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FRED BLACK
GIVEN 5-YEAR
PRISON TERM

Sentence Passed by Judge Knowles at 1:30 O'clock This Afternoon

CONVICTED AFTER
FOUR-HOUR STUDY

Night Session Court Held Last Night to Get Case of Manslaughter to the Jurors

Fred M. Black, tried on a manslaughter charge for the fatal shooting of Leonard Olsen, Loring farmer last September, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in circuit court in La Grande last night and was sentenced to five years in the Oregon penitentiary and fined \$1 by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles early this afternoon.

The verdict was returned last night at 10:20 o'clock after a four-hour deliberation by the jurors. Black is returning today with Sheriff A. B. Miller to Wallowa county.

Yesterday afternoon was spent in the arguments of the attorneys, Robert Christian speaking for the defense and District Attorney Sylvester Burleigh and his father, J. A. Burleigh, speaking for the state.

Black has not signified his intention to the court of appealing the case but early this afternoon he told an Observer reporter that he would fight it "to the supreme court."

In the event that he does file an appeal, the furnishing of a bond of \$2,000 would free him during the time the appeal is being acted on by the state supreme court, Judge Knowles stated today.

The sentencing of Black coincides with the five-year sentence of Harry Newberg who was arrested with Black and found guilty.

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MRS. CHANDLER
PASSES AWAY
AT ELGIN, ORE.

Sarah Emmaline Chandler, wife of George Chandler, died Wednesday morning at Elgin after a short illness, and will be laid to rest in the Elgin cemetery Saturday afternoon following funeral services at 2 o'clock. The body is at Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary today.

Mrs. Chandler, who has made her home in the Elgin district for the last 31 years, was born on Dec. 30, 1870 and was 58 years, one month and 14 days old. Her death came as a sad shock to her many friends over the valley.

SAM WALKER
IS APPOINTED
TO WEST POINT

Samuel Walker, of La Grande, was "completely floored," this morning when Major Ralph Huron called him up on the phone to tell him that he had received an appointment to West Point. A telegram with the news came this morning.

Mr. Walker will take his entrance examination at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., March 5, and if he passes it "and he will," Major Huron says—he will be at West Point July 1 to begin his work.

"The National Guard of La Grande is mighty proud of the appointment of Mr. Walker," Major Huron says. "This is the first man from the guard that has received the honor. We all feel that we've done something too, to have such recognition come to a man who began training in the guard."

"I guess I'm pretty lucky," Mr. Walker says, but Major Huron contradicts him by saying, "No, it wasn't luck. Anybody who takes two examinations and comes out second in both of them deserves it." Mr. Walker took the examination in Portland in December and one last month in Baker for the appointment to be made by Congressmen Butler.

Mr. Walker is 19 years old and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Walker of this city.

He has had an excellent record in his guard work in this city and also attended O. S. C. last year where he was a member of the R. O. T. C.

Former Governor
Returns to Home
From California

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, Now at Eola, Will Join Her Husband Here Within a Few Weeks

Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, has returned to his home and farm near this city, from California where with Mrs. Pierce, he has been spending a month's vacation and wedding trip. Mrs. Pierce is at her home at Eola, near Salem, and will come to La Grande in a few weeks, as soon as more conditions permit residence in the home on Mr. Pierce's wheat ranch. Mr. Pierce will live at the ranch while his son, Lloyd Pierce, will have direct charge of the sheep ranch.

"California is a marvelous state," Mr. Pierce said this morning. "But both Mrs. Pierce and myself are proud and glad to be back in Oregon to make our home."

Mrs. Pierce was formerly Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian. She visited in La Grande last November when she was guest for Thanksgiving dinner at the Pierce home. She likes this part of Eastern Oregon very much, her husband said this morning.

Travelled 3,600 Miles
On the trip in California "we traveled 3,600 miles and had a punctured tire but once," the ex-governor said. They went to the Mexican line, crossed the mountains into Imperial Valley and went through Riverside on to Los Angeles. They visited in Hollywood, Bakersfield and Chico going on to

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Legion District
Convention Will
Be At Wallowa

Local American Legion officials announced that the seventh district convention of the legion to be held in Wallowa tomorrow night will be attended by from 200 to 400 legionnaires from towns in the district including La Grande, Nyssa, Westfall, Joseph, Enterprise, Wallowa, Haines, Baker, Prairie City, Canyon City, Union, North Bend, Haines, John Day, Cove, Huntington, Ontario, Vale and others.

