BANK OF HAINES ROBBED THIS AFTERNOON; BANDITS HEADING NORTH

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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday but with morning fogs in the west portion, continued cold. Moderate north and northeast winds.

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GANG IS EXECUTED BY MACHINE GUNS

600 ATTEND RILEY DINNER LAST NIGHT

Speaker Declares Population Is Oregon's Great Need at Present

WOULD LURE BIG INDUSTRIES WEST

Increase May Be Obtained by Capitalizing Scenery —Address Enthusiastically Received

Population is Oregon's greatest need at the present in order to advance its progress to a par with other great states, Frank Branch Riley, famous lecturer, told a crowd of 600 La Grande and Union county people in the Sacajawea Inn ballroom last night.

The occasion of Mr. Riley's address was a joint chamber of commerce and Rotary dinner, the man who spreads the gospel of the Pacific Northwest in the east and midwest annually coming here under the auspices of the chamber and The Observer.

Mr. Riley, through his lectures, which are appropriately illustrated in the eastern half of the United States, is doing much to attract the capital of the east to this state. An Oregonian himself, Mr. Riley has sung the praises of his home state to many millions during the last few years and his efforts have brought thousands of travelers into a land that had formerly been more or less nebulous to them. And many were conquered and transferred their money and interest west.

Industries Need Population

In describing his contacts with industrialists of the east, the speaker pointed out that, although they would admit the tremendous power resources, the wonderful scenery and climate, and other advantages, that an unanswerable point at present is the lack of population. To the industrialist this lack means a very small local market for the products of his plant—too small to be attractive. Mr. Riley pointed out that in the eastern portion of the nation manufacturers had many millions of people to sell to within trucking distance while in Oregon they would have to resort to hundreds of miles of travel by railroads to reach a smaller portion of buyers.

But, the speaker declared, if Oregon can attract a larger number of tourists annually, many of them will remain here and in time the population will be sufficient to support industries now centered in the east. He optimistically pointed out that the center of population is ever moving westward and in

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BIG HERON IS CAPTURED BY A. E. McINTOSH

A blue heron, which has made his solitary home for the last three years near the place owned by A. E. McIntosh was formally introduced to human society today—and he didn't like it any too well.

The big bird, the only one of its kind known to exist in this part of the valley and of a species very rare in Eastern Oregon, ran into some brush this morning and Mr. McIntosh captured him, bringing him down town where scores of people viewed him with interest. In fact, his picture was taken several times.

The heron, which lives on fish and frogs, has a wing spread of nearly six feet and a bill more than six inches long—which makes an excellent weapon. Mr. McIntosh got a wallop on the head this morning that left a deep scratch, and an inquisitive cat at Smith's garage was put to flight when it started to investigate the long-legged bird.

After the introduction to La Grande, Mr. McIntosh returned the bird to its home—to its great relief.

Mr. McIntosh has been employed at Smith's garage for the last 14 years.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—20 above.
Minimum: 15 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 32, minimum 14 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER FEB. 14, 1928
Maximum 35, minimum 17 above.
Condition: 4 inches of snow.

Baker High Wins From La Grande At Baker, 31-24

Tigers to Wind Up Pre-tournament Season Tomorrow Night Against Union Tossers

Baker high made it two straight over the Tiger squad at Baker last night, winning from La Grande 31 to 24 in a hard-fought and at times brilliant game. Erratic playing at times and again snappy floor work and accurate basket shooting featured the contest.

Baker hit her stride in the first half, rolling up a 19 to 6 lead but in the last half a hard-driving Tiger squad scored 18 points while the Bulldogs accounted for 12. The rally, however, fell eight points short of victory.

Carson, Baker forward, was high point man with 10, and V. Newlin and Thomas tied for second with eight. The La Grande team made 78 per cent of its shots from the gift line last night, one of the best records it has made this year.

Play Union Here Friday

Preceding the game the Union and Baker girls played and afterwards, Baker gave the visiting teams a feed.

