

EAST OREGON IS PLEASED WITH ACTION

Hearing on Umatilla Rapids Project Buoy up Hopes of Many.

ALDRICH, DANA, HARLAN TESTIFY

Pendleton Man Points out That a Number of Cities Are Ready to Contract Power.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Although the secretary of war and interior have recommended that no definite action be taken on the Umatilla rapids project in Oregon until the report of army engineers is available in July, considerable satisfaction has been expressed by the Oregon congressional delegation and the committee of citizens of the state in the report of the two-day hearing which ended yesterday.

Arguments and suggestions of the Oregonians were received by the senators and house committees on irrigation and reclamation.

Editors Speak

Concluding arguments in the case made by E. B. Aldrich, publisher of the East Oregonian at Pendleton; Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Portland Journal, and Kenneth Harlan, state expert of Portland.

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TO CHECK ON DOLLAR BILLS' CIRCULATION

Few people realize the buying power of a dollar kept in circulation, but an interesting experiment is to be launched in La Grande Monday designed to find the answer to the question.

At noon Monday each employee of the Liberty theatre will be given as part of his or her weekly salary a new dollar bill, attached to a card with space for 50 names. When this dollar is spent the employee will insert his name and where he spent the dollar, asking the next person to spend that dollar first, he in turn inserting his name and the place he spent it. The 50th person spending the dollar will receive two passes to the Liberty upon presenting the card at the box office.

Tabulation will be kept in the evening. The observer from time to time showing how long it will take for the dollar to be spent 50 times and really how much can be done with a dollar.

The experiment is particularly interesting inasmuch as it comes with the opening of Thrift week.

Musicians Elect Loney President

The Musicians' Protective association, local lodge affiliated with the American Federation of Musicians, elected the following officers for the coming year, at their last regular meeting: President, Andrew Loney, Jr.; secretary, William Andrist; treasurer, Floyd Sherwood; executive committee, the officers together with F. W. Wyde, Art Posten and Ray Bennett.

Two of the present officers, Andrew Loney and B. P. Wyde, have held their positions for several years.

The association keeps up a lively interest in things musical and has a large membership in La Grande.

Elect Officers At Baker Meeting

Elliott Finlay was elected as president of the Baptist Young People's union of the Grande Ronde association at a rally held by the group last night in Baker. Miss Grace Heden, also of La Grande, was chosen as secretary, while the other officers were chosen from Haines and Baker.

Olen Fox, of this city, played a piano solo at the meeting which was attended by 25 local workers in the Baptist Young People's union.

Haines was chosen as the next meeting place for the group, the meeting to be held in March.

Rev. T. H. Hagen, director of Christian Education and Young People's work for the Baptists throughout the state, was the principal speaker at the meeting which followed a banquet in the church there. Rev. Hagen lives in Portland. Miss Louise Hendrup, director of the children's work, was also present.

Secrets of Film Folk Revealed At DeBoe Trial

Clara's Secretary "Tells on" Her—Expensive Presents and Poker Parties Recalled.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 17 (AP)—Clara Bow, red-headed film flapper, was faced with the prospect of at least temporary unemployment as the tempestuous trial on grand theft charges of Daisy De Boe, her former secretary went into a two-day recess today.

The trial, packed full of the names and secrets of film people, closed its first week before a packed house late yesterday with Miss De Boe warning to her self-appointed task of "telling on Clara." The blonde secretary is alleged to have stolen \$15,000 from the red-headed actress.

In 40 minutes on the stand as the first defense witness, Miss De Boe drew a hasty sketch of her former employer, buying expensive presents for sundry men, ordering large consignments of liquor, playing poker six nights a week and having her hair bleached and heated.

Expensive Gifts
Miss De Boe listed some of the presents she bought at Miss Bow's request for her friends. There was a \$4000 watch for Dr. Earl Pearson, Texas physician, a \$2000 ring for Harry Richmond, actor and New York night club entertainer, and \$2000 sapphire ring for Lottie Mendes, Hollywood film director.

"Is that all you can remember?" Nathan Freedman, defense attorney asked.

Daisy lapsed into thought before replying, "There were so many it is hard to remember them all."

Then she recalled the Clara sent her to a store to purchase a \$10,000 engagement ring for her.

This testimony was elicited as an explanation of why Miss De Boe had

Normal School Faces Two Hard Hoop Contests

With six games played and only one in the defeat column, the Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball teamers face two hard contests this weekend, one tonight on the small floor against the Lewiston team and one in La Grande Monday night against the strong Lewiston Normal school quintet.

