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CONFERENCE OPENS WITH LARGE CROWD

Excellent Program Features First Sessions of Annual Event.

AVERY, WARD AND OTHERS SPEAK

Co-operative Marketing is Discussed — McKennon Reviews Recent Home Market Survey.

The seventh annual Economic Conference started off this morning with a "bang." Factors entering into the success of the opening session of this ever-increasing popular event were an excellent program, a very good attendance, pleasant surroundings. The conference this year is being held in different rooms at the La Grande hotel and the sessions will continue all through tomorrow and up to Wednesday evening.

With Dr. W. T. Phy, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Union county chamber of commerce, as the presiding officer, the conference opened up its deliberations at 10 o'clock, the Rev. H. I. Hansen pronouncing the invocation at that time. A. W. Nelson, president of the chamber in a brief and characteristic snappy fashion welcomed the group and begged of them that there should be a spirit of frankness manifested at all the sessions, that the understanding between the farmers and the merchants might be strengthened and existing relations made more mutually helpful.

Mr. Avery, back again on the job as county agricultural agent, after a year's absence was the next speaker on the program. Enthusiasts for the conference were gratified to know that during his absence the work of the conference was carried on uninterruptedly and that Mr. Lawrence, in spite of the terrible weather last year, was able to satisfactorily carry on the work.

Mr. Avery reviewed the conference from their beginning, following the state conferences carried on individually, when problems of production and marketing were studied and down to the present time, then giving a glimpse of the program arranged for this year. Mr. Avery is of the opinion that this conference offers the best "sheep information" program ever presented and perhaps the best possible for a number of years to come.

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R. M. Baker saws Through Window to be Greeted by Sheriff Breshears and Deputy.

R. M. Baker, held in the Union county jail to answer to a complaint charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, is an elusive fellow.

But, somehow or other, his carefully planned and patiently executed plots, simply won't work!

Possibly one reason is because a saw, biting against metal, makes a slight noise. Possibly another reason is that an officer of the law sleeps in the court house.

Anyhow, the prisoner, shortly before four o'clock this morning, completed a nice job of sawing through the heavy mesh and then severing a steel bar in two places in a window at the county jail. Pausing only long enough for a glow of satisfaction to steal over his features, he started to crawl out of the window, planning to silently negotiate the 12 or 14 feet to the court house lawn, and as silently steal away into the shadows of the night.

Then came the dawn—in fact, it came in two sharp explosions—not the dawn in the east, but a dawn of a different sort.

Baker acted quickly, hurriedly in fact. "I surrender, I surrender," he yelled vociferously, and dropped to the ground, not silently as he had planned, but in a heap! And, instead of silently stealing away into the shadows of the night, he regretfully walked back into the county jail, escorted by Sheriff Jesse Breshears and Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer. The two explosions were a couple of blank cartridges in the sheriff's gun, fired for dramatic effect. The effect, incidentally, was all the officers could have desired.

The officers became aware of Baker's sawing proclivities in the

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Mercury Above Freezing First Time in 21 Days

Old Man Winter released his sternest grip on Eastern Oregon over the weekend, and, although still very much in attendance, permitted the mercury to top freezing for the first time in 21 days. Saturday afternoon the thermometer showed a maximum of 33 above and yesterday the peak was 32 above. Last night's minimum was 16 above, the warmest in over a fortnight.

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BUILD OREGON



Julius L. Meier, prominent business man of Portland, has been appointed general campaign chairman of the "Build Oregon" expansion program and Oregon poster stamp drive of the Oregon State chamber of commerce. The program includes aggressive activities for the year in land settlement, industrial and agricultural promotion, and exploitation of Oregon's scenery.

WALLOWA WINS SATURDAY 26-18

Veteran Team, Also Victor Over Baker, Remains in Unbeaten Class.

A fast Wallowa team, playing on its home floor, defeated the La Grande High school basketball team Saturday night, 26 to 18, the contest finding the Tigers sluggish after the hard struggle here with Baker last Friday night.

