

BRING BODY OF AVIATOR FROM HILLS

Long, Hazardous Journey from Scene of Plane Crash Ends Sunday

FLIER DIED SOON AFTER SMASH-UP

Body Will Be Sent to Boise Tomorrow for Burial; Death Came 4 Hours After Crash

A sad group of men, bearing with them the body of Harold E. Buckner, Varney airmail pilot, arrived at the power station above Cove yesterday afternoon at the end of a hazardous trip into the mountainous region above Horse Ranch, where Mr. Buckner's plane crashed Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The aviator, conscious and fighting for his life to the end, died at 10:30 o'clock Thursday evening, four hours after the smash-up.

First news of the ill-fated pilot's death was telephoned to The Observer shortly before 6 o'clock Saturday evening by Mrs. A. G. Conklin, correspondent at Cove. With its arrival, thousands of people over the northwest, who were anxiously awaiting news of the lost flier, mourned as they realized that a game battle had ended in favor of the Grim Angel.

When Mr. Buckner's plane smashed in a woody section near a cabin occupied by two trappers, Bill Brockman and Jack Hamby, the impact broke both of his arms, caused compound fractures of his legs, crushed his chest and bruised him about the head and elsewhere. It is believed that the chest injuries were the direct cause of death.

Mr. Buckner became lost in the fog Thursday afternoon and passed over Horse Ranch at 5:29 p. m., flying above the fog, according to Harold O'Connell, manager of the local airport. The pilot saw an opening in the fog and went down, hoping to get his bearings. It was too dark to see plainly. Hemmed in by fog and the mountains, and trying to work his way out, his plane dived and crashed. There was no shortage of fuel.

Describes Trip Dr. R. G. McCall, La Grande physician, this morning described the trip into the hills and back as very difficult. He said the party made the fastest time possible going in, hoping then to be able to bring the aviator to safety.

From Cove to the cabin in which Mr. Buckner's body rested, it was necessary to have three heavy horses to break the trail, due to snow that was from three to five feet deep.

"We left Cove at 12:30 p. m. Friday," Dr. McCall said, "with eight men in the party. We reached Horse Ranch at 7 o'clock, making the 16 miles in approximately seven hours. After a wonderful meal, we continued on to safety. In the meantime, the men at the Horse Ranch took care of our horses."

Dehoughton Breaks Trail He said that Harry Dehoughton left the Horse Ranch at 3 o'clock Friday with a draft horse and cut logs and broke trail to within four

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GRANDE RONDE IS FEATURED IN NEW BOOK

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 21 (Special)—The verdant Grande Ronde valley is the setting of a new novel, "Riders of the Grande Ronde," now receiving considerable attention in literary circles of the university because of its author, Robert Ormond Case, graduated from the school in 1922.

"One of the hard riding and fast shooting novels with a western setting," is one critic's way of describing Case's book.

"Grande Ronde" is the name of the chief community in the Oregon novelist's book and apparently describes La Grande. Unionville, a neighboring small town, is taken to be Union. The Grande Ronde river is known as Powder River.

Union county students on the campus have shown a particular interest in the book.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—11 above. Condition: cloudy, temperatures rising.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 19 above, minimum 13 below, zero. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER JAN. 21, 1928 Maximum 33, minimum 22 above. Condition: clear.

Large Crowd At Concert Despite Chilly Weather

Program Appreciated by Local Music Lovers; Mrs. Russell Sings Two Solo Numbers

The large group of Antonin Dvorak's Fifth symphony "From the New World," "In a Monastery Garden," by Kethley, and "The Black Man," from the suite "Dwellers of the Western World," were among the most popular numbers of the concert given yesterday afternoon at the Arcade by the La Grande municipal band, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr.

In spite of the zero weather the concert was heard by a large crowd of La Grande persons. Mrs. Leal Russell, La Grande contralto, was the soloist for the concert and her first number, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from "Samson and Delilah," and the encore, "Lassie O' Mine," by Edward Walter, were among the most enthusiastically received selections.

