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YOUNG GANG
OF BANDITS
BROKEN UP

Three Sentenced to Penitentiary and Four to Reform School

TWO OTHERS WILL
FACE THE JUDGE

Officers Say That Greater Share of Robberies, Car Thefts Have Been Traced to Group

Earl Deboise and Brady Hannecke were found guilty about 2 o'clock this afternoon before County Judge U. G. Couch. Sentence was suspended and the case continued on condition that they go straight and report to the police chief at regular intervals until further court orders.

La Grande peace officers are expecting a period of comparative quiet in this city, following the breaking up of a band of young bandits, ranging in age from 15 to 24 years. They declare that the greater share of car thefts, robberies and holdups during the last year have been the result of activities of the youthful law-breakers.

John Richard Byng and Ben Robbins, who robbed Francis Greulich of more than \$500 a couple of days ago, were the first to go although they have not been identified as belonging to the gang that has been in trouble more or less continuously. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles gave Byng and Robbins the maximum sentence without limitation.

Mason Gets 10 Years
Then, Julian Mason, who was alleged to have taken part in holding up P. J. Lilly several days ago, was brought before the judge on a charge of car theft and stealing from cars, and was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

The others, all too young for the penitentiary, were taken before County Judge U. G. Couch, who sentenced Gene McClain, Jim Mutschler, Mackie Stewart and Lester Stehman to the state reformatory. Two other boys, Earl Deboise and Brady Hannecke, were to appear before the judge this afternoon. Hannecke is charged with robbery in D. Spencer's house, according to District Attorney Carl Helms.

Second Offense
The four boys sentenced to the reformatory were taken before Judge Couch several weeks ago, when they were arrested for car thefts and robberies, and were sentenced and paroled. Within a short time, they returned to their unlawful operations and again ran afoul of the law.

OFFICERS TO
MEET JAN. 21
IN BAKER, ORE.

The Eastern Oregon Peace Officers Co-Operative association will hold its first 1929 session on Monday, Jan. 21, in Baker, it was announced today by Police Chief Clint Haynes, president of the organization.

Further details in reference to the program will be announced later. Election of officers will be one of the chief business matters to be taken care of.

Exalted Ruler of
Oregon Is Visitor

More than 100 members of the La Grande Elks' lodge met last night at the local temple for the official visit of the grand exalted ruler, Frank J. Loneran, of Portland, and for the initiation of two candidates.

Mr. Loneran talked on the subjects of patriotism and fraternalism.

Mr. Murray, of Baker, a member of the lodge, was a guest of the local order.

GALES CAUSE 150 DEATHS
LONDON, Jan. 4 (AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Tokyo today said that the death toll of gales and tidal waves in the Nigata area had reached 150.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—28 above.
Minimum: 25 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 27, minimum 20 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER JAN. 4, 1929
Maximum 49, minimum 24 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Two Measures To
Be Voted On At
School Election

1929 Budget and Six Per Cent Limitation Questions on Ballot; Request Is Explained

The annual election in school district No. 1, which is the La Grande district, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 8, according to announcement today. The balloting will take place from 2 to 7 o'clock in the afternoon at the Central and Greenwood grade schools.

There are two measures to vote, one asking that a tax of \$150,777.66, which exceeds by more than six per cent the special tax levied by the district for the preceding year, be levied, and the other on whether the budget shall be adopted.

It is necessary to increase the tax by more than six per cent for the following reasons, it was explained today:

1. Increased expense of operating the high school, by necessity of renting class rooms, cleaning, heating and lighting, due to the fire in the high school building last fall.

2. Necessity of improving the heating system of the high school and the Central school.

3. Cost of construction of additional class rooms in high school.

4. Slight depreciation loss in insurance settlement.

The budget had been prepared shortly before the fire took place but it was necessary to add an additional sum of \$15,000 to the total in order to take care of the emergency which confronted the district.

As originally prepared, the budget did not exceed the six per cent limitation but the addition of the \$15,000 brought the total to a point where it was necessary to ask for the right to levy a tax which exceeds by more than six per cent the tax levied last year.

Deputy Sheriff
Helms Resigns
To Be Salesman

Amos Helms, known by his many friends as "Spud", has resigned as deputy sheriff, effective Feb. 1 to accept a position as salesman with the Perkins Motor company, according to an announcement made by Mr. Helms today.

Sheriff Jesse Brethous has not as yet announced who will succeed him.