The following state officials will attend Ben Fisher, of Marshfield, state commander; Carl Moser, state adjutant; Neil Morrell, chief of camp and Harry N. Nelson, of Portland.

A banquet and program of talks and music will be featured at the event tomorrow night. A large delegation of La Grande members of the legion and auxiliary will be in attendance.

William Kelly, of Baker, is the district commander, man in charge of the annual event.

25 Nominated
By Members Of
Commerce Club

The count of chamber of commerce ballots taken last week has been completed and 25 men have been selected. From this group the directors of the organization for the coming year will be selected in the near future.

The 25 nominated for directors follow:
T. J. Scroggin, F. A. Epling, H. J. Green, F. Kiddle, J. Russell, Charles Reynolds, W. E. Gilbert, Dr. W. T. Phy, Gene Walker, William Siegel, A. T. Hill, A. W. Nelson, F. B. Appleby, Oscar Warnock, W. C. Perkins, H. E. Brady, Lester Brumwell, R. S. Eskin, F. L. Meyers, H. E. Coullidge, G. L. Laurison, R. P. Murphy, G. S. Birnie, A. J. Stange and J. T. Longfellow.

Mrs. C. E. Hood Dies
In Salem, Oregon

Mrs. Charles E. Hood, formerly of Wallowa, died last night in Salem where she had been making her home for the last two years. Mrs. Hood's death comes as a shock to her many friends in La Grande and in the Wallowa country where she lived for many years. The funeral will be held in Walla Walla, Wash., tomorrow.

Mrs. Hood is survived by her husband, a son, Ross, of Walla Walla, and her sister, Mrs. Hector McDonald, of Wallowa. Her son, Ross, was with her at the time of her death. It is reported.

Mrs. Ross Hood, of Wallowa, is in La Grande with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald, and will go on to Walla Walla to attend the funeral.

Wolf Creek Man
Fined \$50 Today

Ed Miller, of the Wolf Creek district, pleaded guilty to a charge of wanton destruction of personal property in the justice court in La Grande today and was fined \$50. He paid the fine.

Mr. Miller was tried for the shooting of a dog owned by Martha M. Tibbs, Wolf Creek school teacher, about two weeks ago.

TWO BANDITS
EVADE E. O.
AUTHORITIES

Men Who Heldup and Robbed Haines Bank Yesterday Still Free

NO TRACE FOUND
ALONG HIGHWAY

Search Continuing Today—Crime Was Third at Haines Bank in Last Nine Years

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Although highways throughout the district were being guarded, no trace had been found today of the two men who yesterday held up the cashier and clerk of the Bank of Haines and escaped with \$2,000 in currency.

The robbers are believed to have fled in an automobile. One was said to have been about 35 years old, and the other 25.

Hugh McCall, cashier, and Melvin Heard, clerk of the bank, were tied by the bandits while the \$2,000 were being looted. Ten minutes after the men had left the bank officers released themselves and spread the alarm. The loss was covered by insurance.

McCALL KNOWN HERE

Hugh McCall, who was tied up by bandits who robbed the Haines bank late yesterday, is well known in La Grande and was formerly county treasurer of Union county with headquarters here. He and Mr. Heard, clerk of the bank, spread the alarm yesterday afternoon which was also received in La Grande.

Reports that reached the police

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CLEAN SNOW OFF
60 MILES STREET

City Crews Go Over Many Arteries; Wells Supply Most of Water

Although the weather is warming up slightly in the Grande Ronde valley, the city of La Grande is using mostly well water for domestic and business purposes because of winter's intrusions into the Beaver Creek system.

At the city commission meeting last night, adjourned on Wednesday evening, the city manager reported that the city was pumping water from the wells every 24 hours, the pumps running all night and sometimes up to 9 o'clock in the morning. The flow from the Beaver Creek line, because of freezing temperatures in the hills, is only a fraction of its usual volume. Only one well is being used and it supplies the city with water without difficulty.

It was also reported that during the last few weeks, 60 miles of street have been cleaned of most of the snow that piled up during January. Many of the streets were graded several times and automobile traffic has been maintained on the main arteries throughout the winter. In addition, city crews spent about a week clearing sidewalks early during the snowy period. Later it was necessary to concentrate on the streets. At times the city crew would work 24 hours of the day.

Several minor matters were taken care of at the meeting last night in addition to the allowing of bills for January in the amount of \$1,975.26.