Guy McMillan, horn soloist, played the horn solo in "Toreador's Song from Carmen," as an encore to the second number. Saxophone Duet "On the Blue Lagoon" by Friml and played by Mr. Myrick and Mr. Counsell, was vigorously applauded.

Another popular number was the characteristic Intermezzo "Butterflies," by Smetana. Encore numbers were "Glory of the Yankee Navy" by Sousa, and "Pop" by Amdein.

Claude Cooper, Harold Browning of La Grande, and Mr. Crane, formerly of John Day but now of La Grande, made their first appearance with the band at the concert yesterday.

Ministers Meet This Morning in Sacajawea Inn

A joint meeting of the La Grande Ministerial association and the Union County Association of Ministers and Affiliated Workers was held in the Sacajawea Inn this morning, followed by a banquet at noon.

Twelve ministers and their wives were in attendance. Special music was furnished by the Rev. Oliver Riley and Capt. Pack, of the Salvation Army, gave an address which was followed by a general discussion. After the banquet, Mr. Riley spoke on the trend of religious thought as it relates to the Anglican communion in England.

\$300, Jail Term Given to Drunk Driver Saturday

K. Ford pleaded guilty in municipal court Saturday night to a charge of driving a car while intoxicated and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and serve 90 days in jail. In addition, his driver's license was sent to Secretary of State Hal B. Hess.

The prisoner was unable to pay his fine and if he has to serve it out, it means an extra 150 days in the jail.

Discussion Due At Chamber Luncheon

The Union county chamber of commerce forum to be held tomorrow at noon at the Sacajawea inn will have for the main feature, an address on the program a discussion by F. T. Appleby, editor of the La Grande Observer, and R. J. Green, La Grande attorney.

TWO HURT IN ACCIDENT AT MEACHAM, ORE.

Ray Bond and C. L. Stoop, brakemen on an O-W train of empty freight cars east bound, were painfully, but not seriously injured about 5:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Meacham when one coal car telescoped into another causing a jar on the caboose which injured the two men in it. A conductor, also in the caboose, was uninjured.

The two men were brought to their La Grande home by the Snodgrass and Zimmerman ambulances.

W. H. Guild, superintendent of the second division, and other members of the O-W railroad company, are holding a conference this afternoon in an effort to determine the cause of the accident.

ATTRESS IS INJURED LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—A dispatch to the London Evening News from Sydney, New South Wales, said the American actress, Maude Jeffries, now Mrs. Osborne, wife of an Australian wool dealer, was seriously injured in an automobile collision near Narooma, Southern South Wales. The accident occurred yesterday when she was motoring to her husband's property.

EAST OREGON IN SUB-ZERO WAVE SUNDAY

Coldest at Meacham, Official Minimum Was 36 Below

TEN BELOW ZERO RECORDED HERE

Snow Protects Winter Wheat Crops Over the County; Warmer in This City Today

SUNDAY WEATHER table with columns for location and temperature below zero.

All Eastern Oregon shivered in sub-zero weather Sunday morning, with the mercury plunging to many degrees below. In La Grande the official minimum was 19 below, which was registered between 3 and 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

At 7:30 a. m. it was 9 below and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, street thermometers registered seven zero. Two hours later the mercury had moved up to 8 above and this morning at 7:30 o'clock the official reading was 11 above.

Such a sudden drop and correspondingly abrupt rise in temperatures is unusual here, as sub-zero weather often continues for three or four days. Cloudy weather Sun-

SECOND TERM OF SCHOOL BEGINS

Several Classes Are Now Being Held in High School Building

The second semester of the La Grande school year began this morning when the students in the high school and grade schools of the city started routine study again. School will be out sometime the latter part of May. The date has not yet been officially announced.

