

OREGON: Unsettling; probably local snows in east portion tonight and Sunday; moderate temperature.

COURT HOUSE REPAIR WORK NEARLY DONE

Plasterers Now at Work in Court Room; Furniture Due April 1

SEVERAL CHANGES MADE IN BUILDING

County Nurse Headquarters Established; Some Offices Given Additional Space

Work on the repair of the Union county court house which was damaged by fire late last summer is continuing and gradually the county officials are locating themselves again in their regular offices following their habitation of temporary offices in other buildings.

Several changes in arrangement of rooms in the court house have been made. Some have been enlarged and others have been made smaller. One extra room has been added. The office of the county health nurse will be located in the court house instead of in the West-Jackson building.

Plasterers Busy. Plastering is under way in the court room. A considerable amount of patch plastering and the plastering of the main hall yet remains to be done.

The conduits for the electrical wiring have been installed.

The tax collecting room has been enlarged by taking some of the space from the office of the sheriff.

The office of the court reporter has been changed from the south to the east side of the court room. The court room itself will be somewhat smaller than before.

West of the court room will be two rooms, that of the county nurse and of the grand jury.

The office of the sheriff is at present located in the treasurer's office. Glass partitions have been taken out in both of these offices thus allowing for slightly more room.

Office Enlarged. The office of the county roadmaster located on the second floor of the building has been enlarged by taking some of the space of the upper hall.

The building is being held down as the repairs are completed. O. A. Child, of Union, is general contractor for the repair work and separate contracts were let for the plastering, wiring, plumbing and heating.

DENTISTS TO GATHER HERE ON FEB. 25-26

Final plans are in preparation for the joint meeting of the Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon District dental societies to be held in La Grande Feb. 25 and 26, at the Sacajawea Inn.

An elaborate program has been prepared and a number of prominent members of the medical profession from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will be in attendance and will take part on the program. The meeting will open Monday with the address of the president, Dr. R. E. Cate, of Baker. A banquet will be held at 6:30 o'clock that evening.

The out-of-town dentists who will be on the program are: Dr. Cate, of Baker; Dr. Dave Chase, Dr. W. H. Sutton, both of Portland; Dr. C. A. Philpott, Dr. E. B. Carpenter, Dr. C. P. Chierici, all of Boise; Dr. Estill L. Brunk, of Salem; Dr. W. G. Hughes, of Walla Walla; Dr. Lester Murphy, of Hood River; Dr. M. A. Gould, of Nasopa.

Dr. Ray Murphy, of La Grande, is in charge of arrangements here.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 16 (AP)—The body of a woman was found today in a creek in Cherokee park, weighted and sunk in three feet of mud and water. Investigation was started to determine if the body was that of Mrs. Ella McDowell Rogers, pretty widow, who disappeared Oct. 7, last.

Legion Corps To Increase in Size

The American Legion drum and bugle corps held a banquet in the Sacajawea Inn last night and also discussed plans for a larger and better corps for the coming year. The legionnaires expect to take part in the state convention competition again and have several prospects for the corps—enough so that members are hopeful of a 22-piece organization.

Practices will begin next Monday and will be held weekly in the high school gym, it is reported.

Bobcats Clawed By Tiger Quint, Score 28 to 19

Final Pre-tournament Game Rough and Hard-fought With Lead Seesawing in First Half

The La Grande Tigers wound up their pre-tournament season last night by defeating their traditional rivals, the Union Bobcats, in a rough, strenuously contested game, 28 to 19.

In a preliminary contest, the all-stars won from the super-variety 15 to 7.

At no time during the game, with the exception of the last period, was the outcome of the melee assured. Union's stock fell sharply, however, near the end of the first half when Delap, speedy forward, made his fourth personal. From that point on the Tigers maintained a lead, although it dwindled once or twice to a point or two as a result of a Bobcat error. The maroon and white rallies, however, were each time matched by the jungle felines.

Parent Scores 10. Vincent Newlin, who started his scoring off with a wicked left-hander that brought the galleries to his feet, was high scorer for La Grande with four field baskets. Joe Parent, Union center, took game honors with 10 points, four made from the gift line. Parent, ordinarily a sharpshooter of the first water, had difficulty in hitting the hoop, as did Delap, his teammate.

For La Grande the Newlin twins, Roe and Faus played a strong game, with Wallinger showing a decided improvement over former work on the maple floor.