Anthony Euwer, Poet and Artist,

Entertains Audience at M. E. Church

A young woman several years ago asked Anthony Euwer, poet and artist, what he considers the biggest thing he had done and he responded: "Well, the best thing my wife and I have done for a long time is our son." That was the subject of the poem, "Heaps and Heaps," which Mr. Euwer read last night at the M. E. church and which proved to be one of the most popular numbers on the program of poems which kept his audience enraptured.

That remark illustrates Anthony Euwer's humor and his way of thinking which reflects itself in each of the charming poems and clever line-drawings composed by him and which he gave to the audience of students and townspeople at the second of a series of literary numbers sponsored by the high school.

"I can't ever grow up," he stated simply to the same young woman. And that is part of his charm as it is shown in the frankness, simplicity, humor and artistry which unite in all of his poems.

HOUSE VOTES
25 PER CENT
LICENSE CUT

First Count Major Legislation Finds No Dissenting Voices

CARKIN, HOWEVER,
DISLIKES MEASURE

Shingle and Lumber Memorial Reported Adversely Because of Lumbermen's Urge

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—The first vote by either branch of the legislature on any of the measures of recognized major importance came this morning when the house without a dissenting voice passed house bill 289, providing for a horizontal average reduction of 25 percent in automobile license fees and increasing the gasoline tax one cent to balance the highway budget.

Under the terms of the bill provision is made for the licensing of automobiles for portions of a year, car owners being allowed to pay for licenses for the unexpired quarters of the license year, which will run from July 1 after July 1, 1930, by the provisions of the Bennett bill already passed by both houses and signed by the governor.

Truck licenses are changed from a tire width basis to weight basis, and farmers are granted the privilege of licensing their trucks from May 1 to October 1.

It is also provided that the count-

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CAR MAGNATE'S
VALET NABBED
AND PAYS FINE

HONOLULU, Feb. 15 (AP)—William Reid, who came to Hawaii as valet to Walter P. Chrysler, American automobile magnate, was out \$18 bottles of assorted liquors and \$405 in cash today because the eighty-second bottle broke.

Mr. and Mrs. Chrysler and their daughter Bernice and son Walter P. Jr., arrived here on the steamer Malolo from San Francisco last Wednesday for a short vacation en route to the far east.

When the luggage was being removed from the boat there were certain bags that Reid refused to let porters handle. He took them off himself. An odor of alcohol attracted the nostrils of suspicious customs officers toward one of the bags. The bags were found to contain whiskey, gin, rum and champagne. The odor came from a broken whiskey bottle.

In Hawaii a fine of \$5 a bottle is levied on contraband liquor when discovered. Reid appeared at the customs office yesterday and paid \$405 at that rate. He did not say to whom the liquor belonged or whether he personally met the expense of his accident.

Mr. Chrysler made no comment for publication.

Weather Bureau
Wins Long Fight

PORTLAND, Feb. 15 (AP)—The weather bureau at last has the situation under control.

After having adhered for days and days to the stereotyped prediction "continued cold; no change in temperature," the government meteorologist here today went on record to the effect that Oregon, Washington and Idaho were to be "warmer tonight."

For Oregon the prediction read: "Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight; gentle variable winds on the coast."

Ruth Roland And
Ben Bard Married

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 15 (AP)—Ruth Roland, former star of movie thrillers, and Ben Bard, film actor, were married at a brilliant ceremony here last night.

Billie Dove, screen star, was maid of honor and Robert Z. Leonard, a director, Dorothy Phillips, Helen De Laine, Mrs. Hal Roach, Mrs. Edith Garven and Mrs. Harry Sugarman. Attending the groom's ushers were Jack White, Kevin Whitely, Frank Vincent, James Hall, Harry Sugarman, Lloyd Hughes, Cornelius Keefe and Charles "Buddy" Rogers.

The couple declined to reveal their honeymoon plans.

The bride has made a fortune in real estate since leaving the films.

Babe Ruth Takes
Prize—And How!

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15 (AP)—Babe Ruth, king of home run hitters, last night donned a baby's long dress, wore a blonde wig, carried a milk bottle and won first prize for the cleverest costume at the annual Beau-Arts ball.

Ruth rode into the ball-room on a little red wagon, pulled by a woman dressed in the accepted fashion of the gay 90's, who shook a bright red rattle box at him.

