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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair in east, cloudy, followed by rain in west tonight. Wednesday probably rain, no change in temperature.

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MASKED MAN ROBS STATION AND ESCAPES

Forces Employe to Open Cash Register at the Point of a Pistol.

LOOT AMOUNTED TO $32.80, REPORT

Entered Perkins Filling Station at 7:20 O'clock—Disappeared in Direction of Yards.

A masked holdup man, who entered the Perkins Filling station near the La Grande hotel at 7:20 o'clock last night, was being sought by police today. An extensive search last night following the robbery failed to locate the bandit, who had a few minutes time for escape before the alarm was turned in and the police arrived.

Money taken from the filling station cash register amounted to $32.80, it was announced today. First reports last night were that the loot was about $40.

Peter Bowman, young employe of the station, was alone at the time and the intruder stepped inside, pointed a pistol at him, and told him to lie down on the floor. The robber then attempted to open the cash register but failed and made Mr. Bowman open it for him. The masked man quickly scooped the money from the drawer and ran from the station, vaulting the fence at the back and escaped in the general direction of the railroad yards.

As described, the man was about 30 to 35 years of age, about 5 feet 5 inches tall, and although his features were masked, the station employe reported that his eyes appeared to be set deep in his face, giving a sunken appearance. His complexion was of a yellowish color.

Wore Dark Clothing

The mask was of a light color and effectively covered most of his face. He wore dark clothing, a gray hat that appeared to be too large for him, and had on a work shirt.

This is the first robbery of any consequence staged in La Grande for several weeks, and one of the most daring in several months.

Police report that only one other person witnessed the escape of the man, a pedestrain observing the man run from the station, vault the fence and run into the darkness beyond.

The robber was hurried in his actions. After the cash register was opened, he scooped out some of the larger coins and the bills, not bothering with part of the half dollars and the smaller coins. Mr. Perkins said today that the money was checked out at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and, due to the rainy weather, trade had been light or probably a larger amount would have been lost.

E. O. N. WOMEN FORM ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION

The Women's Athletic association was organized yesterday at 4 o'clock at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, when a constitution was adopted and officers elected. The constitution was presented by Lorna Gimmell.

Emma Karsten was elected president, Arlene Byrd, vice president, Charline Faux, secretary-treasurer, Edith Ebell, historian, Elizabeth Jackson, junior sport manager and Emily Poust, senior sport manager.

The point system for awards was discussed and the girls will soon choose class basketball teams and hold a series of contests. In the spring baseball and other sports will be taken up.

UTAH MAN ELECTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—J. A. Nelson, of Salt Lake City, was elected president of the Pacific States Butter, Egg, Cheese and Poultry association at the conclusion of a convention here yesterday, at which representatives of seven nearby states attended.

John Lawler, San Francisco, was named vice president; Carl Schallinger, San Francisco, re-elected treasurer and B. F. McKibben, San Francisco, was re-named executive secretary.

LONDON-PARIS RECORT SET

LONDON (AP) — A British airplane carrying 20 passengers and weighing nine tons set a record in flying to Paris in 55 minutes. The distance is 200 miles.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—32 above.
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 42, minimum 22 above.
Condition: cloudy, traces of snow, rain .30 of inch.

WEATHER FEB. 11, 1929
Maximum 24, minimum 9 above.
Condition: cloudy.

Pierce Visions Benefits From Road to Ukiah

Would Open Immense Southern Territory to La Grande, Former Governor Points Out.

Declaring that La Grande and Union county cannot afford to neglect to build a road to Ukiah that will eventually connect with a route leading into Southeastern Oregon and California, Walter M. Pierce, former governor, made the main talk at today's chamber of commerce luncheon at the La Grande hotel.

The speech was delivered at a meeting also attended by the Lions club, which sponsored a caravan over the proposed road during the summer.

Mr. Pierce, in a very interesting talk, pointed out the advantages to be gained by this section. He stated that a road to Ukiah will connect with the Pendleton-Canyon City project which will be completed within two or three years, which in turn connects with a road that leads into California through Lakeview. This road, he said, will bear the greatest portion of the southern tourist travel aimed at Yellowstone park, at the Can-

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Maurice Hindus Well Acquainted With Russians

Maurice Hindus, author and lecturer, who will speak at the Eastern Oregon Normal school auditorium on Feb. 18, has a very interesting history, and his appearance here is expected to attract a large attendance.