Reports received here today were that Baker, also somewhat affected by the tussle here, was defeated at Pendleton Saturday night.

The Wallowa team hasn't been beaten this year, winning from Baker in an early season game, Alvin Crawford, Sarret and Perry graduated from the Wallowa school last year, there were several veterans remaining around which to build a team, and the squad, although smaller than in 1929, is fast and works together in a smooth manner.

The play Saturday was about the same in both halves. At the end of the first two periods, La Grande had 8 to Wallowa's 12 and in the last half, the Tigers scored 10 while the home team hit the ring for 14.

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Sternly Worded Denial Is Made By Mr. Hoover

Jouett Shouse's Charges of "Patronage Influence" Activities Bring Quick Answer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—A sternly worded denial came quickly from the White House last night after Jouett Shouse, chairman of the democratic national executive committee had charged President Hoover with compiling information on government employees for the purpose of bringing patronage influence to bear against recalcitrant members of congress.

Such phrases as "democratic propaganda bureau" and "not an item of truth nor basis of fact" were mingled in the reply of the White House, issued through Walter Newton, one of Mr. Hoover's secretaries.

The Democratic Statement

The democratic statement said that Mr. Hoover had sent cards to all departments "to be filled out by every employe giving a full picture of the history of his employment." This, he said, was "difficult to explain, on any non-political hypothesis."

Newton replied that neither he nor the president had "ever heard of the matter until it appeared in the press."

A card index of presidential appointees and other non-civil service employes is kept at the White House as a matter of office routine, he said, and some eight months ago, cards were sent out for the purpose of bringing this list up to date. Three hundred cards have been catalogued since that time, he added, and no civil service employe was included.

Shouse's Idea

Shouse's statement suggested that members of congress may in the new system which he charged to the president a purpose of "visiting presidential displeasure" upon appointees "for the sins of their sponsors, such as voting independently" of the chief executive's desires.

"Weilding the patronage club in

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Pete Kingsley Escapes From McNeil Island

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27 (AP)—Word of the escape of C. E. Kingsley, 32, from the federal prison at McNeil Island last night, where he was serving a four-year term on a statutory charge, was received by police here today. A reward is offered.

Kingsley is a La Grande man who was convicted at Pendleton and sent to the prison July 12, 1929. His wife and mother live in La Grande.

C. E. Kingsley, known here as "Pete" Kingsley, was formerly a barber. Local officers received notice of his escape today and are watching for his appearance here, although it is not believed that he will come to La Grande, where he is widely known.

ELGIN PIONEER DIES

John W. Cummings of Elgin, 67, a resident there for 52 years, passed away early this morning, death being caused by heart disease.

Funeral arrangements will be made later.

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Two Fliers are Believed Dead in Wreckage Near North Cape.

DOG TEAMS START JOURNEY TO SCENE

Ill-Fated Plane Sighted by Joe Crosson and Harold Gillam, Alaskan Aviators.

NOME, Alaska, Jan. 27 (AP)—Mushers from North Cape, Siberia, today headed their dog teams toward the spot where the wrecked airplane of Carl Ben Eielson, noted Arctic flier, and his companion, Earl Borland, was located Saturday, expecting to find the bodies of the two long missing aviators.

Belief that the bodies of Eielson and Borland would be found jammed under 18 cases of gasoline in the cabin of their plane was expressed here last night when a more detailed report of the finding of the wreck was received.

Climaxes Long Search

Joe Crosson and Harold Gillam, Alaskan fliers who for more than a month had been searching for Eielson and Borland in the North Cape area, located the wrecked plane from the air, climaxing a search which has lasted for more than two months and which recently became an international affair with the entry of Russian aviators.

Crosson sighted the wreck, having seen the exposed cabin of the plane glistening in the sunlight. He signaled Gillam, who was in another plane, and both landed.