La Grande winds up its pre-tournament season here tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock against Union in the L. D. S. Recreational hall. At 7:30 o'clock the all-stars of B squad and the super-varsity of A squad will play a preliminary game. Tickets may be reserved tomorrow at Glass Drugs.

Summary

La Grande (24)		(31) Baker
Wolfe (4)	F	(10) Carson
P. Newlin (5)	F	(8) Thomas
V. Newlin (8)	C	(5) McKim
Ross (2)	G	Crockett
Thompson	G	Chaffin
Braden (4)	S	Vaughn
Wallsinger (1)	S	(6) Howard
Faus	S	(2) Nelson
	S	Stoddard

Score by Quarters

	1	2	3	4	
Tigers	3	3	7	11	—24
Bulldogs	7	12	10	4	—31

Mercury Climbs Here; Cold Wave Broken, Belief

The cold snap, which reached its peak in La Grande several days ago but tarried a long while afterwards, is apparently definitely broken. Yesterday the temperature climbed to 32 above according to the official reading, and on the sunny side of the streets, it reached a much higher point.

The warmer weather resulted in melting of some of the snow and ice blanket in La Grande and brought a bit of cheer to people who had spent the previous ten days with the mercury always below freezing point. A weather story in a Portland newspaper today said that yesterday was the first time in 10 days the La Grande mercury was above zero. This was erroneous and should have said freezing point—which is 32 degrees Fahrenheit—instead of zero.

Deer Fed at Pondosa

Following reports received here yesterday that 125 deer were reported near Pondosa, driven from the higher mountains by the deep snow, it was learned today that the animals spent three days there and were fed during that time. W. B. Fellows, Baker game warden, investigated and reported approximately 170 deer, which he found to be in good condition. He also said there was no evidence that the deer had been molested by coyotes or cougars. In the herd there were only three or four older bucks, the remainder being yearling fawns and does.

Deer driven from the high mountains near Elgin, are being fed on the farms, says M. G. Allen, of Elgin, who is in La Grande today. A herd of 30 deer is visiting at the Hyduck farm close to Elgin.

A. J. Tucker, of Elgin, reports that there are many pheasants along the highway between La Grande and Elgin. They are starving for food and many of them are so weak that they don't take the trouble to get out of the way of passing automobiles, he says.

Wallowa Team To Play Here Tonight

The La Grande M. I. A. basketball team will play the strong Wallowa town team, yet to be defeated, in the L. D. S. Recreational hall on Fourth street at 8 o'clock tonight. This will be the first meeting of the two fives this year.

The Wallowans will come here on the evening train.

The La Grande lineup follows: Black and L. Stoddard, forwards; C. Mohr, center; M. Stoddard and Berry, guards; F. Baxter, R. Anderson and A. Orton. Jimmy Rosenbaum will referee.

BLACK TAKES STAND; STATE RESTS CASE

Manslaughter Trial Expected to Reach Jury Tonight or Tomorrow

HARRY NEWBERG STATE WITNESS

Stories Told By Him and Defendant Disagree in Reference to Shot Fired By Black

Testimony for the state was completed this morning about 11:30 o'clock in circuit court in the case of the state vs. Fred M. Black, who is charged with manslaughter resulting from the fatal shooting of Leonard Olsen, Lostine farmer, last September. For about half an hour before the noon intermission Black was on the stand testifying in his own behalf.

The case may reach the jury today in case a night session of court is held but if there is no night session, court observers do not expect the jury to receive the case before tomorrow. No definite announcement had been made early this afternoon by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Newberg Testifies.

Harry Newberg was the state's main witness this morning. He testified substantially as follows: that he and Grover S. Crews, both of La Grande, started from this city on the day of September 25 to go to Big Sheep creek above Lostine. In Lostine they stopped to ask Fred M. Black to join them on the

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ANTHONY EUWER SPEAKS TONIGHT

Will Appear in the M. E. Church Under Auspices of L. H. S. Student Body

Anthony Euwer, poet, humorist and artist, arrived in La Grande this morning and tonight at 8 o'clock will appear in the auditorium of the Methodist church when La Grande townspeople and student will have the opportunity of hearing him.

