

ANNEXATION TILT DUE ON HOUSE FLOOR

Committee on Counties and Cities Makes No Recommendations

PONDOSA HEARING HELD LAST NIGHT

Local Organizations Are Sending Protests to Legislature; Vote May Be Taken on Friday

According to a telegram received this morning by Secretary Charles A. Malheur, of the chamber of commerce, the house committee on counties and cities reported the Swift Pondosa annexation bill without recommendation last night.

The committee called a hearing at 7 p. m. on two hours' notice. Baker and Union county delegations argued the matter before the committee, which subsequently agreed to report the bill without recommendation, compelling the Union county group to attempt to defeat the bill on the floor of the house or in the senate committee or senate floor.

May Vote Friday The house will vote Friday or later when the bill is reached, State Senator Colon R. Eberhard reports. Representatives H. H. Williams, Spooner and T. G. Johnson will both debate.

The Union county court, the chamber of commerce and the city commission of La Grande are all sending telegrams concerning their attitude, which is emphatically against such an annexation of a portion of Union county by Baker county.

POSTPONEMENT MOTION LOST

SALLEM, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Swift's bill to transfer part of Union county to Baker county went back to the lower house without recommendation from the counties and cities committee, and a motion for indefinite postponement was lost before the committee Wednesday evening. Judge William Dudy, former Baker county judge and ex-member of the state highway commission, Senator Strayer and Representative Swift spoke in favor of the annexation to their county. The transfer was opposed by Senator Eberhard, Weatherspoon of Union and Johnson of Wallawa.

Representative Weatherspoon says that such annexation would ruin the Union county market road program which is planned for the next few years to give access to vast timber tracts in the Wallawa mountain slopes. It would place the small timber owners at the mercy of a large concern on the south slope of the mountain range, says the Union county representative. A good road has already been built from the Baker county side of the range into the part of Union

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DR. VAN NUYS CONFERS WITH LOCAL PASTOR

The Rev. W. L. Van Nuy, D. D., of Portland, and the Rev. L. B. Williams, of Elgin, met with the Rev. J. George Walk, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, on Wednesday afternoon in conference to consider plans for course of study, faculty, time and place for the Eastern Oregon Young People's conference. The Rev. W. F. Shields, of Wallawa, and the Rev. Geo. G. Bruce, of Pendleton, also members of the committee, could not be present on account of illness. Dr. Van Nuy, the synodical secretary of Christian education, will soon start on his trip to the Orient, having been absent three months.

Mr. Walk has been invited to become a member of the faculty of the Standard Training school for church school workers, to be held under the auspices of Albany college and the Memorial association of Albany, Ore., and to teach "The Culture of the Soul of the Little Child," a course for mothers in the home and church kindergarten teachers. This school has been approved by the International Council of Religious Education.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—32 above. Minimum—21 above. Condition—Partly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 42, minimum 18 above. Condition—Rain 12 of inch, traces of snow.

WEATHER FEB. 21, 1928

Maximum 42, minimum 21 above. Condition—Cloudy.

56 Basketball Players Enter Local Tourney

First Three Games of Sub-District Event to Be Played in Recreational Hall Tomorrow

With the sub-district tournament starting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the L. D. S. Recreational hall, tickets are selling rapidly for the sporting event, which will consist of nine games between teams from Joseph, Wallawa, Enterprise, Cove, Imbler, Elgin and La Grande. The three winners in the double elimination series will be permitted to enter the district championship tournament at Union the following week.

The student body is decorating the hall with streamers and bunting and is also planning for a reception. Also, some one will be appointed to assist each team in securing accommodations, etc.

The Tiger team list does not include Braden, who is ill of the mumps. Wallinger has a cold but is expected to be in condition for the tournament.

The lists of eligible players follow:

La Grande: H. Wolfe, captain; P. Newlin, V. Newlin, L. Roe, G. Paus, P. Wallinger, E. Thompson and D. Patton.

Wallawa: G. Clark, M. Crabtree, Carl Posey, captain, O. Pine, G. Crawford, C. Hansen, V. Sarrett, Cecil Posey.

Enterprise: R. Braze, F. Becker, L. Sanner, F. Ford, R. Stubblefield, R. Bowser, R. Forsythe and A. Beard.

Joseph: G. Davis, H. Tucker, L. Knapper, H. Laffell, D. Green, E. Marr, M. Morgan and L. Gray.