The opening of a new semester always brings some changes in the enrollment numbers of the schools and means a material increase to the enrollment of the high school, although figures on the attendance will not be available for several days, it is said.

Several high school classes are now being held in the high school building which has been sufficiently repaired to make room for the classes of five of the high school teachers. These classes are on the first floor. Work will not be completed on the second floor for some time, it is said.

Miss Catherine Sartain has been added to the staff of the high school and begun her new duties as instructor of English and dramatics this morning.

Prohibition Investigator Expects No Changes in Present Dry Laws

No change will probably be made in the present prohibition laws for at least ten years, according to W. A. Hazlett, of South Bend, Wash., senior prohibition investigator, working out from Washington, D. C., in a short address last evening at the First Methodist church. Mr. Hazlett based his statement on the fact that the present adult generation, which is familiar with conditions as they existed before the passage of the Volstead act and the various unsatisfactory measures tried to restrain the liquor traffic etc., will not tolerate any change in the present laws.

It is when the youth of today, the students, both men and women, who have had no personal contact with the old saloons and accompanying conditions, who are incapable of comparing conditions then and now and who are receiving a very definite and persistent education along anti-prohibition lines, come into leadership, that present prohibition laws are in danger of being changed.

Prohibition Succeeding Mr. Hazlett stated to his hearers that prohibition was succeeding now as well as could be expected, and that its success was comparable to the success of other great reformatory laws and was being as successfully enforced as were others. Mr. Hazlett had made a very careful and thorough investi-

Wallowa Trims La Grande High Saturday, 44-20

Tiger Rally in Final Period Scores 13 While Opponents Were Gathering 6

Tired from hard games the two previous nights and with little success in basket shooting, the La Grande High school basketball team's string of consecutive victories was broken at Wallowa Saturday night, the Braves winning 44 to 20.

The play was much closer than the score indicates, it is reported, with the Tigers shooting often but without success. During the first three quarters the La Grande team was able to cage only occasional goals but in the last period, a rally scored 13 points while Wallowa was getting only six.

The Wallowa team, with no games for a week, was fresh and in the peak of condition. Crawford High Scorer Crawford was high point man with 12 and Sarrett second with 11. The and Clark, forwards, each scored 10.

Leaving Wallowa Sunday morning, the team traveled home with the weather at 22 below zero. All of the boys taken on the trip returned in good condition, Coach R. W. Christie reported. The invasion into Wallowa county was made in three cars, belonging to Robert Stoddard, Mr. Christie and one owned by W. C. Perkins, of the local Ford garage.

Only one change was made in the Wallowa lineup during the game, that when Posey, guard, was (Continued on Page 5)

Malone Is Fined \$250, Costs On Liquor Charge

E. D. Malone, of La Grande, proprietor of a restaurant on Jefferson avenue, was arraigned in the justice court this morning on a charge of possession of liquor and was fined \$250 and costs. He applied his bond on the fine. He pleaded guilty.

The fine came as the result of a raid Saturday night by the sheriff and his aides. The officers entered the restaurant about 7:45 o'clock Saturday night, they said. As they started to grab liquor, four quartars of liquor contained in a pitcher in the kitchen of the restaurant, one of the girls working there grabbed the pitcher and poured nearly all of its contents into a container of acid before she was stopped by the officers. Enough of the fluid, which officers say was liquor, was left for evidence.

About six months ago Malone was fined \$200 on a similar charge, officers state. Those who made the raid were Sheriff Jesse Broshars, H. F. Hummel, night policeman; H. A. Klinghammer, deputy sheriff; Amos Helms, deputy sheriff; Bill Howard, night policeman and Charlie Watkins, night policeman.

DIES OF INJURIES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21 (AP)—William H. Burbage, attorney for the Santa Fe railway, died last night in the company hospital of injuries suffered in the wrecking of a Santa Fe train near Hesperia, Cal., last month. Burbage, who was the only passenger seriously hurt in the derailment of seven cars suffered a broken hip and injured his back. A coroner's inquest into the cause of his death will be held today.