The Mountaineers won at Union last night, defeating the Blue Devils with ease, 39 to 19. A scoring spree in the third quarter with all of the team scoring at least one time, and Medford's two field goals, put the game on ice.

Two Trips on Schedule
The Mountaineers will go on their first collegiate trip the last of this month, playing Lewiston Jan. 29 and at Cheney on Jan. 30. Two more games may be scheduled on this trip.

The E. O. N. team will play at Ashland Feb. 16 and 17 and at Monmouth Feb. 19 and 20. Attempts are being made to build a basketball university here in February and a Whitman college will play a return game here on Feb. 5.

After securing the lead at Union last night, the Mountaineers never relinquished it, going strongest in the third period when they counted

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Lutherans Issue Call; Rev. Lucas Asked To Come

Rev. Fred T. Lucas, of Centralia, Wash., who has spoken at the Lutheran church in La Grande several times and has been enthusiastically received, was issued a call to come to this city to be the regular pastor at the Lutheran church. The call was issued at the annual meeting of the congregation last night at the church. D. D. Kissler, of Everett, president of the Pacific Synod, was present and expressed himself as being enthusiastic about the work of the local church since they last had a pastor in September.

Reports of the congregation were held with Walter Pohlman and Ned Nelson being elected and Fred Matthes Jr. being chosen for the first time. The holding over are James Schilling, Fred Pohlman, Fred Johnson and J. G. Stitzinger. Juanita Stitzinger was chosen as organist for the church. Reports of the organization were given by Mrs. James Schilling, Ladies' Aid; Mrs. J. G. Stitzinger, auditing; while the heads of the church school were absent and made no report.

Snowball Damages Car; Boys Arrested

Seven boys were placed under arrest by the city police last night following snowballing attacks that resulted in breaking the window of a car on Adams avenue. Other snowballing episodes were reported and the police are looking for more boys to arrest on other offenses.

The car, in which the window was broken, was driven by a woman.

Appoint L. Denham U. S. Commissioner

Announcement was made yesterday of the appointment of L. Denham, local justice of the peace, as a United States commissioner for La Grande and Union county. He was appointed by the U. S. district court during a session at which Judge John H. McNary was present. The appointment is for a term of four years, and became effective January 15.

WOULD OPEN ELK SEASON IN 1931-32

Game Commission to Introduce Bill in Legislature, Report.

UMATILLA, UNION, GRANT DESIGNATED

Special Hunter's License of \$5 Would be Required—\$50 For the Non-Resident.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17 (AP)—The state game commission has announced it will introduce a bill to the legislature providing for an open season on elk in Umatilla, Union and Grant counties during 1931 and 1932.

A special hunter's license of \$5 would be required. The non-resident license fee would be \$50.

The commission decided the bear will be regarded as game animals in all counties west of the Cascade mountains. This modified a resolution recently adopted placing a closed season on bear and definitely establishing them as a game animal.

The commission also adopted a resolution to be presented to the legislature classifying steelhead as trout in all Oregon rivers and streams except the Columbia.

Bert Howe Reinstated
Because he was injured in line of action and in performance of his duty Bert Howe of Salem has been reinstated as a deputy game warden at part-time salary.

Howe was seriously wounded in 1928 when he and John H. Price, present Lincoln county deputy, were investigating night hunting in Lincoln.

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JOSEPH DOWNED BY TIGERS 33-29

La Grande Steps Into Win Column—Cove Eager to Play Here Tonight.

La Grande basketball fans were given a bit of excitement when the Joseph High fans a bit of gloom last night when the Tigers stepped into the win column, trimming the invaders from the Wallows country 33 to 29.

Previously the Tigers had suffered a number of defeats, losing three out of three in Wallows county. Tonight the La Grander entered Cove in the Recreational hall, the game to begin at 8:30 o'clock. Cove defeated La Grande at Cove earlier in the season.

Four on the Bench
The victory last night was accomplished despite the fact that Conley, Faus, Hughes, Gray and Corey were off the squad because of sinusoid vaccinations. At times the Tigers showed flashes of the teamwork that made them dangerous at the Union tournament in year and at other times the players seemed to loaf. Two or three long-shot attempts were taken unnecessarily, the shooter invading a Tiger closer to the hoop.

Coach Woodie has been working on fundamentals during much of the season, but from now on a steady development in both the offense and defense may be expected, fans believe.