He is speaking before a number of institutions of higher learning in the Northwest in addition to his talk here.

Hindus was born in a Russian village and at the age of four he migrated to this country. For several years he worked as a laborer on farms. Then he went to Colgate university where he graduated with high honors. He continued his studies at the graduate school of Harvard and since leaving school he has attained high distinction as a speaker and writer. His articles have appeared in such leading American journals as The Century, The Yale Review, Current History, The Saturday Review and others.

He is the author of a book on the Russian peasantry which is regarded as a classic. His studies of immigration and Americanization movements and the inter-racial relations and attitudes of Nordics and non-Nordics, stamp him as one of the sanest and most constructive thinkers of the country, his critics declare. He is the first English-speaking journalist who has mare a personal study of the Russian peasant since the overthrow of the czar, going from village to village on horse-back and on foot, living and working with peasants in the fields so as to learn from them directly how they reacted to the revolution, the Soviets, America.

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Civil Action Is Nearing The Jury

The case of W. R. Kivette vs. T. J. Scrogsin, a civil action, was in the arguments early this afternoon in circuit court with observers believing that it would reach the jury late today.

No court will be held tomorrow, which is a judicial holiday, and on Thursday the case of La Grande Box & Lumber Co. vs. U. S. National bank will be taken up.

K. P. Convention To Be Held Feb. 18

A district convention of the K. P. lodge will be held in La Grande Feb. 18, according to the plans made at the meeting last night. State officer, Walter G. Gleeson, grand keeper of records and seal will attend the session, along with H. E. Dixon, grand chancellor for Oregon.

Monday 17 Mr. Gleeson and Mr. Dixon will be in Baker for a meeting, returning here Tuesday, and going to Huntington Wednesday, Feb. 19. K. P. members from Union and Wallowa counties are expecting to attend the convention. The Pythian sisters will serve a banquet to take place next Tuesday evening for this event.

The meeting of the L. S. of B. of L. F. and E., which usually meets on the third Tuesday has been postponed to Feb. 19, because of the convention.

DEATH TAKES HENRY HUG AT NOON TODAY

Henry Hug, pioneer resident of the Grande Ronde valley, died unexpectedly at the Hug apartments on Fourth street about noon today. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with funeral arrangements to be made later.

Further details of Mr. Hug's death and his obituary were not available this afternoon.

BADEN-POWELL

Six hundred thousand Boy Scouts of America are paying tribute to General Sir Robert S. S. Braden-Powell, above, known as the "father of scouting," during the 20th anniversary week celebration in the United States, now under way. Baden - Powell founded the scout movement in England in 1908 and it reached America in 1910.

EUGENE DAMON ANSWERS CALL

Death Comes at 4:50 O'clock This Morning — Lived Here 30 Years.

Eugene Damon, a resident of La Grande and the valley for the last 30 years, passed away at 4:50 o'clock this morning at his home at 1609 Fourth street. Mr. Damon had been ailing in health for some time and his death was a sad shock to his wide circle of friends.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the services probably will be held Thursday afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with the Rev. B. Marcus Godwin officiating. Burial will take place in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. Damon was born in Illinois on June 18, 1851, and on June 13, 1877 married Miss Lizzie J. Wanless at Burrook. He came to Oregon on Nov. 6, 1900 from Cresco, Iowa, and operated a farm near here until 1911 when he moved to Portland for two years where he had a fruit ranch. Mr. Damon then returned to La Grande and erected several houses here, afterwards buying a livery barn located where the storage part of Smith's garage now stands. He sold this business in 1915. He was married to Mrs. Susan Kirtley on Jan. 1, 1917 and they made their home on a ranch in Fruitdale until 1929, when they moved to the Fourth street residence.

Mr. Damon was a devoted member of the Baptist church, attending services regularly all of his life.

Survivors are his widow, two sons, L. W. Damon and O. W. Damon, the following step-sons and daughters, Mrs. Harris, of Fort Smith, Ark.; Mrs. Grace McNish, of Detroit, and E. E. Kirtley, of Chehalis, Wash.; a brother in Portland, another brother in Cresco, Iowa, and a sister in Spokane. Two brothers preceded him in death.