Two More Banks Close In Spokane

SPOKANE, Jan. 21 (AP)—Two correspondent banks of the Exchange National of Spokane were closed today, which brought the total of closed banks in this section to five.

The Miners and Smelters' bank at Northport and the Hartford State bank were added to the roll which includes the Exchange National, the First Exchange National of Coeur d'Alene, Ida., and the Bank of Colville.

The Northport bank had money tied up in the Exchange National and the Bank of Colville. The Rockford bank reported deposits of \$188,000.

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STATE HOUSE PASSES FIVE BILLS TODAY

Second Week of Legislative Session Finds the Throttle Wide Open

GOVERNOR'S VETO ON FOUR APPROVED

First Interesting Debate of Session Comes in Connection With Marriage Measure

SALLEM, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Five bills were passed, four new bills introduced, three were re-referred to committees for amendment, the governor's veto on four house bills from the 1927 session was sustained, committee recommendations on 14 bills were adopted and a half dozen bills were given their second reading, when the house of representatives opened at eleven o'clock this morning for its second week of business in the 25th legislative assembly.

Bills passed by the house Monday morning were as follows: H. B. No. 9, amending section 508, Oregon laws and repealing section 506 relating to duties of courts in the second district, which according to the recommendation of the repeal of laws committee, has no present application; H. B. No. 12 to amend section 35, Oregon laws pertaining to jurisdiction of county courts, a curative measure and passed on the recommendation of the repeal of laws committee; H. B. 13, amending section 362 Oregon laws and repealing section 364 and 365, relating to court and official seals, consolidating the matter of seal in one section of the statute books; H. B. 30, amending section 2995 Oregon laws relating to preferences on public contracts which provides for the inclusion of ex-copier of the world war; H. B. 112, repealing section 8 of chapter 248, general laws of Oregon relating to election contests. The bills passed were introduced this session by the hold-over committee from the 1927 session on the repeal and revision of laws.

Third Reading House bills 36, 37, 65, given their third reading this morning were re-referred to committees for amendment after debate on the floor of the house. House bill 37, the purpose of which is to standardize expense accounts of county officers, was re-referred after questioning on the clauses relating to sheriff's expense accounts.

Practically the first interesting debate of the present session followed the recommendation of Lorenz of Multnomah county, chairman of the revision of laws committee, that house bill 65, validating certain marriages, be passed. Metsker of Columbia objected to the law on the claim that it "would make a foothold of the present law which require six months to elapse after a divorce before remarriage is legal."

Metsker claimed that ignorance of the law would not be an excuse for validating the marriages contrary to the law. Lorenz explained that the law attempted to legitimize children born to couples married in disregard or ignorance of the six months provision.

Vetoed Bill Tabled Vetoed house bill 521, on the recommendation of Winslow of (Continued on Page 5)

"Talkie" Test At Arcade Theater

La Grande people, who were in the Arcade last night, had a brief but of "talkies" when one act was staged as a preliminary test for the machinery, volume, etc. The act was not designed for entertainment but merely as a test. It has not yet been announced when the "talkies" will be introduced as a regular feature here.

The Pathe Sound News, a talking news reel, has been contracted by the La Grande Theaters, Inc., and will be shown at the Arcade later as one of the regular "talkie" offerings. This reel is said to be one of the best issued and its presentations here will permit patrons to hear as well as see, some of the most famous scenes of the world.

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MOVIE WRITERS



The University of Oregon's going to be a little Hollywood soon, for students are to produce a feature-length movie, with scenario, actors and even direction the product of undergraduates. It's to be a typical college play with athletics, campus shots, study scenes and even love interest. Miss Louise Clarke and Carvel Nelson will be among the featured players.