Marr Held Down
Marr, diminutive Joseph forward, who was the mainstay of his team's victory over La Grande last week, was held to two field goals. Shepherd carried for La Grande as far as scoring was concerned, netting six field goals.

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Bebe Daniels Signs With Warner Bros.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—The signing of Bebe Daniels to a long term starting contract was announced by Warner Brothers. The actress is to make four motion pictures a year for her new employers. Miss Daniels, who is "free lancing," is at present working in a Warner Brothers picture.

READING PUBLIC INCREASES

SALEM, Jan. 17 (AP)—The reading public in Oregon, according to a survey by the state library, has increased 23 per cent during the past biennium, the report just released by Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian, revealed. This percentage represents an increase of 64,540 volumes, bringing the total for the two years to 341,395 volumes sent over the state.

An Early Spring For La Grande? Some Say So But Others Say No

By Nolan Skiff
"Well, if we don't get that cold snap in January, we'll get it in February!"

You sure? Remember the winter several years ago when the minimum was 15 or 16 above?

"Hm-m-m-m. Well, maybe so, but I still think we're due for some real cold weather!"

That's about the average La Grande citizen's reaction to suggestions of an early spring.

He Must "Be Shown."

Here and there a naive "weather forecaster" is of the opinion that the worst of the winter is over, but Mr. Average Citizen is like the man from Missouri; he must be shown.

COMMUNISTS UNDER FIRE IN CAPITAL

Fish Investigating Committee Makes Fourteen Recommendations.

OUTLAWRY OF THE PARTY IS URGED

Would Deny Citizenship to "Reds"—Prevent Them From Entering This Country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Fourteen recommendations for dealing with communism, including outlawry of that party in the United States, were laid before the house today by the Fish investigating committee.

Chairman Fish filed the report after an eight months study of communist activities. It was signed by him and Representative Bachmann, Republican, West Virginia and Edick, Tennessee and Hall, Mississippi, Democrats. Representative Nelson, Republican, Maine, submitted an individual report.

Recommendations Listed
The committee made the following recommendations:

"That the communist party of the United States of America, section of the communist international, be declared illegal . . . and that the executive authority of each state and the legislature thereof be informed of the revolutionary principles and objectives of the communist party and be requested to take appropriate action to have such party excluded from or denied recognition as a political entity."

"Enlarging the authority of the department of justice for the purpose of investigating the revolutionary

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FESS DENIES ASSERTIONS BY SHOUSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Chairman Fess of the Republican national committee, asserted today that the assertion he said J. Edgar Hoover, chairman of the Democratic national executive committee, had made that he "knew" Joseph P. Kamp because he was "the leading Catholic layman." "This is an infamous untruth," Fess said in a written statement issued by the committee. "This attempt to inject the religious issue is made for the very apparent purpose of throwing a smoke screen around the vigorous attacks upon Mr. Kamp by Democratic leaders such as Governor Dan Moody, of Texas, and Josephus Daniels of North Carolina."

New Intangibles Tax Bill Shaping

SALEM, Jan. 17 (AP)—While the state supreme court has before it a petition for rehearing of the case involving the intangibles tax act, declared unconstitutional by the court two months ago, the state tax commission today is whipping up a curative bill providing an intangibles tax that will avoid the invalid features of the original bill.

The main defect found by the court in the original act was that it was a tax on intangibles as property rather than on the income from intangibles. While the tax commission is not yet ready to announce its reasoning that led to this conclusion, it is not going to depend on the possibility that the court will grant the rehearing and the further possibility that it might reverse itself.

O. H. Sherman Dies; Funeral Sunday

Grando Hugh Sherman, father of Mrs. W. P. Sherman, of 1601 Jefferson avenue, died here last night at 6 o'clock, death being caused by cancer of the face. He had been visiting with his daughter for the last three months.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with Rev. J. C. Nelson in charge. Burial will take place in the Island City cemetery.

Mr. Sherman leaves his widow, three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Sherman, all of Grand Valley, Colo., and three daughters, Mrs. P. H. Sherman, of La Grande, and Mrs. Hardy Williams and Mrs. May K. Nelson, of Salem. Mr. Sherman was born in Illinois Mar. 22, 1848 and was 82 years 10 months and 25 days of age.

Man Dies When Car And Truck Collide

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (AP)—An unidentified man was burned to death at the wheel of a motor truck loaded with steel bars today after a head-on collision with a street car crowded with factory workers. The motorist and one passenger on the car were injured.