Imbler: G. Dewey, J. Fisher, V. Shoate, E. Smith, A. Masters, L. Ledbetter, M. Oliver, C. Lewis.

Cove: Dean Puckett, captain, Dell Puckett, D. Weimer, E. Robinson, J. Ogilvie, C. Richards, W. Paige, E. Bloom.

Elgin: S. Maxwell, E. Hag, L. Fuller, E. Beem, L. Cates, F. Davis, J. Parsons and H. Greene.

Cove plays Wallawa at 3, La

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Company Stands U. S. Inspection Wednesday Eve

Company E, 18th Infantry, the local unit of the Oregon national guard, was given annual federal inspection at a special drill in the Zuber hall armory last night, following inspection of the equipment and records during the afternoon.

Major G. M. McMurray was accompanied to Union by Major R. R. Huron, commanding officer of the Second Battalion, and Captain E. W. Ely and Sergeant Ramsey, of the regular army, who are stationed in La Grande in connection with national guard work.

At Baker tonight The inspecting officer visited Company G in Pendleton Tuesday night and this evening is finishing his work in Eastern Oregon by inspecting the Baker company.

A few spectators were present at the inspection here last night, which guardsmen say was one of the most thorough in the local unit's history.

Company E, commanded by Capt. W. A. Brad, consists of three commissioned officers and 60 men. The attendance at the inspection last night was 75 per cent, only 15 men being absent with leave.

Send Delegates To Exposition

La Grande High school is sending two delegates to the annual Oregon State College educational exposition to be held Friday and Saturday of this week. The delegates, who left last night for Corvallis, are Charlene Paus and Velma Charlton, seniors.

The exposition, which begins at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow morning, is attended every year by high school students from over all the state. Delegates from the local school were in attendance at the exposition last year and came back with glowing reports of the cordial and interesting time afforded them as guests on the campus of the college. Miss Paus and Miss Charlton expect to return to La Grande Sunday or Monday.

Commission Meets In Brief Session

A brief meeting of the city commission was held last night, with most of the period spent in a discussion of various matters. City Manager W. C. Crews made a verbal report on the quantity of water pumped from the artesian wells during January and also gave figures concerning the cost of the pumping, etc. All three commissioners were present.

JUDGE GIVES A. A. CRADER 2-YEAR TERM

Sentence Is Passed in Circuit Court at 1 O'clock This Afternoon

JURORS FAIL TO AGREE ON McCOY

Case Will Be Tried Again At Later Term of Court—Civil Action Begins This Morning

A. A. Crader, of Imbler, who pleaded guilty to a charge of burning with intent to injure an insurer, was sentenced this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Circuit J. W. Knowles. The sentence was fixed at a maximum of two years and without limitation of time. Crader was arrested for the burning of a barn at Imbler.

The case of the state vs. Rutherford M. McCoy, of Imbler, who was charged with burning a barn with intent to injure an insurer, drew to a close yesterday afternoon and about 4 o'clock went to the jury. After deliberating all night long, the foreman reported at 10:30 a. m. today that the jurors could not reach an agreement. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles dismissed the jury. The case will be retried at a later term of court. It is said that the jury vote was deadlocked at eight to four.

Civil Action On Trial

The case of Harold Williams vs. E. L. Ledbetter, suit for compensation on an automobile, was opened this morning. Attorneys are Cochran and Eberhard, for the plaintiff, and Green and Hess for the defendant.

Judges impaneled were: Ed Will, Daniel Westenslow, L. B. Hillier, Frank B. Thorp, W. T. Wallinger, M. G. Turnbull, William P. Titus, Ira Cantrell, Charles E. Witty, Fred Zager, W. B. Schroeder and Clair W. Crossen.

TWO ACCIDENTS WEDNESDAY OF UNUSUAL KIND

During yesterday and last night in La Grande several unusual accidents occurred. Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock Jay Hagan, implement salesman of the W. H. Hohenkamp company, was pressing a hub out of a wheel when the coupling flew in pieces, one of the fragments hitting him on the upper lip. It cut the lip severely and knocked out two of his front teeth. Two other teeth were loosened and had to be taken out. Mr. Hagan is at the Grande Rondo hospital and is reported to be getting along all right.