DIES OF INJURIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—Dr. William Rees, 69, retired Portland physician, died in a hospital here today from injuries received Monday in an automobile accident. His automobile collided with a street car. Dr. Rees' death brings Portland's traffic toll to 17 since December 1.

NORBLAD TO BE GUEST OF LIONS CLUB

Governor to Attend Dinner to be Given Here The Evening of Feb. 24

WILL STOP HERE ON WAY TO BAKER

Chamber of Commerce And Rotary to Join with Lions in Receiving Chief Executive.

Governor A. W. Norblad, on his first trip into Eastern Oregon since taking the oath of office, will stop in La Grande. This was learned this morning when Jesse Rosenbaum, secretary of the La Grande Lions club, announced receipt of a telegram from the chief executive of the state accepting an invitation to attend a dinner meeting here Monday evening, Feb. 24.

It is understood that the usual Lions club luncheon will be omitted that day, with the club members joining in a banquet in honor of the governor, who is expected to give the main address of the evening.

Governor Norblad was also invited to attend the chamber of commerce forum luncheon here on Tuesday noon, Feb. 25, but a letter was received from him today stating that he was scheduled to speak at the Kiwanis club luncheon at Baker Tuesday noon, and attend the annual chamber of commerce dinner there that evening. The chamber of commerce members and the Rotary club have been invited to attend the Lions dinner Monday night.

Lions Seek Convention

Two officers of the Lions club, Jack Ferris, president, and S. L.

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Scout Court Of Honor Is Held At High School

Two bronze palms were awarded Wilfort Stitt and Clair Thomas last night at the boy scout court of honor held in the high school auditorium. The event was marked with success both from the standpoint of attendance and the number of boys receiving awards.

Prior to the closing of the court all of the scouts present, recommitted themselves to the scout oath in compliance with the objectives of the anniversary week. Harvey Carter and the members of Troop No. 2 led the scouts in this pledge. Another court will be held in March.

F. L. Meyers was chairman for the evening with A. W. Nelson, R. V. Copsey, E. Stevenson, Ray Murphy and Charles Reynolds presenting badges.

A. W. Nelson presented the tenderfoot badges to the following scouts: Jimmy Bruce, Joe Sullivan, David Robins, Howard Webb, John Blanchard, Jack McClay, Alvin Stitt, Dallas Marshall, Billie Gunn and Donald Wilson.

Second class badges were awarded by R. V. Copsey to the following: Gilbert Stein, Arnold Hancke, Donald Taylor, Clayton Cochran, Elvin King, Glenn Victor, Dee Clay and William Gibson.

John Towery and Charles Erickson received first class scout badges, presented by Elmo Stevenson.

Robert McMillan was presented with a second class merit badge by Ray Murphy, who also awarded the following first class merit badges: Roy Stein, Woodrow Dancrell, Ernest Briggs, Frank Tyler, Claire Thomas, Wilford Stitt, Harry Korns, Robet Eakin, Kemit Meyers and Ray Wilson.

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Normal Team At Peak For Game With Willamette — Coyotes Here Friday

With his team in the best condition of the season, although affected by the fact that Carden and McCulley are ineligible because of studies, Coach Bob Quinn was running his Eastern Oregon Normal school players through final practice today in preparation for the game at the L. D. S. Recreational hall Wednesday night with the Willamette university quintet.

Tonight, when Willamette plays the Union Athletic club at the Union gym, a number of La Grande people were intending to be present. Coach Spec Keene and his Bearcats were here today, and were expecting considerable action in the two games.

Starting Line-up Given

Coach Quinn today announced that he would start Crawford at center, Price and Sullivan, at forward, and Sorrell and Paisley at guard positions. His reserves will consist of Posey, Houchens, Wade, Wolfe and Devaney.

Jimmy Rosenbaum is to referee the game here tomorrow night.

The normal school team has been improving in all phases during the last two weeks, with team work and basket shooting showing considerable gains, and local fans believe the normal five will make an excellent showing in the coming contest.

As a preliminary to the game tomorrow night, which begins at 8 o'clock, the Comets and Outcasts, two local independent teams, will play at 7 o'clock.