The impact was so great that the truck driver was driven through the floor of his cab, down against the engine. The front of the truck crashed through the motorist's compartment of the street car.

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Flowers in Bloom
Down in southwestern Oregon are reports of picking strawberries early in bloom, and what not. Despite the legislative session, one Portland paper felt called upon to turn to the weather for a daily cartoon.

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Local weather prophets in The Dalles.

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SPANISH ROYALTY TO VISIT WEST



King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, of Spain, are expected to visit California to unveil a monument in Los Angeles to the founder of Mission Los Angeles.

W. O. W. Finish Legislation At Colorado Meet

DENVER, Jan. 17 (AP)—The head camp session of the Woodmen of the World with headquarters in Denver, concluded a five-day session here after taking action for the establishment of a reserve division of the society.

Measures were also enacted whereby members who have dropped out since the meeting of the head camp at Oakland, Cal., in 1928, may renew their membership, and insurance under a rate and plan with less alternatives. Provisions for admission of women and juvenile members also were adopted at the meeting here.

Peter J. Gilroy, head counsel, in a statement at the close of the session said its work had completely corrected an error at the Oakland session, which had caused the Colorado supreme court to nullify the reserve plan adopted at the Oakland meeting, because of a technicality due to lack of a roll call showing the measure had been adopted by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present.

"The labors of the head camp session," he said, "were directed toward the securing of a permanent, comprehensive and effective plan for the society. The representatives to the assembly just adjourned have been directed to tell the public that the society is entitled to the confidence of the public. The society will now proceed with the program of upbuilding and under police guard and increasing degrees of confidence and assurance."

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SON OF OFFICER Runs Amuck; Is Shot By Police

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Macon Wesson, 23, son of Lieut. Col. C. M. Wesson, U. S. A., was slain today by police after running amuck in the aftermath of gun play and an unexplained wild ride in a commandeered taxicab.

Wesson was shot close to the heart by a policeman. Officers said he had entered a cab, ordering the driver to take him to an airport on the outskirts of the city. There he told the driver to start back. In a few minutes he produced a revolver and fired two shots through the window of the cab, telling the driver to step on it. He then had the man drive into a park-like area surrounding a Masonic home, ordered the hackman to stop and get out, and told him to light a cigarette. A watchman came out and Wesson ordered him back into the house, where he promptly phoned the police. Wesson fired three shots at a light on the porch of the building, got back in the cab and told the driver to "step on it."

The latter heard the siren of a pursuing police car and crashed his machine into a tree. He jumped and ran just as the police car swept by. One of the officers fired into the taxicab and struck Wesson in the chest.

Senate Approves \$25,000,000 Relief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—The senate today approved the \$25,000,000 appropriation for Red Cross relief work. There was no record vote.

The proposal was sponsored by Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, was added to the interior department appropriation bill.

The vote came so quickly that administration leaders who intended to ask postponement of the proposal were caught napping.

Later, Senator Reed, Republican Pennsylvania, entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the \$25,000,000 amendment was adopted, but did not ask for its immediate consideration.

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Mexican Quake Continues; New Damage Caused

Scores Reported Dead—Rumor From Zimatlán Says That 51 Persons Were Killed.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17 (AP)—Thirty persons were killed when last Wednesday's earthquake struck the village of Guadalupe, 30 miles west of Oaxaca, word received here today said. This was one of the heaviest disasters since the state of Oaxaca where the quake struck its heaviest blows.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17 (AP)—An almost continual earthquake, accompanied by weird subterranean rumblings, renewed alarm in the valley of Oaxaca today. The valley was shaken again and again. Some new damage was caused. Advice reached the city from outlying towns and villages of the extent of the disaster which accompanied Wednesday night's quake.

Reports that 51 persons had been killed during the quake in the town of Zimatlán, near Oaxaca, circulated today, though they could not be verified.

An emergency first aid brigade was ordered today to proceed immediately to Zimatlán, about 50 miles south of Oaxaca City, by Governor Cortes Lopez, after he had received information of twenty dead, and a great number injured in Wednesday night's tremors. Weeks may pass before other isolated towns in mountainous south Oaxaca state, almost without railroads and telegraphs, report their losses.

