

IRRIGATION HELD GREAT LOCAL NEED

Discussion of City's Future Featured at Chamber of Commerce

GREEN POINTS TO SHEEP OPPORTUNITY

Attorney Urges Irrigation for More Alfalfa and the Development of Outside Territory

With R. J. Green, La Grande attorney, calling attention to the need for development of irrigation, more alfalfa, and a multiplied sheep industry, and F. B. Appleby, publisher of The Observer, emphasizing the need for optimism to promote the growth and expansion of the community, the program at the chamber of commerce luncheon this noon took the form of a discussion of community problems by these two men.

The meeting was held at the Sackajava Inn with Judge Hugh E. Brady, president of the chamber, presiding. Preceding the discussion, George Birnie led the group, which was a record attendance for the year, in singing a parody.

Mr. Green appeared before the chamber several weeks ago and his talk today was in the nature of a sequel to the previous speech. He succeeded Mr. Appleby, who generalized on the need for optimism and its effects on a community's advancement and prosperity.

"I will agree that we must have optimism in a community," Mr. Green answered, "but there comes a time when it is vitally important to call a halt and a few pessimists are a pretty good thing to have."

"We have enough paving, plenty of stores, and we don't want any more competition—for awhile, I would rather see stores filled with prosperous buyers than a line of stores down Adams avenue to the highway. Competition is all right to a certain extent but we have reached the point where we have enough."

UNION MEN TO HOLD ANNUAL CLAM DINNER

The Union Sportsmen's club of Union will hold its third annual clam feed at the club house on Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 o'clock in the evening, according to announcement by R. H. Bonney, president.

"Clams and all the fixins' will be served and anyone wishing to join our club will be welcome to attend," Mr. Bonney said.

It is expected that delegations will be in attendance from Baker, La Grande and Enterprise and possibly some state game officials. The club house will be nicely decorated for the occasion.

The Union club, which has a feed at each meeting besides the annual clam feed, now has 85 active members.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 in -11 above. Minimum 19 above. Condition: cloudy, nine inches snow (from 7:30 a. m. to Monday to 7:30 a. m. this morning.) WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 18 above. Condition: cloudy and snow. WEATHER JAN. 22, 1928 Maximum 35, minimum 22 above. Condition: clear.

Peace Officers Elect For 1929 At Baker Meet

Chief Clint Haynes, of La Grande, Continues As President of Organization

With the exception of one director, all officers of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers Co-Operative association, which held its January meeting in Baker yesterday, were re-elected to office.

The officers re-elected follow: president, Clint Haynes, of La Grande; vice president, Henry McKinney, of Baker; secretary, Sylvester Burchell, of Enterprise; assistant secretary and recorder, Amos Helms, of La Grande; member of executive committee, Jesse Brookers, of La Grande.

35 In Attendance The association members, 35 strong, represented Malheur, Baker, Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties. Among those in attendance were: T. A. Rafferty, chief of the state traffic department, of Salem; Jay Saltman, of The Dalles; and F. A. Hazeltine, senior prohibition investigator, of Washington.

Besides the business meeting, a banquet was served at the Baker Hotel and Gun club house with entertainment by the Baker chamber of commerce vaudeville troupe, Walter Lanning, traffic officer, was toastmaster. Talks were made by Mr. Rafferty, District Attorney Carl Helm, of La Grande; District Attorney Leland Finch, of Baker; Mr. Hazeltine and others.

General discussion of law enforcement problems was held during the day's meetings.

Mayor J. B. Messick welcomed the visiting officers to Baker.

Those from La Grande were: Police Chief Haynes, Mr. Helm, Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer, Solicitor Bill Howard and Fred Gaskill and Deputy Sheriff Amos Helms. All reported an excellent meeting.

Great Progress Made in Medical Work at Present

"More progress is being made in the medical scientific world during the present day than ever before in the world's history," is the belief of Dr. Lee Bouvy, of La Grande, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Dr. Bouvy has just returned from a trip to Victoria where he attended a meeting of the American Oto-Rhino-Laryngological society, which was held at the Empress hotel.