Lead See-Saws First Half. The Tigers took an early lead of four points and increased it to six in the first few minutes, but a Union rally and a quartet of free throws put the visitors ahead 8 to 7. At 10 points the two fives were doctored and then La Grande forged ahead to lead at half time 12 to 10.

In the third period Union came up 13 to 14 but could not quite gain the lead and at the end of the quarter the score was 18 to 15 for the home quint. Inside the last ten minutes La Grande gradually drew away from the Unionites.

Fourteen personals and one technical foul were called against Union and La Grande was close behind with 15 personals. Wallinger, Thompson, Delap and E. Parent were all ejected from the game due to unsportsmanlike conduct.

Annual Banquet At Sacajawea On Wednesday, Feb. 20

Plans for the annual Sons and Daughters of Pioneers banquet, to be held in the Sacajawea Inn on Wednesday, Feb. 20, are progressing in excellent shape, according to reports today. A program is being arranged and tickets are already on sale.

Tickets are being sold over the county and may be obtained at the Island City store, Glass Drugs and the Sacajawea, according to J. E. Reynolds.

Elks Arrange Dinner Program For Next Friday

Arrangements for the 29th annual Elks ball will be held at the La Grande hotel and the Elks temple on Feb. 22, are reported to be progressing rapidly, with committees functioning smoothly under the general chairmanship of E. J. Kitchen.

The banquet, to be held at the temple, will begin at 7:30 o'clock and at 9, the group will go to the temple for the dancing.

The program has been completed. Dr. W. T. Pfy will be toastmaster and the following numbers will be presented: soprano solo by Mrs. Ray Fuller, "Our Order" by Hugh E. Brady, P. E. L., baritone solo by Paul Brantz, "Our Sister, Wife and Sweetheart" by Dr. Ray F. Murphy, and a soprano solo by Mrs. James P. McNamee.

At the ball music will be furnished by the Star Novelty and in addition to dancing there will be cards and music.

396 STORES IN MACMARR ORGANIZATION

La Grande Grocery Chain of Nine and Stone's Cash Store Included

LARISON WILL BE DISTRICT MANAGER

Cash-and-Carry Stores in Five States Combined in \$10,000,000 Grocery Deal

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (Special)—MacMarr Stores, Inc., with a capital investment of \$10,000,000 and with 396 cash-and-carry stores scattered over Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana, was born in Portland yesterday.

Involved in the gigantic grocery deal were several well-known chains of stores. The International Sales & Produce company was taken over with its string of 55 Twentieth Century stores in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as owned by Ross McIntyre; Marr's chain of 79 stores in Washington, Idaho and Montana, operated by Charles E. Marr of Spokane; Stone's Cash Stores in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, 35 in number; Eagle Stores, Portland, operated by Leland A. Tate, 27; Consolidated States, Inc., owners of Thrift Groceries, operated by I. E. Jagers, 64; McLean Bros., Inc., Tacoma, 21 stores; Western Pizary Wiggly company, operating 23 stores in Washington and Idaho, and the La Grande Grocery of La Grande, Ore., 9 stores.

Ross McIntyre, Portland, until yesterday owner of the Twentieth Century stores, was named as president of MacMarr Stores, Inc., while Charles E. Marr will be the vice president of the huge organization.

Executives of the concern discussed the details of the deal.

BASEBALL TEAM TO JOIN LEAGUE

Expect Pendleton, Walla Walla, Baker and La Grande to Organize

With spring in the near future, a movement is under way to bring baseball to the front again in Eastern Oregon, with the Blue Mountain league in existence again with teams to be organized from Pendleton, Walla Walla, Baker and La Grande.

Plans have been under way here for some time to organize a strong team to defend the championship won in 1928, and Junk Walters, of the Pendleton club, has started the ball rolling in earnest with letters sent to Baker and La Grande.

Pendleton, Walla Walla Ready. Spud Helms and Glib Stokke, two of last year's Pirates, have both received letters from Walters, stating that a meeting of Pendleton fans will be held next week and inquiring as to the La Grande club's plans.

Walters said Walla Walla and Pendleton are ready to play, adding that the Pendleton players would be the same as last year but "we don't care what the others hire." Dayton and Pomroy, Wash., want to enter a league with us, but we are waiting on Baker and La Grande.

Several Players Here. Besides Stokke and Helms, there are several ball players in La Grande.