Idaho Coming Friday

Coach Quinn also announced today that the College of Idaho basketball team, coached by Anse Cornell, will be here Friday night for a game with the normal school, also to be played in the L. D. S. hall. The Idaho team, still recalling the defeat the College of Idaho suffered from the E. O. N. football team last fall, hopes to even up the score. The Idaho quintet's strength is not generally known, as it has not played any of the leading northwest conference teams lately. The game here will be one of a road trip that will take the Coyotes to Whitman and other Northwest colleges.

FARM BOARD OKEH PUT ON GRAIN GROUP

Stabilization Corporation to Have a nInitial Credit of Ten Million.

SHEEP MEN MEET IN WALLA WALLA

Wool Growers who Pledge Wool to Pacific Group Are in Reality Members of Co-operative.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The federal farm board today formally approved the grain stabilization corporation which was incorporated yesterday at Dover, Del.

The approval was a matter of routine, since the board had previously announced it would direct the corporation in its efforts to stabilize the wheat market and would provide an initial credit of $10,000,000 for the purpose.

W. G. Kellogg, general manager of the Farmers' National Grain corporation, is president of the stabilization corporation which will set up headquarters in Chicago. Board members have stated that it would function through the machinery of the grain corporation.

BACKED BY FARM BOARD

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 11 (AP)—The Wenaha wool growers association meeting here were told by D. L. Barnes, field representative of the Pacific cooperative association that in pledging wool to the Pacific group they were in reality members of the national wool cooperative, backed by the farm board.

J. F. Irwin of Pendleton, Ore., Umatilla forest supervisor, urged the wool men to personally super-

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Confirmation Of Hughes Facing Senate Battle

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Increasing opposition to Charles Evans Hughes as chief justice of the United States was developing in the senate today, threatening a final vote on confirmation by nightfall.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, and Glass, democrat, Virginia, were listed among the opponents of the former supreme court jurist and republican presidential nominee as senate leaders began to sound out sentiment preparatory to resuming consideration of the Hughes nomination at 4 p. m.

There were indications that Borah would follow up the attack launched in the senate yesterday by Senator Norris republican of Nebraska.

There were a number of indications that most of the western republicans independents will line up against the nominee.

Senator Brookhart, Iowa, a member of the western republican independents, announced he would vote against Hughes and that he might speak.

Senator Watson said he would make every effort to obtain a vote on Hughes by nightfall.

Psittacosis Takes Another Doctor

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11 (AP) — Dr. William Royal Stokes of the city's bureau of bacteriology died last night of psittacosis or parrot fever, with which he became infected while trying to save others and prevent the spread of the rare malady.

When the disease first appeared in Baltimore, early this year, he began a systematic investigation and handled many infected birds. He became ill a fortnight ago and was taken to a hospital where he rapidly grew worse.

CRIME DRIVE CONTINUED

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 11 (AP)—Chicago's drive against gangsters and hoodlums was given fresh impetus today with the reported indictment of 19 gunmen caught in the recent roundup of under-world haunts. Those reported indicted included Carl Hanson, Chicago and James Riley, Detroit, shot and taken prisoner durig holdups.

TATE NOMINATION APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The nomination of High M. Tate, of Knoxville, Tenn., to be a member of the interstate commerce commission was approved today by the senate interstate commerce committee.

POLE BASES WELDED

NEW YORK (AP) — Electric welding now is used on trolley pole bases for street cars, says a report from Morris Stone and J. G. Ritter of the Westinghouse company to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

NEW DICTATOR

The downfall of Primo de Rivera's dictatorship in Spain has brought Damasco Berenguer, his arch political enemy, pictured above, to the premiership. Refusing to accept the role of dictator, Berenguer has announced he will restore the constitution under which Spain formerly was governed, re-establish the parliament, and appoint only civilian ministers

GILBERT BEATEN IN FIST BATTLE

Famous Film Star Knocked Down in Hollywood Cafe by Jim Tully.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (AP)—John Gilbert, film star, and Jim Tully, writer, today admitted they staged impromptu fisticuffs in a Hollywood cafe several nights ago.