Mr. Helms, who has been a La Grande resident for the last six years, has been in charge of tax collections at the court house for the last four years, and also has assisted the sheriff several times in arrests, raids, etc. He has an excellent record in the sheriff's office. During the two years before becoming deputy sheriff, he was employed by the county roadmaster.

Mr. Helms, in addition to his official duties, is a baseball player, his natural position being shortstop although he has played second base at times. He has been identified with La Grande championship clubs during the last few years and one season won no less than a championship Central Oregon nine. During 1928 he finished the season near the top of the Blain Mountain league in hitting, leading the local club at different times.

All Arrangements
Made for Cantata

Final arrangements have been made by Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson, director of the Triad choir of the Presbyterian church for the musical program for Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Jr., contralto, a member of the mixed voice quartet, being unable to sing, the services of Mrs. Paul Pollman, of Baker, have been secured. She will sing the contralto parts in the quartet and also contribute a solo number.

The quartet is composed of Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson, soprano; Mrs. Pollman, contralto; Ernest E. Hurley, tenor, and E. D. Towler, bass. L. J. Lindsay, violinist, will assist. Mrs. Harley H. Richardson will preside at the organ console. The Ladies' Triad choir will present the beautiful cantata "Bethlehem" by Paul Bliss.

Legion Balloon
Dance Is Tonight

The American Legion balloon dance is to take place tonight at the Sorajawa Inn ballroom. The public is invited to attend the affair, which legion members say is one of the biggest of the functions sponsored by them during the season. Balloons inflated with hydrogen gas—hundreds of them, will be distributed to the guests. The balloons will be in the air against the ceiling waiting for the guests when they arrive, it is announced.

COMMISSION
REAPPOINTS
2 OFFICERS

Dr. C. S. Moore Continued As County Physician, Health Secretary

S. B. MORGAN AGAIN
NAMED ENGINEER

County Executives Plan for Road Improvement; Jury List of 400 Names Prepared

At the sessions of the Union county court yesterday afternoon and this morning appointment of county officials was made, road improvements were indicated and the jury list for 1929 was selected.

Dr. C. S. Moore, of La Grande, was reappointed to the positions of county physician and secretary of the county board of health. S. B. Morgan was reappointed county engineer, and the contract for examining the 1928 county records was let to J. W. Witherell, of Pendleton.

The contract for lineum for the Union county court house was let to the W. H. Rohnenkamp company, of this city.

The newspapers to be used for publication of legal notices for the county were designated as the La Grande Evening Observer and the Elgin Recorder.

To Improve Roads
Several roads are to be improved during the year under the market road act. Provision was made by the court for the surfacing of the Cricket flat road above Elgin and the grading of the North Powder-Clover creek road. Hunter Lane to Summerville and from Summerville to Sanderson Springs will be surveyed and the grading started. It was indicated by the court. Bonds of eight county officials were approved.

Four hundred names were chosen for the jury list for this year.

ENTERPRISE FIVE
PLAYING TIGERS

Pep Assembly Held High School This Morning; Schedule Given

The 1929 basketball season for the La Grande High school will start off tonight in earnest when the whistle blows at 7:30 o'clock at the L. D. S. Recreational hall in this city. Enterprise and La Grande High school hoopers will vie for honors.

Tomorrow night the La Grande team will play the North Powder team in the game which will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

This morning a pep assembly was held at the high school when songs, music by the band, yells and talks were in order. The high school band played several numbers. Speakers were Ralph Christie, coach; E. D. Towler, principal of the high school; Harmon Wolfe, captain of the team; Maurice Baker, president of the student body; and Arnold Gralapp, instructor. Nyle Lewis, business manager of the student body, gave a report of the pep contest.

The men who will play in the game tonight will be chosen from the following: center: V. Newlin, Buzz, Wolfe; guard: Thompson, Berry, Waite, Roe, Faus, Graham and Ahrendt; forward: P. Newlin, H. Wolfe, Braden, Walinger, Stod-

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Percentage of Students Here Who
Go to Colleges Is Unusually High

A large proportion of La Grande's young people go to college. The average, in fact, is far above the general average for the nation. In the United States 10 per cent of the young men and women who graduate from high school go to an institution of higher learning, according to figures compiled by the National Education association several years ago.

The average is probably somewhat higher now, says J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of the La Grande schools.

While the general average is 10 per cent the average for La Grande is 25 per cent, according to Mr. Longfellow, which means that this city is at least three times above normal in this respect.

The unusual interest in obtaining a college education evident here is accounted for in several ways by local school officials.

"There is a general tendency over the whole country to consider going to college the 'thing to do,'" says Mr. Longfellow, explaining the tendency in a general way.

