

Local News In Brief

Here From Baker—C. C. Mosley, of Baker, spent today in this city, coming here this morning on train No. 17.
Here From Portland—C. G. Huber, of Portland, who is with the Oregon Life Insurance company, arrived here yesterday and will transact business in this city. Mr. Huber stops at the Foley.
Here From Pendleton—Mr. and Mrs. H. Flock, of Pendleton, are in this city today. They registered at the Foley.
Stop at Soumer—Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe, of Elgin, are guests at the Soumer hotel today.
Here From Elgin—Senator H. H. Weatherston, of Elgin, is a visitor in La Grande today. Mr. Weatherston is at the Foley.
Here From Palouse—Mr. and Mrs. G. Linden, of Palouse, Wash., are visiting in this city for a short time.
Spent Day in Walla Walla—Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Siegrist and children, Adolph Jr. and Sally, spent Sunday in Walla Walla, where Adolph is receiving fine lessons at the Whitman conservatory. They made the trip by car.
Here From Baker—G. M. Ryder, of Baker, is a business visitor here today. Mr. Ryder is registered at the La Grande. He is a member of the Ryder Brothers Printing company of Baker.
Here From Portland—L. A. Wells, of Portland, is in this city for a few days on business. Mr. Wells is from the Home Insurance company, which is represented by the Union Mortgage and Investment company here.
Goes to Enterprise—Clint Haynes, police chief of La Grande, went to Enterprise today for a conference with S. H. Butleigh, of Enterprise. Mr. Haynes is president and Mr. Burleigh is secretary of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers Co-Operative association.
Transferred—Alonzo Dunn, state traffic officer, has been transferred to the Pendleton district from Tillamook, filling the temporary vacancy resulting from Buck Leuallen's trip to Los Angeles.
Applying Paint at Store—The N. K. West department store interior is receiving a coat of paint and katectone this week. The ceiling, walls and pillars throughout the department store are being re-finished. The same color, light grey, is being used.
Lecton, Auxiliary Meeting—The La Grande Auxiliary Legion met at 8 o'clock this evening at the K. of E. hall in monthly session. The lecton auxiliary will meet at the same hour in Roman hall. Afterwards the two organizations will join for a social evening.
Civil Service Exams—It is announced locally that U. S. civil service commission competitive examinations will be held soon for junior stenographer and junior typist, paying a yearly salary of \$1320 and \$1410, respectively. Receipt of applications for these two will close Jan. 2. Examinations will also be held for forest and field clerk, paying from \$1,550 to \$2,040 and senior forest and field clerk, paying from \$1,850 to \$2,400, but the receipt of applications for those last two will close on Feb. 29. Further information may be obtained from C. E. Mosley, at the La Grande post office.
Here Yesterday—H. C. Flower, chairman of the board, L. W. Hall, president, and D. B. Martin, manager of the local department of the Fidelity National Bank and Trust company of Kansas City, Mo., were in La Grande yesterday. The three men are making a tour of the Pacific coast to become acquainted with business conditions. They visited the various lumber mills in this section and spent a part of yesterday with H. J. Campbell, of Enterprise, of the East Oregon Lumber company. Mr. Campbell accompanied them to La Grande last night and they left on last night's train for Kansas City. Mr. Campbell returned home to Enterprise this morning.
Anti-War Paper May Be Signed On Next Monday

Franchise Given 'Phone Company By This County

An order was signed renewing the Home Independent Telephone company's franchise on all county roads for 40 years this morning when the county court met for the first day of its regular two-day session at the court house. Judge U. G. Couch and both county commissioners, W. W. Stevens and W. R. Ledbetter, were present. The franchise gives the telephone company the privilege to set telephone poles along the county roads. A similar franchise on state highways has also been granted by the state highway commission.
Colon H. Eberhard appeared before the court representing the telephone company and asked that the order be signed. A 30-year franchise will expire this year. The rest of this morning and most of this afternoon will be spent in allowing for the regular monthly bills by the court.

