

# Local News In Brief

## COMING EVENTS

June 8, 9, 10—Union Live-stock show at Union, Ore.  
July 21, 22, 23—State American Legion convention in La Grande.

October (definite date not decided yet)—Oregon Parent-Teacher association convention here.

## St. Anthony Visitors

Mrs. George Bagshaw is a new arrival at the Foley hotel from St. Anthony, Idaho.

## Montgomery Visitors

H. M. Alley is a visitor from Montgomery this week and is staying at the Foley.

## Visiting

Mrs. Ed. Biveland is visiting at high Valley this week. She plans to be home Friday.

## From Portland

H. E. Everett, Portland, is in La Grande on business. He is staying at the Foley hotel.

## Moro Visitors

H. R. Stephenson was a visitor at La Grande yesterday from Moro, Ore.

## Idaho Visitors

Mrs. A. H. Cross, St. Anthony, Idaho, is visiting in the city for a few days and is registered at the Foley hotel.

## Home to Pendleton

Charles Whitney and wife moved to Pendleton today to make their home. Mr. Whitney was formerly employed by the O. W. company.

## Waltows Visitors

Lyle Ward can among the Waltows visitors in La Grande yesterday. He is stopping at the Sommer hotel.

## To Give Dance

The O. W. athletic club will give a dance at Legion hall tonight. Paul Craver's orchestra will furnish the music.

## Able to be Up

Harley Smith is able to be up after being confined to his bed for a week at his home on Second street.

## Go to Nampa

H. J. Plouff and wife and Russell Plouff and wife, who have been visiting at the Sommer hotel for the past several days, have returned to Nampa.

## Left for Portland

Mr. Butler and son, Charles, left for Portland last evening on train No. 25 where they will visit for several days.

## Daughter Arrives

A baby girl, weighing seven and a quarter pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clement Wallace at the Grande Ronde hospital Sunday night.

## Here From California

Mrs. Frank Birch, of San Francisco, is here on a business and pleasure trip. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jerry Kinnell.

## Takes Vacation

Henry J. Moser, Associated Press operator in the Observer office, is taking a two-week vacation. C. V. Williams of Yakima, is taking his place during his absence.

## At Summer

Warren Butler and wife and son, Ross W. Butler, left for Washington, D. C., after visiting in the city a few days. They made their home at the Sommer while here.

## Passed Through City

Halpeth Strong passed through the city this morning on train No. 17 for Tuleburg where he was called home on account of the illness of his mother.

## At Brother

Mrs. Mabel Robbins and son, Philip, from Milton, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Williams, south of town. Mrs. Robbins is a health care after a recent operation. Mrs. Robbins is now visiting at the home of Mrs. Simpson Williams.

## O. T. Authorized To Get Rights of Way to Klamath

PORTLAND, May 17. (AP)—The Oregon Trunk has been authorized by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, its joint owners, to proceed with the acquisition of rights of way needed for the bend to Klamath Falls extension, and where necessary to institute condemnation proceedings.

This was effected by exchange of telegrams between President Ralph Budd, of the Great Northern, who was here yesterday, and President Charles D. Bailey, of the Northern Pacific, at St. Paul. No further evidence of cooperation by the Northern Pacific in the Oregon Trunk extension had been received here this morning, but Great Northern officials were prepared to protect the Oregon Trunk in anything undertaken towards the extension.

Concerned About R. P. President Budd, before leaving here last night expressed concern over what he believed was an effort of the Oregon, California and Eastern, the Strathorn line, to keep certain strategic streets in Klamath Falls needed for entry into the city and for reaching industries there. He indicated that his company would oppose, at a hearing before the council at Klamath Falls Thursday, the granting of exclusive rights through the Strathorn line.

"There are six ways we could get to Klamath Falls," he said, "but comparatively few routes remain for serving established industries in Klamath Falls."

## Longview Suffers Damage From Storm

LONGVIEW, May 17. (AP)—A wind storm did minor damage here between 10 p. m. last night and 11 a. m. this morning. Several plate glass window panes were blown in, and store awnings were blown down.

There were reported over roads in several instances. Telephone lines suffered minor damage. Several other on valley farms were wrecked.