Local Reasons Given
More local reasons, however, are also given. There is an unusually large number of college and university graduates among the younger married people of La Grande and

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Liquor Raiders
Continue Their
New York Drive

Fifty More Speakeasy Proprietors Are Jailed; Many Gun Men Flee to Chicago, Other Cities

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Another sortie by Police Commissioner Whalen's liquor raiders landed more than 50 speakeasy proprietors in jail today. Fifty liquor warehouses were raided Wednesday night and 50 last night.

The first tour of pool rooms and other hideaways of crooks and gangsters by the newly revived "strong-arm" squads brought out the fact that underworld characters known to the police had deserted their usual haunts.

The Manhattan squads visited places on the Bowery, in Chinatown and along the wharves, then swung up into the mid-town white light district without finding any of the undesirables they had been instructed to drive out. But in one place the squad demonstrated strong-arm tactics.

The commissioner said the drive against so-called "smokehouses" places where low grade or poisonous liquor is sold, would be continued until the city had been rid of all crime-breeding resorts.

Failure of the "strong-arm" men to find gangsters last night was regarded by police officials as confirmation of reports that crooks and other undesirables were leaving the city for Chicago and other points.

CAPITAL PLANS WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—A 10-weeks war on bootleggers and speakeasies to make the national capital an "example" to the cities of the country will be launched in Washington next Sunday.

The campaign will be waged under the auspices of the national united committee for law enforcement with the purpose of preparing "the national capital for the incoming administration pledged to a better enforcement of the law and to make Washington an example and encouragement to the cities of the nation."

HOUSE OKEHS
SENATE RIVER
PROJECT BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—With one dissenting vote, the house irrigation committee today approved a senate bill to provide for surveys of the proposed Columbia river reclamation project in the state of Washington.

The measure which would provide for further studies of the project was opposed in committee by Representative Leatherwood, republican, Utah.

HARBOR BILL REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The war department bill, reported to the house includes \$240,500 for improvement and maintenance of the harbor at Crescent City, Cal.

A breakwater extension for the mouth of the Umpqua river is listed. For improvement of the Umpqua river \$355,000 is sought.

Other items for Oregon include: Coos Bay, \$121,000; Coos river, \$200,000; Coquille river, \$700,000; Yaquina river, \$10,000; Yaquina bay and harbor, \$17,000; Tillamook bay and harbor, \$28,000; Columbia and Lower Willamette rivers, \$250,000.

AGED POLITICIAN PASSES

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 4 (AP)—Timothy Nathan Holden, 89, who attended the convention that nominated Lincoln for president in 1860, and was one of Illinois' first senators in the Civil war, died here after an illness of two weeks. He formerly was mayor of Aurora, Ill.

BANK CALL ISSUED

RALEIGH, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—A. A. Schram, state superintendent of banks, today issued a call for the condition of all state banks in Oregon at the close of business Monday, December 31.

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HOOVER MAY
JOURNEY TO
WEST INDIES

Plans Three - week Good-will Trip Before Inauguration on March 4

TWO DAYS FROM
HAMPTON ROADS

President-elect Will Begin His Conference Monday in Washington, He Announces

U. S. S. UTAH, En Route to Hampton Roads, Jan. 4 (AP)—President-elect Hoover contemplates a tour of the West Indies before his inauguration March 4.

The president-elect today was only two days from Hampton Roads and still was encountering pleasant weather. While the temperature moderated to some extent, it was not expected that the Utah would run into cold weather before late tonight or early tomorrow morning. The big battleship was maintaining her average day's run of around 360 knots.

In Washington Monday Hoover will begin his conference Monday in Washington, and if he can end them in time to have a week or 10 days' rest and recreation in Florida before putting to sea again he will undertake the second voyage. He is anxious to visit Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Porto Rico and possibly the Virgin Islands.

It is estimated that such a tour, which would be a corollary to the recent goodwill tour of Central and South America, would require less than three weeks and would leave the president-elect time to write his inaugural address after his return to Miami.

Tentative Itinerary
If the trip is undertaken the president-elect will go to Havana, Port au Prince, Santo Domingo, City, San Juan and if he includes the Virgin Islands, to St. Thomas. Invitations to visit Texas still are being received, but Mr. Hoover probably will be unable to accept them before inauguration.

KILLER IS PUT
TO DEATH FOR
SLAYING TWO

BARRIE, Ont., Jan. 4 (AP)—George O'Neill, farm hand, was hanged to the gallows here shortly after midnight for the murder of his 72-year-old employer and the latter's daughter. O'Neill had never been established for the crime.