HOOVER ON WAY TO BELLE ISLE

Will Remain in Florida Until Inauguration in Capitol City

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—President-elect Hoover left this morning for Florida, where he will remain until his return here for the March 4 inauguration. Mr. Hoover is going to Belle Isle, near Miami, where he will reside at the J. C. Penny estate. His special train is scheduled to reach Miami tomorrow afternoon.

No ceremony was arranged to accompany the departure, but a small crowd had gathered at Union station to see Mr. and Mrs. Hoover board their train.

Accompanied by Dr. Work The president-elect's party included Dr. Hubert Work chairman of the republican national committee, who will accompany him to Florida. Miss Janet Large of Los Angeles, a niece and Lawrence Hickey, his personal assistant, and Mrs. Hickey, James Francis Burke of Pittsburg, general counsel of the national committee. In the campaign, also was invited to make the journey but will stop off at Palm Beach to spend a few weeks there. A corps of newspaper correspondents and photographers also were members of the party.

Although he has completed since his return from South America a busy two weeks of study of the questions facing his administration, Mr. Hoover has another task preparatory to his induction into office as the nation's chief executive—the writing of his inaugural address. While he is inaugurated to have drafted most of its major points, this speech's preparation probably will occupy much of his time during the Florida visit.

Chief among the topics of discussion during his two weeks conference in Washington has been his cabinet. But Mr. Hoover under present plans is not expected to formally announce any members of his official family until his return to the capital late next month when another round of meetings with party leaders will be held.

U. S. Missionary Killed in Basra

BARRA, Iraq, Jan. 21 (AP)—Henry Blissett, of the American mission here, has been shot and killed by Wahabid tribesmen.

ENTERTAINERS LAW-MAKERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Continuing his series of congressional breakfast parties, President Coolidge had as his guests at the White House today 25 members of the house, 15 of them republicans.

Plane and Car Collide; No One Hurt in Crash

Aviator, Flying in Snow, Tries to Land and Motor Car Is Seen Too Late to Avoid

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 21 (AP)—A Sunday motoring family of six, including a grandfather, today was describing to their neighbors the frights and thrills of having an alpine swoop out of a snow swirling sky to collide head on with their automobile—and of how good it was to have escaped with nothing more than a severe jolting.

The lone aviator, who was caught in a severe snowstorm which swirling down from the San Bernardino mountains to the fringes of southern California's orange groves, likewise was alive and able to tell the unusual tale.

The mute evidence of the crash—a plane with a broken propeller and wing, and a motor car with a smashed radiator and hood—stood abandoned in the ditch alongside the national old trails highway three miles east of here.

Both on "Right Side" On the records of the San Bernardino police station, where the survivors were brought last night by other Sunday motorists, were written the serious facts, and the saving humor of the highway collision. There was the officially given but humorous statement of William "Pie" the white haired motoring grandfather, that the plane and the car were on their own or the "right sides of the road."

Richard Crooks, the aviator, reported that the snowstorm sweeping out of Cajon Pass, forced him to turn back towards his air field at San Bernardino. His increasing fury forced him to seek a landing where he could, rather than endanger himself among the snow hidden wires and buildings of this city. The road, and an apparently clear stretch, presented itself. Crooks was about to set the plane onto the paved roadway when the "Pie" motor car poked out of the white wall ahead.

GOVERNOR SUSPENDED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 21 (AP)—The Oklahoma senate late today accepted five impeachment charges against Gov. Henry S. Johnston, transmitted to it by the house of representatives.

A resolution notifying the governor that he was suspended from office was adopted immediately afterward by the senate.

Doubt Cast On Evolution By U. S. Biologist

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Grave doubt is cast on current theories of evolution by Dr. Austin H. Clark, biologist of the United States national museum, who has a theory of his own to replace them.

"On the origin of mankind and animal life in general," Clark gives comfort to the fundamentalists. "So far as concerns the major group of animals," he said, "the creationists seem to have the better of the argument. There is not the slightest evidence that any of the major groups arose from any other. Each is a special animal complex, related more or less closely to all the rest, and appearing, therefore, as a special and distinct creation."