SHE OWNS A BASEBALL CLUB



The only woman owner of a baseball club—that is the distinction 24-year-old Florence Killien, daughter of the late Henry Killien, one of the game's prominent figures who died recently, bears. She is sole owner of the Milwaukee American association club and says she is going to run it herself.

Single Women
Have Better Life,
Spinster, 100, Says

BOSTON, Eng., Feb. 15 (AP)—Miss Wilhelmina Robinson has reached the age of 100 years.

"I detest men," she avowed on reaching the century mark, "and I put down my long and happy life to the fact that I was never foolish enough to marry one."

"Single women have a far better life than any wife," said the white-haired little spinster. "The girls of today are a scandal. It is men, men, men, all the time."

Courting and the technique of proposing—leap years or any years—never concerned her at any time, Miss Robinson declared emphatically.

"I never asked any man to marry me—and no one ever asked me to marry him," she said. "I always hated men."

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Box Bill Passed
By House Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Without a record vote, the house today passed the box bill to make more stringent the regulations governing the entry into the United States of persons coming as visitors to seek employment. The measure goes to the senate.

Europe Remains
In Grip Of Cold;
Snow on Riviera

Unrelenting Ice, Snow and Wind Cause Scores of Deaths; Some from Starvation

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Europe continued today in the grip of an unprecedented cold wave.

There was a slight increase in temperatures in some quarters, but generally there was no amelioration of the bitter cold which has blanketed most of the continent with snow and ice and wrought untold suffering.

One particularly pathetic story came from Poland, where a young peasant bride going from her native village to a church in Piotrkow for her wedding was found frozen to death in her sleigh.

Worst in 140 Years
The Riviera suffered from the worst snow in 140 years. The weight of the three-inch fall caused the roof of a garage to collapse, burying a score of persons and injuring three of them.

England bore the brunt of temperatures from eight below zero, Fahrenheit, to a few degrees above.

Unrelenting snow, ice and wind have transformed Southeastern Europe into bleak desolation with scores of deaths from cold, influenza, pneumonia and even starvation.

Belgrade has been one of the worst sufferers from the bitter winter. The population is threatened with shortage not only of food and water, but coal, medicine and clothing. The government rationed bread, milk and coal, and declared a war on food profiteers who have boosted prices 100 per cent.

Livestock Starves

Bird and animal life has suffered even more than human life. Everywhere throughout the Balkans the carcasses of horses, cows and sheep have been seen in the snow while in fields and parks the snow is strewn with frozen pigeons, crows and other birds.

The Hungarian authorities are urging women to wear heavy woolen garments and stockings. The warning followed the amputation of both legs of a 19-year-old girl who suffered from frost bite.

The Prague-Budapest Express was imprisoned in a dark tunnel, both ends of which were choked with snow. The passengers despite some panic, managed to grope their way through, emerging into daylight in an exhausted and frozen condition.

Villach, Austria, whose last ounce of coal gave out yesterday, was in darkness all night and the people there are remaining in bed through the day in an effort to keep warm.

Hardy Hearing
Comes to Close;
Report Monday

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (AP)—The legislative committee which has been investigating circumstances surrounding the acceptance by Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy of a \$2,500 check from Mrs. Almsie Semple McPherson today had completed taking from a long list of witnesses testimony upon which it will base its recommendations to the state assembly. The hearing, which was held to determine whether impeachment proceedings shall be brought against the jurist, adjourned yesterday, until Monday, when it will meet in executive session at Sacramento, preparatory to laying its findings in the case before the legislature.

Kenneth Ormiston, former Angeles temple radio operator, whose name was linked with Mrs. McPherson at the time of her disappearance, and Miss Bernice Moran, formerly secretary to R. A. McKinley, blind Long Beach, Cal., attorney, who was said to have represented the evangelist's "kidnappers," were two of the last witnesses to testify at the hearing.

Miss Morris said Mrs. McPherson came to see her the day McKinley was killed in an automobile accident in August, 1926. She said she suggested to the two women that it would be a "good idea" to get from an undertaker a letter found on the body—written to McKinley from Judge Hardy "before the newspapers get it to keep Judge Hardy's name out of the case." Mrs. McPherson agreed, she said.

LINDY HEADS NORTH
SAPELO ISLAND, Ga., Feb. 15 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh took off at 1:48 p. m. E. S. T. today for Washington, after a stop over of two hours at the Howard E. Coffin estate here, en route from Miami to Washington.

In a mass meeting last night 19 charges were preferred against the dean, who has been at the school for several years.