"I don't care to talk about it," Gilbert, who with his wife Ina Claire, actress, is spending a week at Palm Springs, said. "I did only what any man would have done under the circumstances."

John Gilbert

"I did what you or anybody else would have done if a man had come charging across a room at you," Tully declared. "I got up and knocked him down."

Other diners, who unwittingly had purchased a ringside seat with their coffee, described the scene in greater detail.

They said Tully was seated with May Cruze, sister of James Cruze, the director, and Nicholas Kelly, when Gilbert entered with his wife and Sid Grauman. Gilbert shouted something to Tully about an article he had written two years ago in a magazine, in which the actor was mentioned. Tully replied, and after exchanging more words, Gilbert took off his overcoat and charged. Tables were upset, chairs kicked about and Gilbert knocked down. At this point bystanders interferred and the actor was persuaded to leave, Ina joining him at the door.

SALEM SHOWS MUCH INTEREST IN PAYNE CASE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP) — So great is the public interest in the assault case involving the Rev. Robert L. Payne of the First Baptist church here that the people are trying to get Justice of the Peace Brazier Small to provide a bigger court room when the trial is resumed Thursday.

Virgil O'Neill, a member of the church, charges Payne with trying to hit him with a chair at a recent board meeting. During the trial last Saturday, which was continued, it developed that when Mrs. Payne left her home here suddenly several weeks ago to escape ill treatment from her husband she was taken as far as Medford by O'Neill. Mrs. Payne went to Los Angeles and was later returned to Salem by her husband.

Appropriation For Dry Force Passed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The $15,000,000 appropriation for the prohibition bureau was left undisturbed by the senate appropriations committee today in reporting to the senate the annual supply measure for the treasury and post office departments.

POWELL INDICTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—Edward Powell was indicted yesterday on a charge of larceny by embezzlement. He is accused of taking $8000 in dental gold from the M. F. Patterson Dental Supply company.

Three Leap For Life From High Chicago Building

Woman Badly Hurt by Plunge to Net But Two Men Are Successful in Escape From Fire.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11 (AP)—Leaps for life from eighth story windows into nets, and precarious descents on scaling ladders were thrillers that thousands saw last night when fire swept two floors of the Gunther building, just south of the "loop."

Miss Margaret Paine, one of the three who sought escape from the flames by leaping into a net, was injured so seriously she may die. She struck the net feet first and her body rebounded several feet into the air. A flying heel cut a deep gash in the cheek of one of the men holding the net. On the rebound she struck another net holder, Ralph De Butch, a cab driver, and his shoulder was broken.

The young woman's leg was broken and her skull fractured.

Two Men Make Jump

Miss Paine was the second of three persons to leap from the eighth floor. The first jumper was Joseph Sandman. He struck squarely in the center of one of the five nets spread below and suffered only a slight wrench to his left shoulder.

Cecil McDonough, 32, who weighs 195 pounds, jumped last and came from the net, as he put it, "without a bruise or a scratch."

"I landed sitting," he said, "If Miss Paine hadn't closed her eyes when she jumped and had fallen straight, instead of tumbling over and over, I don't believe she'd have been hurt, either."

The blowing of a fuse on an electric pillow-stuffing machine in the factory of the Thompson-Thorne company on the seventh floor started the fire, a spark igniting a bin of cotton and silk shreds.

300 Girls Escape

Three hundred girls employed by the Thompson-Thorne company escaped by means of elevators which were kept running even until flames were leaping across the shafts.

Several girls, unable to reach the elevators in time, ran to the windows. Three of them were hanging to window ledges of the seventh floor when firemen arrived. Extension ladders reached only to the fifth floor. Firemen used scaling ladders, consisting only of a single hook-nosed upright with cross bars, and carried these girls to safety.

Battalion Chief Michael Kerwin

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Federal Agents Raid New Hotel; May Lock Doors

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Hotel Manger, one of the newest and largest hostelries in the city, situated in the heart of the theatrical district, faced padlock proceedings today as the result of a raid by federal prohibition agents.

A squad of 25 federal agents descended upon the hotel last night and arrested 13 men. The prisoners consisted of two bootleggers, six bellboys and five waiters.

Major Maurice Campbell, prohibition administrator in the New York district, said warrants had been issued for eight other bellboys, a head waiter, a captain of waiters and two other bootleggers.