The meeting was attended by members of the organization from the United States and Canada. Problems involved in the treatment of ear, eye, nose and throat ailments were discussed with special reference to ear infections and nasal sinusitis, according to Dr. Bouvy.

Trend Toward Prevention The trend of modern medicine is toward preventative methods and treatment rather than surgery. Five years ago the trend was reversed, with most attention given to surgery. The purpose of preventative treatment is to conserve the tissues of the body, he says.

During the last year Dr. Bouvy has attended more than 15 medical conferences and meetings. He is also president of the Oregon State Medical society.

In Victoria there was no snow, he reports. People were playing golf there and the weather was sunny like a spring day in La Grande.

Mrs. Bouvy accompanied him on the trip.

Local M. I. A. Teams Trim Mt. Glen, Union In a fast, clean game played last night at Mt. Glen, the Second Ward basketball team defeated the Mt. Glen team 27 to 12. Tave Hendrickson was high point man with 14 points.

The La Grande First Ward team defeated Union in a game played here last night.

Walton Officers Talk Trap Shoot A special committee of the Baak Walton league of La Grande met last night to formulate plans for a statewide telegraphic shoot to be held early in February. Prizes will be awarded for the high point men in the contest.

18 PERSONS KILLED WHEN BUS, CAR HIT

Tragic Accident Occurs in Snow Storm Near Bellevue, Ohio

STAGE RIDDLED BY INTERURBAN

None of Victims Identified; Number of Passengers Seriously Hurt Taken to Hospital

BELEVUE, Ohio, Jan. 22 (AP)—Eighteen persons were killed and eight were seriously injured today when a Greyhound company bus en route to Pittsburg was struck by a westbound Lake Shore electric interurban at a crossing a mile and half east of here.

A number of others less seriously injured were taken to Bellevue hospital.

Officials at the funeral homes said it would be impossible to identify any of the dead for some time.

Of the known dead, four were women. Fourteen of the bodies had been brought to the three undertaking establishments in Bellevue, when four more had been located in the wreckage.

15 In Hospital Fifteen persons were taken to the Bellevue hospital.

As far as could be learned, none of the passengers on the interurban was hurt.

All of the dead were in the bus, which was demolished when struck in the center by the electric car. The driver, who escaped injury, was believed to have been blinded by the snowstorm and failed to see the approaching car.

Four ambulances, all that were available here, were sent to the scene of the crash. A hearse taking the dead and 3 to the morgue and Bellevue hospital. The bus was completely smashed.

The interurban car hurled on top of the bus, which was lying in a ditch by the crossing.

Rush Aid to Scene None of the passengers on the interurban was seriously injured, according to first reports. All available city officers went to aid in extricating those under the wreckage and the definite number of dead and injured could not be learned at once.

Eight bodies were brought to one undertaking establishment, two more to another, and four bodies to a third. In addition, an ambulance crew for one of the undertakers reported one more body had been recovered and that it was dead.

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MILITARY HONORS FOR DEAD FLIER

Harold E. Buckner's Body Will Find Resting Place in Presidio

Harold E. Buckner, ill-fated Varney airman pilot who died of injuries Thursday evening in a lonely cabin in the hills 35 miles above Cove, will be buried in Presidio, with full military honors.

This morning his body was placed on train No. 24, by Snodgrass & Zimmerman, and it will continue on to San Francisco, accompanied by Mrs. Anna Buckner and one of Mr. Buckner's pals, Lieut. C. C. Price. In Boise, Mrs. Charles Wrightson will join the train.

Mr. Buckner was in the R. O. T. C. aviation during the World war. Burial in the government cemetery will take place Friday or Saturday.

QUESTION MARK LANDS SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 22 (AP)—The Question Mark, army endurance plane, arrived here at 2:55 p. m. today after a flight from Midland, Tex.