Western Oregon, Washington Shake Off Cold--East Oregon Uncertain

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—Western Oregon and Washington appeared today to have shaken off the bitter grip of winter. And taking heart, the government weather bureau here permitted itself the luxury of a forecast predicting moderate temperatures with, perhaps, occasional light rain thrown in for good measure.

The situation was not so well under control in Eastern Oregon and Washington, however. In those parts, the weather bureau announced, local snows might be expected tonight and tomorrow. Moderate temperatures was in store for Idaho, although there, too, the possibility of snow was seen.

Portland Minimum 34. For the first time since January 25, the temperature remained above the freezing point in Portland last night. The minimum during the night was 34 degrees.

Officials Seek Missing Infant In Murder Case

Neighbor Sets Authorities on New Lead in Connection With St. Joseph Infanticides

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Feb. 16 (AP)—Disclosure of the disappearance within the last month of an infant son of Mrs. Ethel Lewis, awaiting trial on charges of slaying eight of her children and grandchildren, added a new element of mystery today to the story of wholesale infanticides told by the woman's daughter, Mrs. Okel Gorham.

Investigators were turned to a quest for the missing baby by a statement made to police by Mrs. James Wallace, who said they have known the Gorham and Lewis families for several years and formerly lived with them in a two-room house at Dowagiac.

Recalls Mother's Fears. Mrs. Wallace told police that only last month the youthful Mrs. Gorham expressed fear that her mother would kill the youngest of the Lewis children, a boy but a few months older than Clarence Wesley Gorham, 5 months old, whose death Sunday caused arrest of the two women.

The child has since disappeared and Mrs. Lewis answered all questions today only with the assertion that he was "adopted out." She refused to tell by whom the child was adopted or when she relinquished its care.

Tells of Babe's Death. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace also told of the death under unusual circumstances of another child of Mrs. Gorham in February, 1925, when it was 18 days old. The child died, Wallace said in a signed statement, a few days after its youthful mother had become angry because it cried and punished it by shaking it by the throat.

Herbert Gorham, 61-year-old husband of Mrs. Gorham, yesterday requested the probate court of Cass county to appoint a jury of aliens to test the sanity of his wife and her mother. Action on the request probably will be delayed until a report is received from state chemists who are examining the stomach of the child, who died Sunday.

Deportation Bill Amended in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The house today amended the senate deportation bill by classifying as undesirable all aliens who are convicted of violating the prohibition laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The senate interstate commerce committee today approved the Fees bill to permit consolidation of railroads. The vote was 7 to 2.

J. T. Longfellow To Leave For East

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools in La Grande, will leave tonight for Cleveland, Ohio, where he will attend the convention of the department of superintendence of the National Education association to be held Feb. 24 to 28. Mr. Longfellow is planning to visit schools in Winnetka, Ill., the Colorado State Teachers' college at Greeley, Colo., the Gary, Ind., public school, the school of education at Chicago university and the normal school in Cleveland.

The convention last year was held in Boston, Mass. Mr. Longfellow expects to return to La Grande Mar. 6.

Boy Scouts Will Give Club Program

Next Tuesday's forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce to be held at the Sacajawea Inn will feature a program under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, it was announced today. The program will be given in The Observer in Monday's issue.

Hoover Concludes Everglades Tour

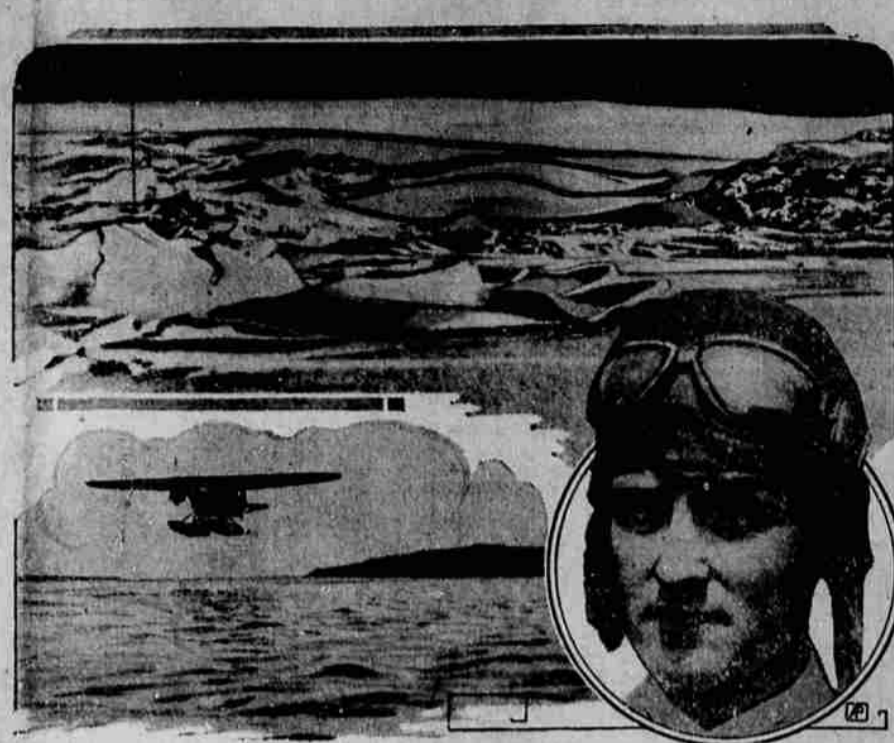
CANAL POINT, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP)—President-elect Herbert Hoover concluded his tour of the Everglades today from Clewiston to Canal Point, where the greatest damage in the 1928 hurricane and flood occurred.