A number of people in this city have heard Mr. Euwer in Portland and other cities and are strong in their praise of his ability as an entertainer. He has never been here before.

Mr. Euwer is known to many for his cover designs in the feature section of the Oregon Journal and for the verses and poems appearing in that and other papers.

The tickets for the program are selling well, says E. D. Towler, high school principal. Mr. Euwer is in La Grande on one of the lyceum numbers sponsored by the student body of La Grande High school.

SUCCESSOR TO BOOTH

Commissioner J. E. Higgins, commander of the British Empire, was chief of staff and second in command of world Salvation Army forces prior to his elevation to commander to succeed General Bramwell Booth in England last night. Higgins was formerly chief secretary for the Salvation Army forces in the United States and has been an officer since 1882.

EXTRA!!

HAINES BANK ROBBED THIS AFTERNOON

Word was received in La Grande just before 4 o'clock this afternoon that two young men held up the Bank at Haines, Ore., and escaped in an automobile with $1,800. The sheriff and his deputies are patrolling the highway here as The Observer goes to press as the robbers are reported to have started in this direction. All cars are being stopped. One man was short and dark and the other was tall and a blonde. No shots were fired.

Oliver Riley To Accept Call To Nebraska Pulpit

Rector St. Peter's Church Will Deliver His Last La Grande Sermon on March 17

The Rev. Oliver Riley, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, today announced his resignation, having accepted a call to become rector of St. Andrew's church, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The date of his last service in La Grande will be Mar. 17, after which he will move to his new location.

Mr. Riley will be greatly missed in La Grande, having made an excellent record as rector here. During his stay more than $6,000 has been spent in church improvements including the installation last year of a new pipe organ. Nearly 100 have been admitted to membership by confirmation, practically doubling the previous church membership, it is reported.

Mr. Riley has held ten diocesan offices, including that of secretary of the missionary district. He has also taken a part in community affairs, being adjutant of the American Legion, secretary of the Rotary club, prelate of the Knight Templar, president of the Boy Scout court of honor and president of the La Grande Musical association.

F. A. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT OF GROUP, TALKS

According to word from Corvallis, where state electrogists are in convention, Frank A. Robinson, of La Grande, president of the organization, gave a talk on illumination before the Oregon State Retail Merchants' association Wednesday. His talk concerned both homes and business buildings and was very well received.

Mr. Robinson left here a few days ago for Corvallis to attend the convention.

British May Make Disarm Proposal

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—It was learned in well informed quarters today that proposals for a new approach to settlement of the disarmament problem may be made by the British government to the United States in the near future.

Great Northern Seeks Extension

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—C. N. Christopherson, Great Northern general agent here, announced today that an extension of his road from Klamath Falls into California to connect with a proposed northerly extension of the Western Pacific from Paxton or Keddie, Cal., will be undertaken as soon as approval can be obtained from the interstate commerce commission.

Application for approval of the proposed lines were filed with the commission today, advices from W. P. Kenney, Great Northern vice president and director of traffic, stated.