Less Divorces And Marriages Here Last Year

Cupid Scores 152 Times While Total Separations Equal 58, Court Records Reveal

In Union county during the last year both the number of divorces and the number of marriages have decreased. The decrease in the number of marriages is in proportion to the decrease number of divorces, according to figures compiled at the office of the county clerk in La Grande.

During 1927 a total of 66 divorces were granted in the county and in 1928 the number was 58 which was eight less than in the past year.

In 1927 there were 178 marriage licenses issued in the county and in 1928 but 152 were issued which is a decrease of 26, the records reveal.

Many Teachers Marry A cross section estimate of the occupations which are the most popular for the women who get married shows school teaching in the lead, with clerking a close second. More teachers and more store clerks married during the last year than members of any other occupation. Students, nurses and stenographers also show a large percentage.

More women get married in this county before they reach the age of 20 than men. About 33 per cent of the women were married during the teen age while but three per cent of the men were under 20 years of age.

More men were married in their 20s than in any other age group. More women were also married in the 20-age group.

Few Older Women Wed About 4 per cent of the women were more than 40 years of age and about 11 per cent of the men were more than 40. About 33 per cent of the men were in their 30s and about 19 per cent of the women were in that age group.

The figures show that during the year there were no contested divorce suits, all that were granted having been non-contested.

W. D. Long Passes Away in Portland

A telegram was received here this morning by Mrs. Harry Gilchrist, of other-law, W. D. Long, of Portland, this morning.

Mr. Long is a former La Grande resident having resided here more than 25 years and being an employee at the O-W. shops here for 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Long moved to Portland seven years ago when he was put on a pension by the O-W. He was about 78 years of age and he leaves to mourn his death besides his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Ed Culp, also of Portland and relatives in the west. Mr. Long was unusually active for his age and his death comes as a sudden shock to his many friends and relatives.

Funeral services will be held Thursday in Portland.

Hoover Arrives In Florida Today

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 22 (AP)—The special train bearing President-elect Herbert Hoover and his party into Miami for his pre-inaugural visit to Florida arrived here at 2 p. m.

The party disembarked from the train at 3:30, proceeded into Miami by a pilot train and immediately was placed into a statewide well come which had been prepared through several weeks by a general committee of prominent citizens.

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Nine Inches of Snow During Night; City and Citizens Work Overtime

If a thing is generally done, it is often described as "popular." But shoveling snow, which is being generally done in La Grande, is not so popular, at that.

During the last week, more than a foot and a half of snow has fallen in this city, coming in spurts that ran from three inches in depth to last night's fall, which was officially measured at 7:30 o'clock this morning as nine inches. Piled on top of the white blanket already laid by Old Man Winter, and the extra nine inches made quite a respectable 17 1/2 showing.

Besides the frantic efforts of many citizens to keep their sidewalks cleared, the city street department is working overtime in the game of "digging out." The streets are being cleared off for automobile traffic and sidewalks in the residential districts have already been dragged. Curbsides where the snow is piled two and three feet deep, appear as miniature mountains.

WEDDING BELLS TO RING FOR BEBE



The other night over at Marion Davies' beach home in Hollywood, someone noticed that Bebe Daniels of the movies was wearing a sparkler on her finger. Asked about it, Bebe said Miss Lyon, abs of movie news, gave it to her, and what do you suppose for? Why, to be married! They say it's to be soon. Here are Bebe and Ben.

Former American Minister Tells Of Irak Ambush

BASRA, Irak, Jan. 22 (AP)—Charles R. Crane, former American minister to China, today told his own story of the desert ambush in which his companion, the Rev. Henry A. Birkert, an American missionary of Kalamazoo, Mich., was slain but from which Mr. Crane escaped unscathed.

Mr. Crane said that when the American party left Zobeir, a trading town 12 miles from Basra on the edge of the desert, they saw some Iraqi tribesmen making camp for Zobeir with their camels and flocks.

News travels quickly in the desert and the tribesmen undoubtedly had heard of the raiders' approach.