He was visibly impressed by the heroic work of survivors in returning to their farms and in rebuilding the towns of South Bay, Belle Glade and Pahokee, which virtually were destroyed by the storm.

Cold Week Due, Is Weatherman's Word

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Feb. 17 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far western states: The outlook is for temperatures below normal, considerable cloudiness with occasional rains west and snow over and east of the Sierra and Cascade mountains.

WINTER CLOSING IN ON BYRD EXPEDITION



Commander Richard Byrd (inset) will shortly be facing the fury of an Antarctic winter at his supply station in the Bay of Whales. The view (above) is of the desolate areas of ice which surrounds the Bay of Whales. One of the expedition planes is shown in flight (below).

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—While the Byrd Antarctic expedition is unloading its supplies on the ice at the Bay of Whales the south polar winter is approaching rapidly.

It is not unusual, says Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, Antarctic explorer of the American Museum of Natural History, for winter conditions to sweep down in February over the Antarctic continent, which is a solid sheet of ice about the size of the United States. Nowhere upon its expanse except at a few points about its border has there been discovered any break in the ice sheet sufficient to expose bare ground enough to collect a little of the summer sun's heat to stay the chill of unending ice.

"Winter," says Dr. Murphy, "may be delayed until March, but in the Antarctic the safe rule is to get started as early that it hurts, which is exactly what Byrd has done. Byrd's winter site is in a natural amphitheater, about 400 miles long and more than 300 miles broad, in which he is camped at the outer or open edge of the horseshoe.

The protection afforded him by the configuration is not in any way due to the land which rises several thousand feet on three sides of this great bowl called Ross Sea. Instead it is furnished through peculiar meteorological conditions over the area of level glacial ice that covers so many thousands of square miles in the inner part of Ross Sea.

"Existence of this vast plain of ice enables Byrd to keep away from the dangers, amounting to almost certain failure or even death, in trying to winter on the shores of the Antarctic continent itself. For the shores drop down from great elevations and in winter are swept by terrific winds, such as caused Scott's death. Storms frequently are equal in force to a tropical hurricane.

"Byrd's camp is far enough out on the ice plan to escape the winds. Discovery of the comparative winter calm of this Bay of Whales site was made by Amundsen, who forecast the favorable condition from study of scanty meteorological reports. This deduction by Amundsen was one of the cleverest things ever done in Antarctic exploration. He spent a winter and part of a summer at the Bay of Whales and had weather that for the Antarctic was calm all the time."

Three Detroit Gangsters Held In Chicago Jail

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (AP)—Three "Purple" gangsters of Detroit today were thrice identified through photographs as members of the gang known as the "Thursdays' boys" slaying.

They were spotted, police said, the "spotters" advance men for murder. They were painted in advance to observe the men marked for death, note their hours of gathering, so that the actual killers would know exactly when and how to strike.

Two women and a man living across from the garage where the gang massacre took place, made their identification. From a score of photographs they picked three which they said were of men who had rented rooms overlooking the garage—rooms which they occupied during a period of days immediately preceding the assassinations.

Harry and Phil Keywell, brothers, and Eddie Fletcher were the three whose pictures were identified.