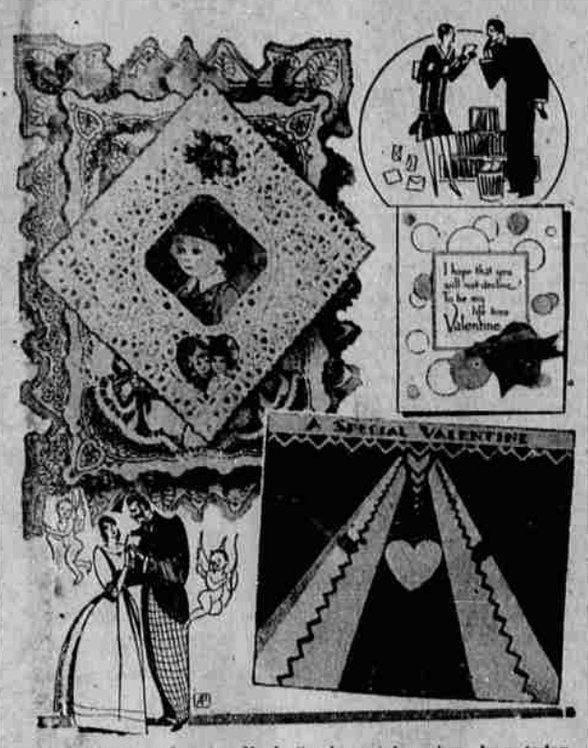
Senator Larrazola Near Death Today

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 14 (AP)—U. S. Senator O. A. Larrazola is near death at his home here today, according to reports of physicians attending him. A priest was called to his home this morning to administer the last sacrament.

Senator Larrazola, because of a general breakdown, was forced to leave the short session of congress a few weeks ago and return home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The senate commerce committee voted today not to interfere with the proposed sale by the shipping board of the Atlantic fleet of government vessels to Paul W. Chapman, Inc., of New York.

Don't Forget—Today Is Valentine's



Valentines are keeping Uncle Sam's postal workers busy today and are gladdening the hearts of many—whether they receive the old-fashioned ones like in the upper left, or those of more modern type, like at the right. There may even be a few comic ones sent, who knows?

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Sedate stanzas whispering guardedly of love characterized the early American valentines as shown in a collection placed on view by the Chicago historical society today. Changing times produced one direct expression until in 1929, the collection reveals, the Valentine versemakers leave no doubt of the sender's amorous sentiments.

The earliest Valentine shown is dated 1830, but all before 1850 were home-made affairs, generally a red heart with a pretty but proper inscription.

Miss Esther Howland began making Valentines commercially in 1851, the society points out, and it is from that time on that the lacy, heart-embossed creations date. Many of Miss Howland's Valentines were simply inscribed: "To one I love."

A Valentine dated 1865 is addressed "to my friend," and says: "The charm that best can sweeten life

Is found to be a faithful wife.
The wife I seek—good, kind and true—
Love whispers I shall find in you."

Comic Valentines appear to have enjoyed a perpetual vogue throughout the years, the society showing many which it describes as "ridiculous, witty and severe."

Dads' Society Makes Plea For Oregon's Needs

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—A plea from Bruce Dennis of Klamath Falls, president of the Dad's society of the University of Oregon, that the legislature readjust the millage tax fund between the university and Oregon State college, even if it is necessary to merge the regent boards of the two, brought from W. J. Kerr, president of the latter, the rejoinder that the taking of money from one institution of learning to help another was unheard of in the history of American education.

Both were among the speakers of a hearing before the joint ways and means committee last night in the hall of representatives, called mainly to hear the needs of the state university.

Representatives of 2000 organized fathers and the same number of mothers of state university students pleaded with the committee to levy a special tax if necessary to meet the needs of the University, and promised that the organized parents would be a unit in support of the action.

These needs, set out in appropriation bills aggregating many thousands of dollars outside the state budget, were presented by President Arnold Bennett Hall. Dr. Hall emphasized the need of a continuing appropriation of $76,500 to provide a retirement annuity for university instructors in old age.

Dennis said that conditions had changed since the millage tax was voted several years ago, and that the university's share is not now sufficient.

This brought a reply from President Kerr of the state college, who said that if the committee should deem it necessary to readjust the millage he would ask a hearing.

A bill by Eberhard, Kiddle, Dunn and Elliott giving normal schools the same right held by the state university and the college to issue bonds for the erection of dormitories and boarding houses, was passed today by the senate. Several senators contended that the bill should stipulate that the state was in no way financially obligated.

GENEROUS ROBBERS

MINEOLA, N. Y., Feb. 14 (AP)—Three 15-year-old youths, held in connection with a score of robberies in Nassau county, were said by the police to have admitted giving away $50,000 worth of jewelry to girl friends and relatives, keeping for themselves trinkets worth about $4.