Darwin, while held to be wrong in the main, is not entirely discarded. Within plain and animals groups Dr. Clark allows for the working of the Darwinian theory brought about by natural and artificial selection.

He said he believed that man appeared in the world suddenly and said that man was constantly throwing off supposed abnormalities, idiots and also "super-men" and that one had about as hard a time surviving as the other, because sub-consciously the entire race conspired against the "super-men" by shutting them up in an asylum of convention and restrictions.

Bramwell Action Postponed Today

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Injunction proceedings brought by General Bramwell Booth were adjourned until Friday when they came up in Chancery court this morning.

The temporary injunction which restrained the high council of the Salvation Army from selecting a successor to General Booth will continue in effect until the next hearing.

NOMINATION OF ROY WEST IS CONFIRMED

Selection As Interior Secretary Approved By Slim Margin

ONE VOTE WOULD HAVE CHANGED IT Approving Action Follows Three Days of Discussion; Attack Led by Chairman Nye

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—By a vote of 54 to 37 the senate today confirmed the nomination of Roy O. West of Chicago to be secretary of interior. The senate acted in executive session and voted not to make public the roll call. A change of one vote against West would have rejected his nomination.

Advised of his confirmation, Secretary West said: "I am interested in the work of the department. For six months I have devoted myself to it with results which must speak for themselves. I am gratified with the senate's action."

Confirmation followed three days of senate discussion in executive session. Opposition to the nominee was voiced by republican independents who complained particularly of Mr. West's former holding of stock in the Samuel Insull Utility interest.

Attack Led By Nye The attack on West was led by Chairman Nye, of the lands committee which recommended his confirmation by a vote of 9 to 4 along with Senator Norris of Nebraska.

Senator Deneen and Glenn, republicans of Illinois, defended the cabinet officer, joined by several democrats.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS REPORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Expenditures of \$398,254.18 for Herbert Hoover and \$157,422.63 for Alfred E. Smith in their present convention presidential campaigns were reported to the senate today by the campaign funds investigating committee. The report listed receipts of \$280,151.93 for the republican candidate and \$142,248.96 for the democratic contestant.

MORALS GOOD IN BUSINESS, YOUNG STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric company, believes morals shape "big business," and dishonesty is scarce enough to be news. The recent appointed unofficial American member of the committee of experts named to consider Germany reparations, spoke from the pulpit of the Park Avenue Baptist church last night on "What is Right With Business."

"Our big business is no longer feared by the people," he said. "Exploiters no longer own the big concerns. Bankers no longer own them. Their shares are spread from one end of the country to the other. Broadly speaking the vast organizations are skilled hands and the roads are reasonably safe."

The danger, today, Mr. Young believes, comes not from bad men in business or bad principles but from the difficulty of applying right principles to complicated situations. "Our greatest risk is the mistaken judgment of good drivers where the traffic is heavy and the signals are complicated."

CHICAGO COPS ARREST 3,000 OVER WEEKEND

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (AP)—Three thousand persons were arrested between Saturday nightfall and today's dawn in one of the most audacious, widespread and successful police drives in the history of Chicago.

Raids were conducted against every known habit of the gangster, gunman and robber. The theater district swarmed with plain clothes men, seeking the "dress suit" crooks, and police patrols were booked for hours ahead, so swift were the arrests.

The drive was Police Chief William Russell's answer to a week of crimes marked by 192 robberies in which four persons were shot dead and several others seriously wounded. Two-thirds of the city's force of 6,000 policemen were kept a double duty over Sunday to insure the success of the drive.

OPHTHALMOLOGIST DIES BERLIN, Jan. 21 (AP)—Prof. Paul Siles, one of the best known German ophthalmologists, died today aged 79.

He especially endeared himself to the German people by organizing a school for soldiers who lost their eye-sight during the war.