Among the complaints are that Miss Brogren did not permit girls to walk through town on Sunday afternoon, and filed resolutions with regard to dates for first-year girls, refusal to allow girls to talk with boys except during date hours, holding girls responsible for conduct of their visitors, prohibiting girls from meeting their brothers, and prohibiting student clubs from meeting after 4 p. m.

STUDENTS OF
COLLEGE MAY
OUST TEACHER

SAN MARCOS, Tex., Feb. 15 (AP)—Two hundred students of Southwest Texas State Teachers college here have demanded the resignation of Miss Mary C. Brogren, dean of women.

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Fails In Attempt
To Break Record

WRIGHT FIELD, Ohio, Feb. 15 (AP)—After remaining aloft for two hours and 20 minutes in a fight to set a new altitude record, Lieut. Harry Johnson, Selfridge field flyer, landed here at 1:50 p. m. today.

Johnson attained an estimated altitude of 35,000 feet.

Trouble with the super-charger on the plane forced him to descend after reaching 35,000 feet, several thousand feet under the present altitude mark.

POLICE HELD
IN SUSPICION
IN MASSACRE

Assistant Prohibition Administrator Advances New Idea Today

CAPTAIN GLEASON
RIDICULES THEORY

No Trace Found of Men Who Executed 6 Gangsters and Doctor in Chicago Thursday

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Major Fred D. Sillway, assistant prohibition administrator today advanced the theory that police officers themselves killed the seven gangsters shot to death in a north side gang stronghold yesterday, and declared that he believed the names of the actual slayers would be known before night.

Police Commissioner Russell and Deputy Commissioner John Stagg, in charge of the detective bureau, had left their offices to go to the inquest for the seven slain men at the time Sillway made his announcement.

Captain James Gleason, Stagg's assistant, however, said it was ridiculous to suppose police were involved in the murders.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—A blind alley lay ahead of police today as they sought the trail of slayers in Chicago's latest, and bloodiest of all, gang killings.

With a day and night of investigation behind, police still sought a clue to the shooting down of six gangsters and a doctor yesterday morning. They were frankly discouraged. The record of 72 previous gang killings in the last four years without a conviction—many without an arrest—lent little hope that the present investigation would be more successful. There were no witnesses. When the assassins entered the S. M. C. Cartago company garage at 2122 North Clark street about 10:45 a. m. yesterday, lined up six men, they were against a brick wall and shot them down. A woman saw four men, two dressed as policemen, and carrying guns, enter the garage. She saw, enter what she thought was a police squad car, and drive rapidly away. But that was the most definite story the police had.

Victim Silent

One of the victims, Frank Gusenberg, survived his wounds a short time, and was conscious. He was the only hope of authorities for an eyes witness account. But the code of the gunman kept him silent.

A police sergeant looked over the gangster who lay dying at Alexian Brothers hospital.

"Who shot you, Frank?" he asked.

"Shot me?" said Frank Gusenberg. "Why, nobody—shot me."

But early today, when they completed an examination, coroner's physicians found 10 bullets in Gusenberg's body.

The "massacre" as it was being called today, resulted in the virtual annihilation of the gang that took up Dion O'Banion's beer-and-look stained toga when the smiling Dion was slain in his flower shop November 10, 1924. It is from O'Banion's death that police date the gang wars.

Seeking Moran

Six of yesterday's victims were members of the gang of north side booze racketeers and hi-jackers of which police say George (Bugs) Moran is the head. It was Moran who finally succeeded to O'Banion's leadership in the wake of others who, taking up where O'Banion left off, were shot down in one way or another.

Moran still lives, the last of the O'Banion dynasty; but police could not find him yesterday or last night and they were not certain but that he, too, may have been killed.

Of the seven killed, only Dr. R. H. Schweitzer, an optometrist, was unknown to police records. Dr. Schweitzer, they believe, dropped into the garage to chat with Frank and Peter Gusenberg both of whom

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WOMAN LEAPS
HIGH GAP TO
AID NEIGHBOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—A frail woman hurled herself across a seven-foot gap three stories in the air in a futile attempt to save an aged man from burning to death.

Mrs. Della Rooney saw her neighbor, Charles Bitter, 65, with his clothing afire in his apartment across the air shaft last night climbing out on the fire escape alighted across the opening, bare-grasping the railing of the opposite fire escape.

Pulling herself up, she threw water on the victim and rolled him in blankets until the blaze was extinguished, but Bitter died within a few minutes.