Only a small part of one wing and a portion of the cabin protruded from the snow. Wreckage was found scattered in all directions. The engine was located 100 feet from the cabin. Crosson opened a door of the cabin and a slab of bacon fell out.

No Close Inspection

Messages describing the discovery of the wreck indicated that Crosson and Gillam did not inspect it closely at once, believing that Eielson and Borland had been

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Demand Removal Of Prohi Chief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Immediate removal of John F. C. Hebert, as prohibition administrator for Montana and Idaho was demanded in the senate today by Senators Booth, Leno and Wheeler, Montana, on the ground of charges placed before them by department of justice investigators.

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CUTTER SMASHES WAY TO VILLAGES

Ice-Bound Towns Receive Foodstuffs After Weeks of Isolation.

ST. HELENS, Ore., Jan. 27 (AP)—The crunch of steel against solid ice echoed a note of triumph over cold winter today as the steel prowed United States coast guard cutter Northland, equipped to navigate wintry Bering Sea, cleaved a water route through the ice bound Columbia river from its mouth to Vancouver, Wash.

En route from Astoria, Ore., where the sturdy cutter, manned by a crew experienced in riding rivers of ice packs, the Northland ploughed a furrow through which the lighthouse tender Rose brought a cargo of foodstuffs for inhabitants of a half dozen fishing villages, isolated for more than a week.

The Northland and the supply

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SLIDE WRECKS FREIGHT NEAR TACOMA, WASH.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27 (AP)—The Northern Pacific freight train southbound ran into a 300-foot slide along the bluff where the tracks skirt the narrow in the west end of Tacoma at 10 o'clock last night, piling up the engine and six freight cars and completely putting the line out of commission so that all north and south traffic is today being routed via Lakeview into and out of Tacoma.

Engineer Henry Itellie and Fireman Godfrey Beeler, both of Tacoma, jumped when they found their engine off the track and saved their lives as the engine, after plowing through the mud, turned over. Some of the freight cars also piled up and the track will not be opened until this afternoon, officials state.

This spot has given trouble before, a bad wreck being caused there about four years ago by a slide which carried the tracks down.

Alcohol Blinds 6 In Indiana Town Grain Growers To Meet In Portland

GARY, Ind., Jan. 27 (AP)—Six men were found groping their way along a Calumet City street last night. They had been drinking alcohol, they told police. All may be permanently blinded, physicians declared, and the minds of three of them appeared to have been affected.

The one member of the group whom police found rational said the men had purchased the alcohol from a Hammond drugist, explaining that they wanted it to remove varnish.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 27 (AP)—A telegram from Macin, a town near Braila on the right bank of the Danube, today announced the death at the reported age of 159 of Johann Georgii, a peasant. Georgii left one hundred direct living descendants.

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ENGLISH QUIT WORK ON TWO BATTLESHIPS

New Gesture of Faith in Naval Conference Made by England.

TREATY MAY WORK OUT DIFFERENCES

Italian-French Problem Nearer Solution—Week Begins With General Optimism.

By Byron Price (Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Jan. 27 (AP)—As the naval powers moved toward compromise today on two of their most troublesome problems—the physical methods of limiting fleets and Italy's demand for parity with France—Great Britain made a new gesture of faith in the naval conference success by announcing that construction of her two newest cruisers has been cancelled.

The British announcement coincided with a meeting of the "big five" in Downing street at which further progress was said to have been made toward a compromise on a tonnage plan designed to settle the perennial argument on this technical phase of naval limitation.

Treaty Plan Studied

At the same time it was disclosed that serious consideration was being given by several delegations to a proposal that the Italian problem be met by a treaty declaration in which all powers would join. This would state that the sovereign right of every nation to build an adequate fleet was fully recognized but that the signatories voluntarily agreed not to exceed a certain construction program between now and 1936.

The twin attack on two of the most difficult of the conference problems, coinciding with the British cruiser cancellation announcement, started the second week of the conference in an atmosphere of smiling confidence. It was emphasized on all sides, however, that neither of the