"We weren't warned at Zobeir," continued Mr. Crane, "so naturally we thought that the danger was not immediate and determined to proceed."

"When we were about 50 miles south of Zobeir, shots rang out, fired at a distance of about 200 yards. The drivers of the two cars with great presence of mind swerved and went full speed. But the shots were whistling about us and Mr. Birkert was hit in the shoulder, the bullet probably affecting the spinal cord."

Pastor Turns Cop And Gets His Man

WACO, Texas, Jan. 22 (AP)—Dr. J. Arthur Stout, pastor of the Central Christian church here, quit a funeral procession to chase an intoxicated driver, caught the driver and held him until the police arrived. The drunk man had a loaded shotgun, which the pastor wrestled from him, police said.

State Rests Case In Asa Keyes Trial

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22 (AP)—The state rested its case in the bribery trial of Asa Keyes and five co-defendants today after it had presented two witnesses.

WILLIAMS ELECTED HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 22 (AP)—Harry Williams, president of the Pacific baseball league, was re-elected to office for a two-year term at his present salary of \$19,000 yearly. Directors of the league announced in a sudden adjournment shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

POCH MUCH BETTER FAIRER, Jan. 22 (AP)—Marshal Foch's doctors this morning issued this bulletin: "The condition is very much better. The patient is allowed to sit up a full hour today. A visit by anyone remains absolutely forbidden."

Seattle's Cold Snap Cause Of Four Fatalities

Children Drown When Ice Gives Way; Three Are Caught in Green Lake Late Yesterday

SEATTLE, Jan. 22 (AP)—Four deaths by breaking through ice was the toll of Seattle's cold snap, which came to an end with rising temperatures late yesterday and today. Continued rain or snow was predicted for today by weather observer M. B. Summers.

John Baer, 10; Charles Daugherty, 12, and Robert Sorenson, 12, were drowned in Green Lake here late yesterday when they walked too far out on the thin ice which fringed the shore. Firemen made a vain effort to rescue Sorenson, who swam about after his companions went down, but was just a few minutes too late in reaching him by crawling along planks.

Earlier in the day Winston Churchill, 20, messenger boy, crashed through while attempting to cross the ice on Mud lake near here on his motorcycle. The bodies of Baer and Sorenson were recovered yesterday. Drowning was continued for the others.

Constantinople Fire Sends 5000 Into The Street

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 22 (AP)—Several persons were killed and a thousand buildings destroyed in the populous Greek district of Tavala in Constantinople today by a terrific fire fanned by a high wind.

At least 5,000 persons were driven from their homes to the freezing streets and suffered from exposure aggravated by a violent blizzard which swept the quarter.

Constantinople has been the scene of many disastrous fires, the most severe of which have usually been caused by earthquakes.

The most recent serious fire disaster was in August, 1927, when Scutari, Asiatic suburb of Constantinople and famous in Byzantine history as Chalcedon, "the city of the blind" was destroyed in a cross fire. The fire destroyed about 400 old wooden lattice houses and drove 2,000 refugees to the famous Scutari cemetery, famous for its crypts, where they encamped.

ROOSEVELT IS "CALLED" BY LEGISLATORS

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 22 (AP)—Governor Roosevelt today faced the possibility of being asked by the legislature to produce proof of a statement that a feeling was prevalent after the last election similar to that which "followed the theft of the presidency in the Tilden case."

A resolution inviting the governor to produce such evidence was introduced by a republican assemblyman, Richard B. Smith, of Onondaga county. The resolution said that Governor Roosevelt's statement "challenges the honesty of the election of Herbert Hoover, and casts a cloud upon his right to assume office of the president of the United States on March 4th" and that "the plain import of such statement is to cast reflection upon the methods employed by the supply committee of Herbert Hoover in the last election."

Criticism of the governor was made in the resolution for giving the influence of his office to the statement based on what the governor said was an expression of opinion of his correspondents.