The Columbia river rose 2.5 feet today, the highest of the season, a rise of 3 feet, the last 24 hours. The Columbia continued slight rise here.

## Speaks Against Recognizing Russia

INDIANAPOLIS, May 17. (AP)—William Graham, president of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement today reiterating opposition to recognition of Soviet Russia voiced by recent convention of the organization.

The statement was based on the recent session of the executive council of the federation and meeting here with Alexander Kerensky, leader of the counter-revolution of 1917 and former premier of Russia.

## T. B. Association Chief In Capital

WASHINGTON, May 17. (AP)—Mrs. Babbie Orr, president of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, is conferring here with Indian bureau officials regarding health problem of the Oregon Indians.

She is stopping over on route to Indianapolis to attend the annual meeting of the national tuberculosis association.

## S. D. Legion Leader Against Pensions

TOLEDO, May 17. (AP)—Royal C. Johnson, of South Dakota, chairman of the American Legion's congressional committee on legion affairs, was on record today as opposing in behalf of the legion any attempt to obtain pensions for world war veterans at this time.

Speaking last night at a meeting here of the northwest Ohio district of the legion, he said that the legion's attitude would be one of resistance against pensions for the present.

While the legion believes in service of every kind to disabled veterans, Mr. Johnson said the time had not come for pensions for others.

## Sir Esme Howard In Oregon Today

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17. (AP)—Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador, who arrived here last night on a tour of the west, was guest of the city today at a luncheon while his wife, Lady Isabella, was taken on a trip over the Columbia river highway.

Tomorrow the ambassador will be guest at another luncheon and his wife will be entertained at a reception. They will be guests tomorrow night of British societies at the annual Empire day celebration here, and will leave later for Seattle.

## Russia Protests Raid in London

MOSCOW, May 17. (AP)—A note from the Soviet government protesting against the raid on Soviet bonds in London, was handed to the British charge d'affaires here today by Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet acting foreign minister.

## COMMISSIONS MEET

PORTLAND, May 17. (AP)—The Oregon public service commission and the Washington commission of public works met informally here today to discuss matters which the two commissions plan to handle jointly.

The Oregon commission members included Judge John C. Deane, director; J. Ben Moore, supervisor of utilities; James P. Scott, supervisor of transportation; H. C. Hinkle, assistant attorney general; Wellington Burns, chief engineer; and E. Harper Crawford, assistant engineer.

## NO BUILDING THIS YEAR

TAMPA, May 17. (AP)—The Westshore Times, a newspaper which has announced that it will acquire a mill at Klamath Falls when the Oregon Trunk enters the Klamath basin will undertake no building operations there until next year in any event. This was given out here today by W. L. H. Coffey, secretary of the company.

## COOLIDGE TO SPEAK TONIGHT TO U. S. MEDICS

WASHINGTON, May 17. (AP)—Coolidge made up one of the principal points of discussion today before the House of delegates of the American Medical Association which voted to ask congress for a law to restrain manufacturers of poisons and lipstick from using harmful ingredients.

Another resolution asked the repeal of an amendment to the Harrison act, which excludes the importation of raw opium into the United States.

Formal sessions of the convention were to be opened tonight with an address of President Coolidge.

Arrangements have been made to broadcast the speech from station WMAL. The president likely will begin speaking at 7 o'clock eastern standard time.

## Jealousy Cause Of Murder, Suicide

SACRAMENTO, May 17. (AP)—Jealousy is believed to have been responsible for R. H. Boatman, Berthoud, Colo., police officer, slaying his wife in an apartment house here last night and then committing suicide.

The jealousy theory was advanced by Raymond Wells, son of Mrs. Boatman, who lives in North Sacramento. Wells and his mother and stepfather had married about two years ago and since that time there had been considerable domestic difficulty due to Boatman's intense jealousy of his wife.

The Boatmans rented an apartment here two days ago. Last night neighbors report they heard Mrs. Boatman scream "don't do that."

"She was followed by two shots a pause, and another shot. Police officers called to investigate, found the couple dead on the floor."

## Odd Fellows Of State In Astoria

ASTORIA, May 17. (AP)—With nearly 300 delegates present, the annual convention of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Oregon were in session here today.