The raid was conducted under warrants obtained from United States Commissioner Francis O'Neil in which violation of the prohibition law and aiding and abetting the maintenance of a nuisance were charged.

Major Campbell said padlock proceedings would be instituted against the management with the purpose of closing the entire 20-story hotel, with its 1750 rooms, and its elaborately furnished lounges, dining rooms and other adjuncts. He said he had evidence that the management was aware of the conditions.

Three Burned To Death In Dormitory

BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 11 (AP)—Three persons lost their lives in a fire which swept a 47-year-old wooden dormitory of the city farm early today. Two others were injured critically. The institution housed 80 inmates.

The dead were found on the top floor of the three-story wooden building, with two of the bodies badly burned. They were a white woman, a negro man and a white man.

Mayor, Rebel Chief Both Die In Duel

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11 (AP)—Jose Angel Trujillo, mayor of Tolotalan Jalisco, and Juvenio Munoz, former rebel chief, shot each other to death in a pistol duel in the main plaza of that town, says a dispatch to La Prensa.

The dispatch said the plaza was crowded with promenaders who were thrown into a panic when the two men met accidentally and opened fire at each other.

SUBMARINES WILL REMAIN WAR WEAPON

Activities of Undersea Boats, However, Are to be "Humanized."

ABOLITION MOVE TODAY DEFEATED

British and Americans Present Plan But Japan And France Wish to Retain Submarines.

By Dewitt MacKenzie
(Associated Press Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Submarines were virtually assured of a new lease on life as weapons of war during a debate at the plenary session of the naval conference today in the course of which the five great naval powers of the world presented their views as to the abolition of these—"terrors of the deep."

Out of the wealth of eloquent pleas either for or against the retention of these weapons grew formal resolutions which were generally taken as meaning that submersibles still be continued, but that their activities will be "humanized" and that an effort will be made to restrict their size and number.

Air of Tensity

There was an air of tensity which no other plenary session has seen as the delegates of the sea powers faced each other in the Queen Anne's room of St. James palace to make their declarations regarding this problem which has torn the world since the days when the Lusitania was sunk with all aboard.

It was the United States and Great Britain for the abolition of submarines and France and Japan for their retention, holding to their thesis that they would not surrender this arm of their navies. Italy agreed in principle with America and Great Britain, but with reservations which would safeguard her interests as compared with those of other powers.

After Prime Minister MacDonald had formally opened the session, A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, declared Great Britain's belief that submarines should be wiped from the navies of the world. The French and Japanese delegations listened with particular intentness as he declared with emotion that submersibles were "not defensive but inhuman offensive weapons."

British Want Abolition.

Great Britain, he said, wanted abolition, but if this could not be achieved then she stood for the humanizing of submarine warfare and the limitation of size and numbers.

The first lord of the admiralty appealed to the other powers to accept the proposal for abolishment in the interests of permanent peace.

The chief American delegate,

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NEUNER PLANS TO QUIT RACE, PAPER STATES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—George Neuner, United States attorney here, today issued an official statement in which he announced that he would not seek the gubernatorial nomination on the republican ticket.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—The Portland Telegram today that United States District Attorney George Neuner has decided to withdraw from the gubernatorial race.

The newspaper said "he will announce in a statement to be issued later in the day and will give as a reason for his withdrawal that the campaign would interfere with the discharge of his duties as district attorney."

FRUIT GRADING HEARINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 11 (AP)—Hearings to recommend more rigid grading rules to eliminate shipping of immature fruit will be called in Oregon and Washington in April, the Pacific Northwest advisory board fresh fruit committee decided here.

Shipping green prunes last season wrecked the market but cutting prices from $40 to $20 per ton, said A. W. Simmons, Prune grower. Shippers who put out green fruit get good prices but the penalty falls on those who ship later, he said.

Shipping without inspection will be guarded against more closely this year, F. E. Bailey, head of the government service told the meeting.

It was decided to include cherry, peach and apricot shipments in proposals discussed and to invite Idaho to send delegates to the hearings. A letter from J. H. McBirney, Meridian, Idaho, was read in which he said Idaho prune growers felt their laws were adequate and did not care to participate.