RITNER ELECTED BY WHEAT GROUP

Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande Named on Board of Directors

ARLINGTON, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Frequent county meetings and continued committee action will carry on the work of the Columbia basin wheat conference which closed its three-day session here last night. A general report of the conference is to be prepared for distribution throughout the wheat league, enlarged by many new members. A strong position on open river transportation into the Inland Empire was taken by the conference, the program to be carried out by a transportation committee consisting of W. W. Harrah, Pendleton, chairman; F. L. Ballard, Corvallis, secretary, and members of the league.

Roy W. Ritner, of Pendleton, was elected president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, joint sponsor with Oregon State college extension service, of the conference. John Withycombe, of Arlington, was elected vice president, and H. B. Pinkerton, Moro, secretary. The election was held late yesterday.

Pierce Selected

The board of directors include: Wallowa, H. B. Davidhizar; Union, Walter M. Pierce, and Baker, Wesley Payton.

At a meeting proposed for late this month, permanent organization of a general open river conference is expected. Backers of this movement ask that barge transportation on the Upper Columbia river and its tributaries be established.

The legislative committee of the conference asked that drastic laws against the stock thief menace be adopted by the state, advocating a state constabulary, if necessary, to protect the livestock industry.

Opposition to reduction in commercial truck and stage licenses was expressed.

Ormiston Witness In Hardy Hearing

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14 (AP)—Kenneth G. Ormiston, one time radioman of Angelus temple, made a flying visit to the witness chair of a state legislative committee here today, answered one question in which he said he did not know of any instance in which Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy gave Aimee Semple McPherson "legal advice" and then was excused.

Salvation Army Elects Higgins New Commander

Former Commissioner to Succeed General Booth; Legal Fight May Be Carried On

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Salvation Army had a new commander-in-chief today—its former commissioner, Edward J. Higgins, of England. The immediate future of the army, however, seemed to depend upon the actions of its deposed head, General Bramwell Booth.

Higgins was chosen at a secret session of its high council last night, receiving 42 votes against 17 for Commissioner Evangeline Booth, sister of General Booth. The action followed adjudication earlier in the day of General Booth as unfit, because of his health, to continue at his post.

Booth Goes to Courts

Several developments appeared possible today, any one of which would disturb peaceful assumption of office by General Higgins, and would prevent the army's entering quietly into life under the new regime.

General Booth has already taken his adjudication as unfit once to the courts of England and there is nothing to indicate he will not do so again.

Elsewhere it was unofficially stated that he would refuse the new army head custody of army property and money which remains in his charge as trustee. A court order to compel him to give in here might be sought in such an eventuality.

Rumors of Break

Anonymous denials that the American branch of the army will secede and break away from the English control failed to quiet rumors that that is in prospect. In these rumors particular attention is paid to the fact that the high council passed by Commissioner Evangeline Booth, sister of the general, in its selection of a new commander-in-chief. Evangeline Booth, who is in charge of the movement in America, was active in the reform movement to oust her brother, and some had freely predicted her choice as the new army chief.

Higgins Experienced

Past duties of General Higgins give him broad preparation for his new post. He was General Booth's chief lieutenant for the last decade. He entered the army under the tutelage of his father, the late Commissioner Higgins, in its early days, coming immediately under the influence of the Booths.

His ardor and sagacity in business affairs brought him promotion quickly. In 1896 he was made colonel, and appointed chief secretary in the United States, where he served for nine years under Commander Evangeline Booth. During much of this time he lived at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Mrs. Higgins has been engaged

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Five Rumored To Succeed Jardine; Mention McNary

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 14, (AP)—While President-elect Hoover received callers today at his headquarters on Belle Isle, the volunteer cabinet builders were busy guessing who will receive the agriculture portfolio.

Secretary Jardine's announcement yesterday that he will not remain in the cabinet gave the speculators something new to work on, since friends of Mr. Hoover had heretofore predicted that Jardine would be retained.