Due to the strong winds which blew last night in La Grande some damage has been reported. A large piece of plate glass window in the Sacajawea Inn on the side facing Fir street was knocked out and shattered about 11 o'clock. The glass already had been cracked. Several persons were sitting in the lobby of the hotel when the glass fell in.

300 PERSONS EXPECTED TO ATTEND BALL

A check on ticket sales today, coupled with figures on attendance in former years, indicated that 300 or more will be present at the 29th annual ball and banquet of the La Grande Lodge No. 423, B. P. O. E. The banquet will be in the La Grande hotel at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening and at 9 o'clock the ball will take place in the Elks temple.

The menu for the banquet was announced today as follows: Combination sea food cocktail, celery, mixed olives, pickles, consommé aux nouilles, roast young turkey with dressing or fish, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, assorted fruit salad with whipped cream, potatoes au gratin, petite pois, trout frai, brandy, demitasse and assorted mints.

The affair will be informal, it is announced.

Ways And Means Committee in Grim, Tax-Saving Mood--Turn Down Bills

SALLEM, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—The ways and means committee was in a grim, tax-saving mood Wednesday night and voted adverse reports on various appropriation bills.

Among those that went into the discard was the Moser-Corbett bill providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 to be matched by a federal \$125,000 appropriation, for the construction of a memorial building at Champoug. This was done after Milton A. Miller of Portland, H. G. Starkweather of Milwaukie and P. H. O'Arcy had presented the cause to the committee.

Another measure disapproved was one providing for \$25,000 annually for three years for the agricultural promotion campaign of the state chamber of commerce. This was bitterly attacked by Senator Strayer after Senator Kiddie inquired that it be approved.

Calls Venture Foolish "I don't want to start another foolish, wildcat venture," said Strayer, "just get busy on this. It is economically unsound and foolhardy."

Representative Collier defended the measure and cited statistics

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Honor Pioneers At Dinner Held Here Last Night

George Marquis, George Cochran and Walter M. Pierce Speak; Tribute Paid to Founders

To commemorate the spirit of the pioneers who dared to do and live and to make a home for posterity in the Grande Rondo valley, the sons and daughters of Union county pioneers gathered last night at the Sacajawea Inn for their annual banquet and program.

A. R. Hunter, president of the organization, was chairman, and with fitting words opened the program. He introduced George T. Cochran. "The sons of pioneer parents," Mr. Cochran paid a tribute to Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, saying that this was the first pioneer meeting which Mr. Wright loved pioneer, had not attended.

He pointed out that many incidents which go to make up historical record of pioneering of county will some day be lost forever if not properly kept and urged that action be taken to record all incidents and to preserve them for posterity. George Curry's grandfather was the first school teacher in this county. Mr. Cochran remarked, saying that he had read an item to that effect in a paper only recently.

Author Speaks George Marquis, bursar of Willamette college, and short story writer of western fiction, at Walla Walla, was the special out-of-town speaker invited to take part in the program. He was introduced by Hunter as a man who came to Oregon when he was two years old

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Commander Byrd Discovers Vast New Territory

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—The New York Times, the St. Louis Post Dispatch and their associated newspapers announced today that Commander Richard E. Byrd, in an extensive airplane flight with two planes on Monday, had discovered and mapped in part a vast new territory in the Antarctic, which he has claimed for the United States and has named for his wife, Marie Byrd Land.

Commander Byrd has also discovered recently and named the Rockefeller range. The range is within territory claimed by the British and known as the Ross Dependency.

The new range discovered on Monday is longer than the first and contains peaks between eight and 10 thousand feet high. It is outside the limit of the British claims and is in the new Marie Byrd Land which lies between Ross Sea and Graham Land.

About 40,000 square miles of Antarctica have now been explored from the air by the Byrd expedition. In the last flight the Rockefeller range was mapped by aerial camera, the entire new section was sketched, and the uncharted coastline east of the Bay of Whales was mapped by Captain Ashley McKinley of the army air service, who was in the second of the two airplanes that made the flight.

Hardy Makes No Comment on Vote On Impeachment

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (AP)—Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy today had no comment to make on the approval of impeachment proceedings against him, voted late yesterday by the assembly of the state's legislature.

"I do not think it would be in order for me to make any comment at this time," Judge Hardy said, "and my inclination runs counter to my judgment."

Judge Hardy has not conducted court since investigation of his judicial conduct was started by a legislative committee last month.