Mrs. Betty Jones Gattie, of Grants Pass, was elected president of the conference.

Mrs. Babbie Orr, president of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, was elected adjutant to succeed Mrs. Burke.

## De Pinedo Flying Over New York

WILSON, N. Y., May 17. (AP)—Commander Francisco de Pinedo, Italian four-engine biplane, flew over this village at 4:30 p. m. eastern daylight time, today on his way from Chicago to Montreal. The plane was flying in a southeasterly direction, toward Lake Ontario. Wilson is twelve miles east of the mouth of the Niagara river.

## DOUGLAS GETS CHECK

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Douglas county today received a check for \$1,471,640.66 from the federal government in payment for the 1916-25 tax refund on the Oregon and California land grant. This is the largest check received by any of the counties of Oregon but is \$52,837.76 less than that of the federal figures showing a difference of that amount.

## MISS REID AHEAD

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Miss Wava Reid, popular Rosburg girl, headed into the lead today in the queen's contest for the annual strawberry carnival to be held in this city next week. Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. The two closest contestants who are seeking the high honors, are Miss Mona Porter and Miss Audrey Harvey.

## ARCADÉ

TODAY And WEDNESDAY

She'll dance with you at so much per dance

THE TAXI DANCER

With JOAN CRAWFORD OWEN MOORE

THURSDAY EDDIE CANTOR

"Special Delivery"

Peaches Plumbers

NO BUILDING THIS YEAR

TAMPA, May 17. (AP)—The Westshore Times, a newspaper which has announced that it will acquire a mill at Klamath Falls when the Oregon Trunk enters the Klamath basin will undertake no building operations there until next year in any event. This was given out here today by W. L. H. Coffey, secretary of the company.

## Congregational Church Pastor Faces Libel Suit

WASHINGTON, May 17. (AP)—The Rev. Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, widely known as pastor of the First Congregational church, which is attended by President and Mrs. Coolidge, has become the defendant in a \$50,000 libel suit growing out of letters written to the shipping board about Howard T. Cole, an engineer of the board.

Cole's attorneys have filed a complaint with the District of Columbia supreme court, attaching to it copies of two letters they said Dr. Pierce had sent to H. G. Gen. A. C. Dalton, in charge of the board's ship operations, demanding that Cole be dismissed, and containing charges reflecting on Cole's private life.

The attorneys characterized these assertions as false and malicious and designed to blast his reputation.

## WINS JUDGMENT OF \$4,000.00 FOR IMPRISONMENT

SALEM, May 17. (AP)—A judgment of \$4,000 granted in the circuit court for Multnomah county to Earl Allen and against the William J. Burns International Detective agency is allowed to stand by all today. The opinion, written by Justice Bell, affirms Judge J. U. Campbell of the lower court.

The judgment was for false imprisonment. On a second cause of action for malicious prosecution the verdict was for the detective agency.

The action was developed from a forgery case. A check purported to have been signed by Charles Meeke was drawn on the Hartman and Thompson bank of Portland, payable to R. Allens. It was cashed by S. M. Barringer. The bank pronounced it a forgery and referred it to the Burns agency. After Barringer had furnished a description of the man who had passed the check the defendant was arrested in a logging camp near Clifton, Yamhill county. Barringer, also a defendant, was cleared in the lower court.

## WAR VETERAN EXECUTED AT SALEM TODAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Sixteen minutes later he was pronounced dead by Dr. L. L. Edwards, prison physician. Dr. W. H. Mott, also of Salem and Dr. E. V. Morrow, of Portland, Resident the two Lane county officials and newspapermen, Sheriff Cook, of Pendleton and Sheriff Broadhead, of La Grande, witnessed the execution in addition to prison officials and a small group of invited witnesses.

Brownlee was not a stranger at the penitentiary as he was first received April 28, 1922, from Ben Chuteau county, under an 8-year sentence for a statutory crime. He escaped May 4, 1923, and was returned to the prison on May 15, 1924, after serving three years of his term and was received for the last time April 4, 1927, under sentence of death.

## Coolidge Rebukes Newspaper, Rumor

WASHINGTON, May 17. (AP)—An extra decree of civility was added today to the silence of the white house on the subject of President Coolidge's intentions toward 1928.

