which necessitated the removal of the right eye.

The man who is said to have fired the shot and who carried the wounded man over the rough country back of Point Reyes gave his name as H. Keil. After taking Acunera to the hospital Keil departed without identifying himself further.

WOMAN SLAIN; HUSBAND HELD

ALBENDEEN, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. James Chapman was slain in her room in the Albendeen hotel about 1 o'clock this morning. Her throat was cut, apparently with safety razor blades.

Mrs. Chapman's husband is being held pending an investigation. Chapman, an Indian, is being questioned today by the police. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have been arrested here several times in the past.

May Quarantine Oregon Because of Pine Disease

WASHINGTON (Special to The Observer)—Because of the appearance in Oregon of the white pine blister rust, a dangerous plant disease, the secretary of agriculture has given notice of a hearing to be held at Washington, January 8, in the office of the federal horticultural board. It is proposed to prohibit the movement from Oregon into other states and territories of all five-leafed pines, and currant and gooseberry plants, the latter being the intermediate host plants necessary in carrying the disease from one pine tree to another. It is expected that with state cooperation, it will be possible to limit the restrictions of the quarantine to the infected western portion of the state. All persons interested may appear and be heard either in person or by attorney at this hearing which will begin at 10 a. m.

Plant pathologists of the department of agriculture have discovered white pine blister rust on both wild and cultivated currants in Tillamook and Clatsop counties, Oregon, which brings the rust infection within 175 miles of the northern edge of the great sugar pine forests of Southern Oregon and Northern California. The disease already exists in the northeastern states and in the state of Washington. Quarantines have been established in the various affected states and active efforts have been made by federal and state authorities to delay the spread of the destructive rust. Systematic efforts at control consist largely in eliminating the cultivated black currant, a plant peculiarly susceptible to the disease and an active agent in its long-distance spread.

Eradication of all currant and gooseberry plants within a comparatively short radius of susceptible pines will give them adequate protection, a fact which has been demonstrated in the northeastern states where local control work has been carried on for several years. Once a pine tree is attacked, however, the disease continues until the tree is killed.

PRESIDENT FIGURES ON EXPANSION

Minimum Cost of Running Government Has Been Reached

MORE FUNDS WILL BE NEEDED SOON

Coolidge, However, Expects Surplus of \$262,041,756 at End of Present Fiscal Year.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge informed congress in his annual budget message today that the minimum cost of running the government had been about reached, and that the normal expansion of a growing nation would henceforth involve added expenditure to keep the government machinery in motion.

The budget estimates, transmitted with the message, reflected the continuing effort at economy. Coolidge said, adding that on the basis of the calculations a surplus of \$320,370,000 was indicated for the fiscal year 1927. He expects a surplus of \$262,041,756 for the year ending next June 30 although a year ago it was estimated that the surplus this year would exceed \$373,000,000.

The executive made a formal recommendation for reduction of the taxes, suggested a necessity for keeping the airplane industry alive, as well as replenishing and refitting government air service equipment and developing an "orderly policy" in the air; and declared that "every available resource of the government will be employed in prohibition enforcement." He thought the total estimates of \$12,417,000 for the combined air forces should accomplish the ends sought.

Concerning the tax bill, already drawn by the house ways and means committee, the president said it had gone somewhat further than his judgment dictated with respect to amounts and exemptions but he praised the non-partisan character of the work done and urged that the same spirit be carried over.

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