The bodies of Axel Robertson and his daughter, Mrs. Ruby Martin, were found in the ruins of the Robertson barn after a fire last February. The prosecution declared that although no motive had been established it had proved O'Neill had fired the barn after saturating the straw or Mrs. Martin's body with oil.

Bandits Are Shot
Down by Gas Clerk

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 4 (AP)—Fred Back, Warm Springs service station attendant, who captured two bandits last week when they attempted to hold up his station, repeated his exploit this morning, by shooting down two bandits in a gun battle and making them prisoners.

One of the wounded men gave the name of Joseph Brady, 29, of St. Joseph, Mo. He was shot through the spine, and is in a critical condition. Tay Moore, 22, his companion, St. Louis, Mo., was shot through the chest, left arm, and both legs. Back was assisted by Ted Olson, a youth who happened to be nearby.

Second Ward Team
Schedules Games

The Second Ward L. D. S. basketball team has added two games to its schedule for next week. The local hoopers will play Imbler in this city next Wednesday night in the Second Ward tournament. The whistle will blow at 7:45 o'clock. Friday night they will play the Cove team at Cove at 7:30 o'clock.

CALLS AT "APPLESAUCE"

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Constantine Talmadge, back from abroad insists "it's all a lot of applesauce" this talk that she is to marry Townsend Netcher, Chicago merchant, "he's just a long time friend."

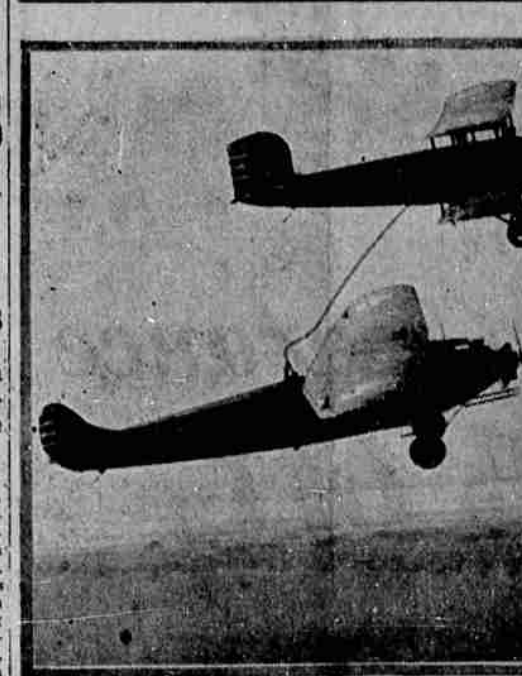
Netcher met her at the pier and referred questions with a bluish to the lady.

Dean Young Dies
At Eugene Today

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—Dr. Frederic George Young, dean of the school of sociology, University of Oregon, died today. He had been a member of the faculty of the University for 32 years.

Dr. Young, who was 71, had been ill for a few weeks. Though not so strong as usual he continued to teach his classes until a short time ago, and he was engaged also in many research projects.

BREAKS WORLD RECORD



The Question Mark has answered at least one question by breaking the official world record for an endurance flight. She completed the third consecutive day of flight at 7:28 o'clock this morning, and the best any previous airplane has accomplished was about two and a half days. Above is a picture of the army plane being refueled while aloft. The refueling plane is above the Question Mark, the picture showing the hose connection which allows transfer of gasoline.

\$3825 Ordered
Paid Following
Court Hearing

An amount totaling \$3825.14 which was paid into the county clerk's office about a year ago, by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance company through Logan Brothers, Pendleton contractors, was ordered paid to the 11 La Grande and Union county claimants when the orders were signed as a result of a hearing yesterday in the circuit court here. A number of La Grande, Pendleton and Portland attorneys were present in connection with the case of the claimants versus the insurance company through the contractors.

The case came up for hearing as a result of claims filed against the Lower Cove market road which was under contract by the Logan brothers.

Attorneys H. E. Dixon, E. R. Ringo, of La Grande, J. A. Fee and Randall, of Pendleton, took part in the court proceedings yesterday, presenting the claims of their clients. Louis P. Recken, of Portland, represented the bonding company.

Engagement Ring
Belongs to Man

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—A girl becomes owner of an engagement ring when married and not until then. Such is the ruling of Magistrate Glazmeyer on a girl's complaint against a young man who stole a ring that the girl refused to return.

Little Change In
King's Condition

LONDON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The 8:15 p. m. bulletin on King George tonight said: "There is no change to report in his majesty's condition. The king had a quiet day." Only Sir Stanley Hewitt and Lord Dawson of Penn signed this.