Trail Growing Hot. Following the identifications police announced that the trail of Chicago's bloodiest gang murder was growing hot and that important arrests were near. But even the prospect of early and definite police action was overshadowed by several sensational aftermaths of the crime.

For one thing, George (Bugs) Moran was found, not by authorities but by newspapermen. The seven who were slain were Moran included.

For another, a fiery shaft of censure and warning was shot by State's Attorney John A. Swanson at the law enforcement agencies of Chicago and Cook county.

Action Desired. The state's attorney called police Commissioner Russell, other high police officials, sheriff's officers and county police to his office and issued this flat: "Enforce the gambling law, and the laws against vice. 'They those orders, or you'll go to prison.'"

Former Governors Of 16 New Senators Will Be Sworn In

Of the 16 new senators who will be sworn in, three are former governors—John G. Townsend of Delaware, who will succeed Senator Bayard; Phillips Lee Goldsborough of Maryland, who will take the place of Senator Bruce, and Henry D. Hatfield of West Virginia, who

Lindbergh Lands At Hatteras Inlet

CAPE HATTERAS, N. C., Feb. 16 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was forced down at Hatteras Inlet coast guard station about 15 miles south of Cape Hatteras this afternoon because of heavy fog and rain. The plane was not damaged.

STOCK SHOW BILL JUMPS FIRST FENCE

Ways and Means Committee Approves \$10,000 Appropriation Measure

ACTION IS TAKEN AFTER ARGUMENT

Eastern Oregon Legislators Point Out That Show Is Not in County Fair Class

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—The ways and means committee saved a lot of time, which is very valuable at this juncture of the legislature, when Senator Mann, of Umatilla county, moved that the committee approve an appropriation of \$75,000 for the Pacific International Livestock show in Portland. Mann's motion, which carried without protest, made it unnecessary for the committee to listen to speeches by several persons who were present to plead for the show.

Fairs had their innings at the committee session last night. Senator Fred E. Kiddle, both a member of the committee and one of the introducers of a bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union, succeeded in persuading the committee to report favorably on the bill. There was some argument as to whether the bill should be acted on separately from bills to aid county fairs. Senator Strayer took the stand that the Union show is a district fair, not a county fair, and that it should be considered separately.

Urges Tax For Fairs

Representative Collier has a bill that has passed the house and which is now before a senate committee, providing that county courts be authorized to levy a one-fourth mill tax for the maintenance of county fairs. Although the measure is not before the ways and means committee, Senator Strayer moved that the senate wing of the ways and means committee recommend passage of the Collier bill. This was done. Strayer then moved that the joint committee draft a bill for the repeal of an act that has been on the statute books for many years whereby every county has a tax levy of one-twentieth mill for the maintenance of fairs, the money going into the road fund if the county does not have a fair. The motion was carried.

Frank J. Miller, member of the board of regents for normal schools presented the state fire marshal's

COUNSELOR OF A. P. DIES AT GOTHAM HOME

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Melville E. Stone, for 28 years general manager of the Associated Press and for half a century an outstanding figure in journalism, died last night at his home 122 East 75th street.

In his 81st year, he had been in failing health for four months. Death came quietly at 8:50 p. m. With him were his wife and daughter. The cause of death was arterio-sclerosis.

In 1921 Mr. Stone retired as general manager of the Associated Press because of age and became counselor and secretary. He served as counselor till his death.

His journalistic career, which began when he was 29 years old, spanned one of the most vital epochs in news-gathering and distribution and was closely identified with it. The son of a Methodist circuit rider, he was successively manufacturer, newspaper publisher and banker till at the age of 45 he began his life work in the direction of unbiased and accurate cooperative news gathering and distribution.

Tributes to Mr. Stone were paid after his death by persons prominent in various fields of activity.

HOOPER SOBROWS

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP)—President-elect Herbert Hoover learned with deep regret upon his arrival in Palm Beach today of the death of his friend, Melville E. Stone, founder of the Associated Press. "No one has made greater contribution to the best of American journalism than he. I deeply grieve his loss."

The body was being conducted by the navy tender, McHale, with the 104th air corps to deliver some way of saving crews of stricken submarines.

COOLIDGE SENDS WORD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—President Coolidge today sent telegram of condolence to Melville E. Stone, upon the death of her husband, counselor and retired general manager of The Associated Press.

George Clemenceau, France's war-time premier, said: "I am deeply moved by news of the death of the grand old man of the press. He suffered great affliction on his profession. He was an honor to his country."