Russia Denies Closing Coasts Of Theodosia

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Russian foreign office said today that reports from Constantinople that the soviet government is closing the coasts of Theodosia, at the mouth of the Azov and Black Seas to foreign navigation are completely unfounded. Any reports of peasants' uprisings are pure fiction, it was added, and the Crimean ports were maintaining as usual adequate defenses.
CONSTANTINOPOLE, Feb. 1 (AP)—The British embassy here today confirmed receipt from London of an official message to warn British ships that the Crimean port of Theodosia had been closed with mines. The British authorities have requested the Turkish harbor officials to transmit a warning to British ships now in transit on the Black sea.

FARMER GETS BENEFIT OF GRAIN TARIFF

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The Texan estimated that these leaders had been disloyal to legislation in the interest of the farmer. He mentioned Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa, as a "renegade leader of the farm bloc," and said that he and others had "deserted the ship" after threatening for years to force a downward revision of the tariff unless adequate farm relief legislation were enacted.
At the time, Charles S. Weller, chairman of the agriculture equality committee of the South Dakota legislature was testifying in favor of the McNary-Haugen bill with its equalization fee. He acknowledged that house members representing farm districts had opposed the McMaster resolution even though it was immediately placed agriculture on a basis of tariff equality with other industries, and said he regretted the farm relief.
"Think they disappointed a great many of the people in the midwest," he added.
Representative Kincheloc, democrat, Kentucky joined Jones in the attack, declaring those members who had been threatening an assault on the protective tariff for seven years, unless farm relief were provided had their opportunity when the McMaster resolution was up but they failed to take advantage of it.
"We stand for an unemasculated McNary-Haugen bill," Weller said in referring to suggestions that the present bill be passed minus the equalization fee. He added that he represented about 685,000 farming people of South Dakota who believe that "special privilege," to industries other than agriculture should be done away with.
"We are sold on the equalization fee," he continued, "and feel that it is the only thing that promises to give the farmer a look in."
He favored the McMaster resolution.

HICKMAN, WELBY HUNT TRIAL WILL BE HELD FEB. 15

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depositions, his attorneys disclosed, was that of James Parker, Kansas city butcher, who testified that the youth who calmly confessed to the brutal murder of Marian Parker, quit his job in the butcher shop after refusing to kill a chicken for a customer. One of the first witnesses to take the stand in the court room here in support of the youth's insanity plea, his attorneys said, would be his mother, Mrs. Eva Hickman of Kansas City. Defense counsel said she would take the stand probably late today, and tell of her mental condition just before Hickman was born, 20 years ago today.
It was the mental status of this mother and her boy upon which the testimony in yesterday's depositions centered.
A doctor, the superintendent of the state hospital where Mrs. Hickman was committed after a suicide attempt, described her as a woman of "ordinary intelligence" but suffered from "simple depression." He believed her quite capable of distinguishing between right and wrong—a mark of sanity under California laws. The deposition testimony of school mates of young Hickman at the time he attended high school in Kansas City pictured him as a superior student "disappointed in oratorical ambitions and in love."
A brilliant student, physically immature and belonging to the superior group," was the description of Hickman in his school days given by Otto Duback, principal of the central high school in Kansas City.
A defiant youth, a boy changed in a few years, was the picture painted by J. L. Langhlo, vice principal of the school, as he knew the young criminal in August last year. That was shortly after he had been arrested and paroled in connection with Los Angeles check forgeries.
Father to Testify
Hickman's father, William Thomas Hickman, of El Paso, according to defense plans also will take the witness stand. The attorney for his son said the elder Hickman, accused in some of the depositions, "would tell about the events of his early married life."
A confession made by Hickman shortly after his capture in Oregon, and his return here resulted in his indictment with Welby Hunt for the murder of the druggist. He must appear today to face this indictment.