In recent weeks a number of newspapers have prominently announced that repeated questions as to the president's candidacy for reelection had been ignored at the white house newspaper conference.

Without direct reference to these stories, it was announced today that Mr. Coolidge does not think it proper for newspapers to say that such and such questions have been asked of him, and have gone unanswered.

## De Pinedo Flying Over New York

WILSON, N. Y., May 17. (AP)—Commander Francisco de Pinedo, Italian four-engine biplane, flew over this village at 4:30 p. m. eastern daylight time, today on his way from Chicago to Montreal. The plane was flying in a southeasterly direction, toward Lake Ontario. Wilson is twelve miles east of the mouth of the Niagara river.

## DOUGLAS GETS CHECK

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Douglas county today received a check for \$1,471,640.66 from the federal government in payment for the 1916-25 tax refund on the Oregon and California land grant. This is the largest check received by any of the counties of Oregon but is \$52,837.76 less than that of the federal figures showing a difference of that amount.

## MISS REID AHEAD

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Miss Wava Reid, popular Rosburg girl, headed into the lead today in the queen's contest for the annual strawberry carnival to be held in this city next week. Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. The two closest contestants who are seeking the high honors, are Miss Mona Porter and Miss Audrey Harvey.

## ARCADÉ

TODAY And WEDNESDAY

She'll dance with you at so much per dance

THE TAXI DANCER

With JOAN CRAWFORD OWEN MOORE

THURSDAY EDDIE CANTOR

"Special Delivery"

Peaches Plumbers

NO BUILDING THIS YEAR

TAMPA, May 17. (AP)—The Westshore Times, a newspaper which has announced that it will acquire a mill at Klamath Falls when the Oregon Trunk enters the Klamath basin will undertake no building operations there until next year in any event. This was given out here today by W. L. H. Coffey, secretary of the company.

## WINS JUDGMENT OF \$4,000.00 FOR IMPRISONMENT

SALEM, May 17. (AP)—A judgment of \$4,000 granted in the circuit court for Multnomah county to Earl Allen and against the William J. Burns International Detective agency is allowed to stand by all today. The opinion, written by Justice Bell, affirms Judge J. U. Campbell of the lower court.

The judgment was for false imprisonment. On a second cause of action for malicious prosecution the verdict was for the detective agency.

The action was developed from a forgery case. A check purported to have been signed by Charles Meeke was drawn on the Hartman and Thompson bank of Portland, payable to R. Allens. It was cashed by S. M. Barringer. The bank pronounced it a forgery and referred it to the Burns agency. After Barringer had furnished a description of the man who had passed the check the defendant was arrested in a logging camp near Clifton, Yamhill county. Barringer, also a defendant, was cleared in the lower court.

## WAR VETERAN EXECUTED AT SALEM TODAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Sixteen minutes later he was pronounced dead by Dr. L. L. Edwards, prison physician. Dr. W. H. Mott, also of Salem and Dr. E. V. Morrow, of Portland, Resident the two Lane county officials and newspapermen, Sheriff Cook, of Pendleton and Sheriff Broadhead, of La Grande, witnessed the execution in addition to prison officials and a small group of invited witnesses.

Brownlee was not a stranger at the penitentiary as he was first received April 28, 1922, from Ben Chuteau county, under an 8-year sentence for a statutory crime. He escaped May 4, 1923, and was returned to the prison on May 15, 1924, after serving three years of his term and was received for the last time April 4, 1927, under sentence of death.

## Coolidge Rebukes Newspaper, Rumor

WASHINGTON, May 17. (AP)—An extra decree of civility was added today to the silence of the white house on the subject of President Coolidge's intentions toward 1928.

In recent weeks a number of newspapers have prominently announced that repeated questions as to the president's candidacy for reelection had been ignored at the white house newspaper conference.

Without direct reference to these stories, it was announced today that Mr. Coolidge does not think it proper for newspapers to say that such and such questions have been asked of him, and have gone unanswered.

## De Pinedo Flying Over New York

WILSON, N. Y., May 17. (AP)—Commander Francisco de Pinedo, Italian four-engine biplane, flew over this village at 4:30 p. m. eastern daylight time, today on his way from Chicago to Montreal. The plane was flying in a southeasterly direction, toward Lake Ontario. Wilson is twelve miles east of the mouth of the Niagara river.