Doomed Couple Is
Held Sane Today

FRANKLIN, La., Jan. 4 (AP)—Judge James D. Simon today ruled in the district court of St. Mary Parish that Mrs. Ada Bonner Lehoucq and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher, sentenced to hang tomorrow, are sane.

Earlier in the day he had overruled a motion of defense lawyers for the appointment of a lunacy commission to inquire into the present sanity of their clients and the defense now plans to appeal to the state supreme court for a stay of execution and mandamus to require appointment of a lunacy commission.

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ARMY PLANE
MAKES THREE
AIR RECORDS

Question Mark on Fourth Day Up; Still Going Strong, Is Report

AVIATORS HAPPY;
EVERYTHING O. K.

Accompanied By Refueling Ship, King of Endurance Turns Its Nose Toward Los Angeles

IMPERIAL AIRPORT, Imperial Valley, Cal., Jan. 4 (AP)—Accompanied by refueling ship No. 1, the Question Mark headed northward out of Imperial Valley shortly after 11 o'clock today as it approached its 76th hour in the air. The planes were bound for the metropolitan airport at Los Angeles. The route to Los Angeles was over the San Geronimo Pass, a 30-mile stretch where high winds and bumpy weather prevail.

Capt. R. G. Hoyt, pilot of refueling plane No. 1, told the Associated Press that Major Carl Spatz, commander of the famous endurance flight ship, had decided to quit the valley and journey northward to the Metropolitan airport at Los Angeles, from where the flight began nearly 75 hours ago.

"They're all happy, up there," Capt. Hoyt said. "Seem to be feeling good and everything running fine."

Capt. Hoyt said his ship would accompany the Question Mark and that a gasoline contact probably would be made en route to Los Angeles. The delay in departure was due to the necessity of refueling Capt. Hoyt's plane.

The return of the Question Mark to the northern airport will mark the first appearance of the ship at Los Angeles since late yesterday when it abandoned its course there because of fog and sailed to the clear atmosphere over Imperial Valley, where it meant the night sailing peacefully above the sandy plain.

Records Shattered

The Question Mark began its fourth day in the air at 7:28 o'clock this morning. Since its take-off it has shattered three records—the American and world's records for refueling endurance flights and the world's mark for sustained flying by airplane. The latter record, 45 hours and 35 minutes established in Germany last July by Lieutenant Johann Kistler and Wilhelm Zimmerman, was bettered by one hour at 1:51 o'clock this morning. The Germans, however, made their flight without refueling.

Taking on 150 gallons of fuel at 6:30 a. m. and a load of lubricating oil, food and other supplies finally after the plane appeared to show no ill effects from its long grind. It was still flying over the Imperial Valley, where it was forced yesterday because of fog along the coast. There was no indication of ground observers that any of its three Wright J-5 motors was wearing out. They had been in action 72 hours.

FLU ATTACKS
CONFEDERATE
WAR VETERANS

BEAUVOIR, Miss., Jan. 4 (AP)—A thin, frail line of veterans, tried and found true under Union fire in the Civil war, today was fighting an even fiercer foe—flu, which had swept down upon the Jefferson Davis old Confederate soldiers' home here.

The disease, coupled with pneumonia, has claimed the lives of five inmates of the home since Wednesday noon. Twenty-five others are seriously ill and 108 of the old soldiers, their wives and widows are on the sick list.

A Governor T. G. Bilbo today offered his official and personal services to aid the aged veterans.

MEETS "DEAD" BROTHER

RICHMOND, Cal., Jan. 4 (AP)—Ira Joseph Hackett arrived here from Buffalo, N. Y., and met on the street a brother he believed killed in the battle of Chateau Thierry in 1918. The brother was Walter H. Hackett, late of Los Angeles. He was gassed and wounded at Chateau Thierry, and reported dead. Both the brothers had been out of touch with other relatives.

ASKS HEART BALM

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (AP)—Mrs. Vina Crook, wife of a citrus grower, said Mrs. Melba C. Meeker, wife of Leo M. Meeker, president of the Pan-American Bank for 100,000,000, alleging Mrs. Meeker had alienated the affections of Mrs. Crook's husband. She said Mrs. Meeker had \$200,000 in her own right.

TEXAS PIONEER DIES

PORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 4 (AP)—W. D. Reynolds, pioneer Texas ranchman, Indian fighter and millionaire cattlemen, died here today after a brief illness. He was 77 years old.