Penney Company Will Open Store 1000 in Beloit

Mr. Hunt, manager of the local J. C. Penney company has announced that store number one thousand will be opened in Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, about April first.
The J. C. Penney company has purchased the stock and good-will of W. J. Keyes, local clothing and shoe merchant. It was in Mr. Keyes's store that Mr. Sams, the president of the company, as well as several of the other executives and managers, received their early occupational experience.
Out of friendship for Mr. Keyes, the J. C. Penney company has refrained from opening a competing store in Beloit, according to Mr. Hunt. When Mr. Keyes recently expressed a wish to retire, however, the company offered to buy his stock and dispose of it, and then open under their own name in a nearby location. The lease has been signed, and the store building is now in operation and will be completed in time for the opening in the early part of April.
Mr. E. C. Sams, the president of the J. C. Penney company, was born in Simpson, about 12 miles from Beloit. After finishing grade school in Simpson, he attended high school in Beloit, and after school hours, Mr. Sams worked behind the counter in the Keyes store.
Mr. J. C. Penney had, at this time, established the mother store in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and was, besides, operating two other stores in Rock Springs, Wyoming. He while there he accepted the position, and then returned to his home in Simpson where he resumed the management of the Sams store. In 1907, he moved to Kemmerer with his family and this started his career with the J. C. Penney company, at the age of twenty-three.

Dr. Hall to Speak At Rotary Meeting

The opening address of the 1928 District Rotary conference will be made by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, according to announcements from the district governor's office in Seattle.
The 1928 conference will be held in Seattle, April 22 to 25. Tentative programs have been made up at this time. The formal opening of the conference will take place on Monday, April 23, but Rotarians will gather for the annual conference on the Sunday preceding, with the opening meeting scheduled for 7:30 Sunday evening. Dr. Hall will speak at this time, addressing and welcoming the entire attendance.

Kills Wife And Two Sons in Fit Of Despondency

FARMINGDALE, N. Y., Feb. 1 (AP)—Despondent because of all health Claude H. Priddy, 45, today killed his wife and two sons, 19 and 13, with an axe. Arrested in his home a few hours later, he wrote out a full confession on his portable typewriter, the police said.
"They are better off dead, he said, 'and as far as I am concerned, my punishment in this world will be as nothing compared to my punishment later.'

ACCUSATIONS TO GOVERNOR SENSATIONAL

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between the two of them and that the officials and attorney of the association were not to know. Arch (initially agreed that the total fee would be \$400, Yates claims.

MOUNT ISSUES DENIAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Answering accusations made by Charles Scott Yates of the Union Service association reflecting against the state corporation commission, the Portland better business bureau and the Undertakers' association, Robert Mount, manager of the better business bureau, displayed a letter to Gov. L. L. Patterson today in which he bitterly denounced Yates and made emphatic denial of charges "as they concern my office."
"Charges and insinuations made in Yates' letter insofar as myself and the better business bureau are concerned are absolutely untrue," Mount wrote. "I have never held conference with the Undertakers' association regarding the permit of the Union Service association. I have naturally been in contact with Mark McCullister, corporation commissioner, on this matter, since, from our investigation, we believe the Union Service association was founded on an unsound premise and is now being managed by Charles Scott Yates, who, we believe, is not of good business repute and who is not entitled to the privilege of handling funds obtained from the public. Mr. Yates has resorted to misrepresentations and discredit the corporation commission and the better business bureau."

HOOPER, LOWDEN BOOMS ADVANCING

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were the party's nominee for president.
A resolution to this effect was adopted here yesterday at the meeting of the republican central committee and a call was issued for a state convention here Feb. 29 to select four delegates to the republican national convention.

White House Horse Drawn Car Ousted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Progress finally has claimed the last of the White House horse drawn cars.
The coach which once conveyed distinguished visitors of the president and more recently used by Miss Riley and other White House housekeepers has been ordered to the army stables along with the faithful mare which hauled the cab around the city on buying expeditions. In their place is a late model of automobile.
Tom, the old negro coachman, who ceremoniously guided the car in which he took Miss Riley from market to store has laid away his high silk hat to engage in other duties.

JOHNSON MAKES CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Charges that conspiracy between railroad companies and coal operators was behind the suspension of activities in the bituminous coal fields were made in the senate today by Senator Johnson, republican, California.