## DOUGLAS GETS CHECK

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Douglas county today received a check for \$1,471,640.66 from the federal government in payment for the 1916-25 tax refund on the Oregon and California land grant. This is the largest check received by any of the counties of Oregon but is \$52,837.76 less than that of the federal figures showing a difference of that amount.

## MISS REID AHEAD

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Miss Wava Reid, popular Rosburg girl, headed into the lead today in the queen's contest for the annual strawberry carnival to be held in this city next week. Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. The two closest contestants who are seeking the high honors, are Miss Mona Porter and Miss Audrey Harvey.

## ARCADÉ

TODAY And WEDNESDAY

She'll dance with you at so much per dance

THE TAXI DANCER

With JOAN CRAWFORD OWEN MOORE

THURSDAY EDDIE CANTOR

"Special Delivery"

Peaches Plumbers

NO BUILDING THIS YEAR

TAMPA, May 17. (AP)—The Westshore Times, a newspaper which has announced that it will acquire a mill at Klamath Falls when the Oregon Trunk enters the Klamath basin will undertake no building operations there until next year in any event. This was given out here today by W. L. H. Coffey, secretary of the company.

## WAR VETERAN EXECUTED AT SALEM TODAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Sixteen minutes later he was pronounced dead by Dr. L. L. Edwards, prison physician. Dr. W. H. Mott, also of Salem and Dr. E. V. Morrow, of Portland, Resident the two Lane county officials and newspapermen, Sheriff Cook, of Pendleton and Sheriff Broadhead, of La Grande, witnessed the execution in addition to prison officials and a small group of invited witnesses.

Brownlee was not a stranger at the penitentiary as he was first received April 28, 1922, from Ben Chuteau county, under an 8-year sentence for a statutory crime. He escaped May 4, 1923, and was returned to the prison on May 15, 1924, after serving three years of his term and was received for the last time April 4, 1927, under sentence of death.

## Coolidge Rebukes Newspaper, Rumor

WASHINGTON, May 17. (AP)—An extra decree of civility was added today to the silence of the white house on the subject of President Coolidge's intentions toward 1928.

In recent weeks a number of newspapers have prominently announced that repeated questions as to the president's candidacy for reelection had been ignored at the white house newspaper conference.

Without direct reference to these stories, it was announced today that Mr. Coolidge does not think it proper for newspapers to say that such and such questions have been asked of him, and have gone unanswered.

## De Pinedo Flying Over New York

WILSON, N. Y., May 17. (AP)—Commander Francisco de Pinedo, Italian four-engine biplane, flew over this village at 4:30 p. m. eastern daylight time, today on his way from Chicago to Montreal. The plane was flying in a southeasterly direction, toward Lake Ontario. Wilson is twelve miles east of the mouth of the Niagara river.

## DOUGLAS GETS CHECK

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Douglas county today received a check for \$1,471,640.66 from the federal government in payment for the 1916-25 tax refund on the Oregon and California land grant. This is the largest check received by any of the counties of Oregon but is \$52,837.76 less than that of the federal figures showing a difference of that amount.

## MISS REID AHEAD

ROSBURG, May 17. (AP)—Miss Wava Reid, popular Rosburg girl, headed into the lead today in the queen's contest for the annual strawberry carnival to be held in this city next week. Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. The two closest contestants who are seeking the high honors, are Miss Mona Porter and Miss Audrey Harvey.

## ARCADÉ

TODAY And WEDNESDAY

She'll dance with you at so much per dance

THE TAXI DANCER

With JOAN CRAWFORD OWEN MOORE

THURSDAY EDDIE CANTOR

"Special Delivery"

Peaches Plumbers

NO BUILDING THIS YEAR

TAMPA, May 17. (AP)—The Westshore Times, a newspaper which has announced that it will acquire a mill at Klamath Falls when the Oregon Trunk enters the Klamath basin will undertake no building operations there until next year in any event. This was given out here today by W. L. H. Coffey, secretary of the company.

56 STORES  
**C. J. Breier Co.**  
IN THE WEST  
11