TEN PERSONS BURNED TODAY, PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21 (AP)—Ten persons members of two families, burned to death in fires which destroyed their homes in Western Pennsylvania early today. At Ebensburg Mrs. Leo Mangold and her five children perished, and at Hillburo, Mrs. Zenas Berkey and her three children died.

Both fires apparently were caused by overheated stoves.

New Deficiency Bill Introduced in Congress--Includes Oregon Projects

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Embodiment of the desire of house administration leaders to circumvent the controversial proposal of \$24,800,000 additional for prohibition enforcement in the first deficiency bill, a second measure omitting that item was submitted to the house today by its appropriations committee.

Every other item in the first bill, now lying dormant in the senate since the house refused to accept the increased prohibition fund, is incorporated in the new measure, which would provide \$191,593,900 for emergency uses of government departments. One of the largest items is the \$75,000,000 for tax refunds.

Boundary Dispute Finally Settled

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Tacna-Arica boundary dispute, born in war and thriving through 45 years on international strife, has been settled by peaceful means.

Official announcement here today says that an agreement has been reached between the governments of Peru and Chile, the two countries involved, by which the province of Tacna goes to Peru and that of Arica to Chile.

Fred Kerr Named Baker President

BAKEL, Ore., Feb. 21—Fred Kerr was elected president of the Baker county chamber of commerce at a luncheon of the board of directors yesterday noon in the Antlers club. A. A. Smith was elected vice president and George H. Foster was re-elected treasurer. All of the officers were chosen unanimously.

Quintuplets Born In Olmedo, Spain

MADRID, Feb. 21 (AP)—El Sol radio dispatch from Olmedo, Valladolid, reporting the birth of quintuplets, two boys and three girls, to a woman there, Sofia Hernandez Molperez. The five babies died shortly after birth.

Ancestor of Herbert Hoover Migrated to America in 1740

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—President-elect Herbert Hoover, in the lineal descendant of an American colonial who migrated from Germany in 1740, the American Heraldry society in New York has discovered.

The lineage of President Coolidge's successor is clearly defined from that date on, genealogists have declared and the family tree is announced as follows:

"Andrew Hoover (born Baden, Germany) settled in Maryland 1740. Married Margaret Fountz. Their son

"John Hoover went to North Carolina and thence to Ohio and married Sarah Bucklet. Their son "Jesse Hoover settled at West Branch, Iowa, and married Rebecca Yount. Their son

"El Hoover (1820-1882) married, first, Mary Davis. "Son of Jesse" Clark Hoover (1840-1880) married Hulda Randall Minthorn. Their son, Herbert Clark Hoover, born at West Branch, Iowa, August 10, 1874."

"The original spelling of the name was 'Huber,' according to Harry M. Hoover, author of the 'Hoover Family History.' The name is derived from German word 'Hube,' meaning the possessor of a tract of land. Other variations are Hoover, Hoover, Hoover."

The crest of the family consists



Efforts are being made to authenticate the above design as family insignia of President-elect Hoover.

KEYES FIGHTING FOR AN ESCAPE

Sentenced to Prison, Former L. A. District Attorney Files Appeal

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (AP)—Asa Keyes, former district attorney of Los Angeles county, today was preparing in a steel cell, to continue his battle to escape a sentence of from one to 14 years in San Quentin prison for bribery and conspiracy. With him behind the bars of the county jail is E. H. Rosenberg, convicted along with Keyes and Ben Getzoff, and also under sentence to San Quentin. Getzoff, Spring street tailor in whose little shop the state contends bribes involving Keyes were passed, is free on his own recognizance, and is suffering from a stomach ailment, and, apparently broken in health and spirit, has been allowed to file application for probation, pending which pronouncement of sentence upon him has been deferred for two weeks.

Keyes, with his co-defendants, (Continued on Page 5)

Order Cruiser To Chefoo Due To Chinese War

MANILA, Feb. 21 (AP)—The light cruiser Trenton left Manila today under orders to proceed to Chefoo, as the result of a reported uprising in Shanghai. It was understood that the Trenton was moving under forced draft.

Reports from Chefoo 10 days ago said that 3,000 former Peking soldiers who had been mustered into the national army had revolted at Lungkow, Shanghai. There was fear then that the mutiny would spread to other towns and garrisons.

Later reports indicated that this may have happened and that a battle was imminent west of Chefoo between loyal nationalists and rebels.