OUTLINE PROGRAM FOR CONFERENCE

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drive for the organization of a complete cow testing association within the county and a study of methods of improving breeding of dairy cattle.
The committee generally expressed the belief that the dairy product can be improved, and expressed themselves as favoring the proposed ordinance, which may be passed by the city commission. This ordinance was discussed by Hubert Anderson, a member of the committee. That considerable progress can be made in improving the quality of butterfat throughout the county by better feeding methods and better methods of handling separators was expressed. The committee members decided to ask Dr. Pfy to speak in the dairy section on methods of producing high quality milk.
Advocates Cow Testing
C. P. Edvalson, one of the committee members, was a hearty advocate of a cow testing association. He is a member of the La Grande-Walla-walla association and has been testing cows for the past four years through this work and the Smith-Hughes work in the Union high school. He declared that testing was the only way to improve the quality of cows. T. B. Johnson declared that better breeding of dairy cattle in the county was the only satisfactory means of increasing the number of good cows, and stressed the importance of having purebred sires. He will give a report during the conference on the cost of raising calves with a discussion of whether it pays to feed out steers from a dairy herd for veal or beef.

Court Receives More Testimony Of Check Kiting

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Additional testimony relative to the operations of J. E. Wheeler, former president of the McCormick Lumber company in alleged check kiting between the Northwestern National bank and eastern banks, was related today by H. B. Gaskill, of Meadville, Pa., secretary of the Crawford City trust company.
Gaskill was one of the last witnesses to be called by the government against Wheeler and Emory Olmstead, former president of the Northwestern National bank, charged jointly with conspiracy to violate the national banking act. The government was expected to close its case today.
J. H. Kelly, cashier of the Forest County National bank, Tonesta, Pa., and C. T. Renecoter, secretary of the Brookville Title and Trust company, of Brookville, Pa., were witnesses late yesterday bringing out that Wheeler kept accounts in both those banks. It was explained that these banks bought trade acceptance from the McCormick Lumber company, and when credits were due they were placed to Wheeler's credit. Many checks which he drew on the banks were paid while others were returned to the Northwestern National bank marked "N. S. F."

Obituary

FRANK MARSHALL
WALLOWA, Ore., Feb. 1 (Special)—Funeral services for Frank Marshall were conducted at the M. E. church here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Marshall passed away suddenly Thursday night while being taken to Hot Lake for medical treatment. He was about 33 years of age and had been a resident of this community for a number of years, several years of which time he has been engaged in the taxi business in and about town. He was an excellent service man, having seen active service in France during the World War, where he was badly gassed and which has kept him in poor health since. Despite the fact that he has been unable to do hard work he has been active and able to care for himself and family in fine shape. During his residence here he made the acquaintance of a large number of people, and by his genial and accommodating personality won a large gathering of friends who were saddened by his passing.
The body was accompanied to the cemetery by a large group of ex-service men. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. G. H. Peese. He is survived by a widow and three small children, his mother, Mrs. Kattie Marshall, a sister Mrs. E. H. Sherod, of Middle Valley, also another sister, Mrs. Letha Parker, of La Grande, and a brother, Robert Marshall.

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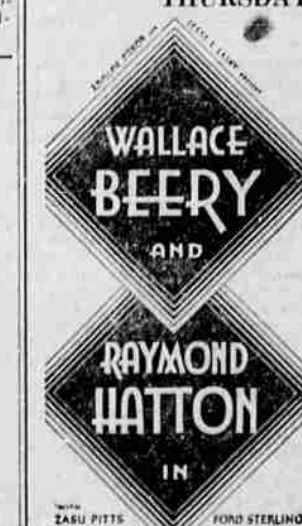
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HERE'S THE HIGHEST CANTILEVER BRIDGE IN THE WORLD, spanning the black canyon of Snake River, near Twin Falls, Idaho. The structure, dedicated this month, is 1400 feet long and is 476 feet from the water. It connects two rich agricultural districts.