To Limit Debate On Prohi Increase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—After several unsuccessful attempts Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the republican leader, obtained an agreement today in the senate for a limit debate on the proposal of Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, for a \$25,000,000 increase in the prohibition enforcement fund. A vote late today was made possible by the agreement.

Night Session Is Faced By Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—With consideration of the cruiser construction bill blocked by the pending deficiency appropriation bill and its accompanying debate on prohibition, the senate was informed today that it might have to stay in session through the night to pass the supply measure.

Youth, Four Girls Drop From Sight

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 22 (AP)—Four girl students of Pesbody High school here disappeared last Thursday, the same day Harold Graham, 20-year-old employe of the Mellon National bank, dropped from sight, detectives said today, but declined to divulge the girls' names and refused to discuss their disappearance in connection with Graham's.

Investigators doubted that Graham, a member of a prominent Bellevue, Pa. family, had committed suicide.

Graham's affairs at the bank, where he held a departmental position, were in excellent condition, bank officials said.

LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER TAX PROBLEM

First of So-called "Big Stuff" of 35th Assembly Reaches Hopper

OTHER BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

Telephone Report Expected Shortly—Carkin Hesitant About Joining in Recommendations

SALISBURY, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—The first of the so-called "big stuff" of the 35th legislative assembly will drop into the hopper of the house today with the introduction of the first of tax readjustment bills sponsored by the special property tax equalization committee.

Following the outlined program of the committee in developing its tax equalization scheme the bills will be presented in the order their subject matter bears to the chronological sequence of the program. The first topic in the committee's program being equalization, the bills today provide for centralized control of assessments in the state tax commission by conferring on the commission supervision over the operations of county assessors and county boards of equalization, and for a paid state tax commission of three members appointed by the state board of control and drawing salaries of \$4000 a year each.

All In Ten Days The remaining bills designed to carry into effect the committee's recommendations will be introduced two or three each day, the committee has decided, to allow their subject matter to be more readily assimilated by the lawmakers and to permit the newspapers to place them before the public in an orderly and comprehensive manner. Under this schedule all of this series of tax bills will be before the house in a week or 10 days. The much discussed sales tax on banks and corporations and the committee's income tax measure are expected to appear next Monday or Tuesday.

Once the bills have been introduced action upon them will be speeded up by an agreement reached between senate and house leaders Monday evening whereby all hearings upon tax and revenue measures will be conducted jointly by the senate committee on assessment and taxation and the house committee on assessment and taxation, and taxation and revenue. The joint action will apply only to hearings to eliminate the necessity of each committee going over the same ground in hearing testimony and examining witnesses, and the committees will retain their individuality and make separate reports. Under tentative plans the chairman of the committee to which each bill is assigned will preside over the joint hearing upon that bill.

Phone Report Expected Another of major problems slated to drop into the legislative mill today or Wednesday is the formal report of the committee appointed by the house during the 1927 session to inquire into the rates and practice of the telephone monopoly. The report has been completed and needs only the signature of Representative Carkin to stir it on its way to the printer. Carkin is hesitant about joining in the recommendations, particularly in the matter of advising that authority for prescribing the rules, regulations and rates of telephone companies be taken out of the hands of the state public service

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STAGE CANNON ENDS LIFE OF NEGRO ACTOR

HAVANA, Jan. 22 (AP)—A stage cannon, which for once was loaded with real shot, dramatically ended the life of a negro actor known only as "Baltimore" and police today believed that he had chosen the climax of his act to commit suicide.

"Baltimore" stood before the cannon, as he had done hundreds of times before in the Miami Volcanos minstrel show. There was a flare as the gun was touched off and a dull boom and the actor dramatically fell. As the curtain descended, the audience applauded what seemed to them to be a good bit of acting. While the shouts of approval still sounded from the house, "Baltimore" dragged his shot-torn body to the wings and died.

Police at first suspected that it cannon had been loaded with real shot by some person other than the actor. They later learned from the owner of the show that "Baltimore" always insisted on charging the cannon himself for his act.

Earlier in the show another actor, Milton Salomon was killed by a mule and seriously injured.