Missionary women were evacuated from several towns in the affected area, although men remained at their posts.

Long Search For Child Is Renewed

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (AP)—The long search for Baby Doris Smith-Murphy, believed to be in the clutches of a kidnaper since her disappearance last Friday, was renewed today with police following half a dozen trails. Thus far the greatest child hunt this city has known, conducted by police, press and public, has failed to lift the veil of mystery, resulting only in a maze of theories and futile pursuits.

GASOLINE WAR SHOWS NO LET UP ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (AP)—A variety of prices for gasoline was offered to motorists of the Pacific coast today as the result of the entry of the larger companies into the "gas war."

The prices at San Jose finally was stabilized at 14 cents yesterday after it had been forced as low as 1 cents. All major companies except Richfield were selling it wholesale at 11 cents a gallon.

There were few signs of a settlement of the price squabble here. A retail price of 16 1/2 cents was fixed at Portland by General Petroleum although it sold at low as 14 cents at service stations in Vancouver, Wash., across the river from Portland.

Slayer Is Freed By Unwritten Law

EL CIENTO, Cal., Feb. 21 (AP)—Martin Ray Kilgore, 22-year-old Stanford university graduate who killed F. A. Bartley, Imperial valley rancher in defense of "my family's honor" was freed today. Acquitted by a jury after four hours deliberation, he was believed to be the first defendant ever freed on a murder charge in Southern California on the plea of "unwritten law."

Kilgore charged Bartley with attempting to "screw" his home. He shot the rancher, he said, after his mother had confessed to him a illicit love affair with the middle-aged dairy man, the details of which Mrs. Kilgore related from the witness stand.

Governor Signs Robison Measure

SALLEM, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Governor Patterson today signed the Robison reforestation bill.

Heaviest Snow Of Winter Hits In East States

Several Thousand Extra Men Employed in New York to Clear Streets; Trains Use Plows

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—Several thousand extra men were put to work today with the regular street cleaning force of 1,500 to clear away the heaviest snowfall of the winter in New York.

Surface lines operated plows over their lines soon after the storm began. No delays in transportation were reported by rapid transit lines.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21 (AP)—A seven inch snowfall, the heaviest of the winter, covered parts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware today. Railroad and street car traffic was slightly delayed.

ATLANTA, Feb. 21 (AP)—After shivering in the grip of a cold wave that resulted in one death and covered many portions of the south with a blanket of snow, Dixie today looked forward to rising temperatures and relief from unseasonable weather.

Nashville, Tenn., reported 14 inches of snow, but rain fell in Georgia.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 21 (AP)—After all other efforts had failed, army engineers equipped with modern heavy artillery today blew up huge sections of ice blocking the Danube between Belgrade and Panchevo in order to make a

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LINDY GIVEN APPOINTMENT AS ADVISOR

American Flier Accepts Position in Aeronautics Branch Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has been appointed technical adviser to the aeronautics branch of the commerce department.

Secretary Whiting, in announcing the appointment and Lindbergh's acceptance, said today that the flier's entrance into the government service would not keep him permanently in Washington. Under the arrangement Lindbergh will be at the call of William P. MacFacken Jr., assistant secretary of commerce for aeronautics, to give his advice and personal assistance on any phase of the regulation of airways and airports, research and accident prevention.

Plan of Salary The post will carry a salary which will be determined by the actual amount of time the colonel is required to give to his official duties. Mr. Whiting expressed his personal gratification over the department's "having secured the services of one who has contributed in such an outstanding manner to the advancement of aviation, both at home and abroad."

The appointment was arranged during Lindbergh's recent visit to Washington.

LINDY STOPS AT ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh arrived at Lambert-St. Louis field, his home airport, at 12:45 p. m. today from Indianapolis, on an inspection tour of the Trans-continental Air Transport company route.

After a 30 minute rest, Col. Lindbergh took off at 1:15 p. m. for Wichita.

HOOVER IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—President-elect Hoover conferred at length today with Henry M. Robinson, Los Angeles banker and a close friend, who has been prominently mentioned as a cabinet possibility.

The conversation took up most of the forenoon and continued through luncheon, which was attended also by Vice President-elect Curtis.

Mr. Hoover took time, however, to talk with Carl Vrooman, of Illinois, assistant secretary of agriculture in the Wilson administration and a student of the agricultural problem.

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