Among names suggested for the place are Samuel McKelvie, former governor of Nebraska, Dante Pierce, Des Moines, farm paper publisher, Thomas Campbell, Montana wheat grower and Senators Capper of Kansas and McNary of Oregon.

Among the callers today were Clarence M. Wooley, Washington; A. W. Shaw, Chicago and Edward Frye Hunt, of the department of commerce, all of whom are members of the committee studying recent economic changes in the United States, of which Mr. Hoover is chairman.

British Catholics Given Dispensation

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—In view of the severe weather and prevalence of influenza and other sickness Cardinal Bourne today granted a dispensation to British Catholics absolving them of fasting during Lent.

Friday was made the sole exception to the dispensation. The Cardinal exhorted them to "more fervent prayer and greater generosity and alms giving."

SEVEN SHOT TO DEATH BY CHICAGO GANG

NO MERCY SHOWN BY MURDERERS

Cold - blooded Execution Marks Resumption of Violence Today

Chicago Police Plan for "War to Death" Against Rule of the Powerful Underworld

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Six members of the north side gang of George "Bugs" Moran, were lined up against a wall and summarily executed and one other was fatally wounded today by a band of men who invaded the north side headquarters of the gang posing as police officers. After forcing the men to raise their hands, the gangsters shot them down in cold blood.

The heaped bodies of the victims were found in the rear room of the S. M. C. Cartage company, 2122 North Clark street, by the police who had been summoned by a woman living nearby. She was apparently the only person to hear the reports of the sawed off shot guns and machine guns of the slayers.

The assassins pulled up before the Moran gang headquarters in two large automobiles. They rushed into the Cartage company, displaying stars and ordering the eight occupants to raise their hands. Apparently the slayers then herded their victims into a rear room and, lining them up against a wall with hands above their heads, loosed their murderous gunfire.

One Found Alive

Six of the bodies, all in seesaw positions, just as they had fallen, were found by police ranged along the bullet marked and blood spattered wall. On the floor in an outer room, the other was found still living.

The police immediately identified three of the victims, as Peter Gusenberg, robber and jewelry thief; James Clark, and Al Weinshank, soft drink parlor owners. The wounded man was identified as Frank Gusenberg, brother of Peter, both having been involved in the Dearborn Street station mail robbery several years ago. Frank died in a hospital at 2 o'clock.

Creates Sensation

The slayings created a sensation in official circles. William F. Russell, commissioner of police, Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, county coroner and Harry Stansbury, assistant state's attorney were on the scene within a few minutes and took charge of the investigation.

The flower store where Dion O'Banion was killed among his roses and chrysanthemums is about two miles south of the Cartage company's offices and it was near the flower store and across from Holy Name Cathedral that Hymie Weiss, another gang leader and several others were mowed down by machine guns planted in an apartment overlooking the church a year or two later.

"War to Death"

Two hours after the killings the bodies still lay in the shambles in the same positions in which they were found while hundreds milled about outside the buildings as the officials started their inquiry.

"This is the end of gangland in Chicago," Chief Russell declared as he looked at the bodies. "It is a war to the death now and no quarter given or asked by the police. Every policeman in Chicago

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SEINE RIVER FROZEN FROM BANK TO BANK

PARIS, Feb. 13 (AP)—For the first time since 1895 the Seine was frozen from bank to bank today at Montereau, only 50 miles from Paris. The cold persisted throughout the country and many French communities experienced new low temperature records. More than 15 deaths, attributable to the frigid conditions, have been reported.

VIENNA, Feb. 14 (AP)—Free bread and tea are being distributed by the government to the poor of Vienna because of the unprecedented cold spell which is causing much suffering. All the relief stations in the city are going at top speed but are inadequate to care for the capital's unemployed.

ROME, Feb. 14 (AP)—Roman children enjoyed one of the rarest privileges of their lives today—that of snowballing. A three-inch snow covered the city following a heavy fall last night.