In Mexico City three light earthquakes were felt during the day yesterday. The first, the strongest, was at 12:30 p. m., the next at 5:15 p. m., and the last at 10:30 last night. Dispatches from Pinotepa Nacional, in the southwest corner of Oaxaca, said Wednesday's quakes were followed by a rain of shooting stars. The phenomenon added greatly to the fear of the Indian natives.

Colima dispatched today stated that the semi-active volcano of Colima had begun to emit smoke and low rumblings. The volcano is about 200 miles from Oaxaca. It has been quiet for several weeks.

COLD CAUSES DEATHS
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17 (AP)—Three more persons died here during the night from exposure as a consequence of the abnormally low temperatures.

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Violent Storms Work Havoc In North Europe

LONDON, Jan. 17 (AP)—A violent storm which raged over England during the night ended today. The gale ripped open the roof of the Claydon chemical factory, spilling 100 tons of sulphuric acid. Employees hurriedly neutralized the acid, preventing further damage. The storm had been serious consequences as it spread through the neighborhood.

Three persons were killed by falling chimneys and signs. Many signs were torn from their hangings, but absence of pedestrians at the early hour kept the casualty list down.

The Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of York was pinned to her dock at Liverpool by the force of the wind and had to delay her sailing. Thus it was unable to get her in mid-stream.

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Water Supply Is A-I, Tests Show

LA GRANDE, Jan. 17 (AP)—The water supply, tested as of Jan. 12, shows a good condition. The bacteriological count is zero. Manager A. B. Cherry made this announcement this afternoon.

Dr. A. L. Richardson, city health officer, also sent in samples of the water, and the report he received confirmed Mr. Cherry's statement.

Sampled water taken from the town reservoir and a downtown faucet.

1 Killed, 4 Injured In New York Fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—A man in evening clothes was killed by a bayonet thrust and four others were injured early today in a free-for-all fight in the Bowery. The fight was a chaotic organization on West 125th street, in Harlem.

A negro porter employed in the building was arrested on a charge of having thrown a brick at the fight. A rifle. The dead man was John Donnelly, 25.

Donnelly, a member of the Patrick S. Dowd association, was believed to have returned to the meeting rooms with several other members after the annual ball last night at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The organization is named after Alderman Patrick S. Dowd of that district.

Four Children Are Burned To Death

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Jan. 17 (AP)—Trapped in a little one-room dwelling when an oil stove near the door exploded, four children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown were burned to death late yesterday.

They were Philip, 3 years old; Virgil and Virginia, twins, 3 years old, and Ruth, nine months old, who was fatally burned and died several hours later in a hospital.

The jurors did not reveal how their vote had stood, but it was understood a majority favored acquittal.

Fail to Agree In Office-Buying Case

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—A supreme court jury which heard charges of office-buying against former Magistrate George F. Ewald and his wife reported today it could not agree and was discharged.

The jurors did not reveal how their vote had stood, but it was understood a majority favored acquittal.

SOUTHEAST OREGON TO GET HIGHWAY

Highway Commission and Federal Bureau Will Provide \$185,000.

WORK ON PROJECT
BEGINS IN APRIL

To Connect Burns With Lakeview on Southern Border; Other Roads Also Planned.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17 (AP)—Development of a vast area of southeastern Oregon was assured by the action yesterday of the Oregon highway commission and the federal bureau of public roads in agreeing to appropriate \$185,000 for construction of a highway connecting Burns in Harney county, with Lakeview on the southern border of the state.

The money for this 91-mile highway will come from the federal treasury through the Oddie-Colton bill. All grading of the stretch can be accomplished with this sum, highway officials said. Work on the project will start in April.

To Enable Survey
The remaining \$10,000 of the appropriation will go to the Warm Springs highway between Madras on the Dalles-California highway and the Wallula cut-off. This money will enable a survey to be made. The highway will be completed as soon as additional federal funds are available.

W. H. Lynch, district engineer of the bureau of public roads, urged immediate action on the Wallula cut-off which would run along the Columbia river from Umatilla to the Oregon-Washington line, there to connect with a Washington highway. Lynch said such construction would shorten the distance between lower Columbia points and Spokane and Walla Walla.

The Tentative Route
The tentative route of the Burns-Lakeview highway follows: Leave Central Oregon highway near Riley, 28 miles west of Burns, run southwesterly to Wagonite, Alkali lake, west of Albert lake to a point on the Fremont highway near Valley Falls, 22 miles from Lakeview.

DOG PROTECTS INFANT FROM STEAM SHOVEL

LIGONIER, Pa., Jan. 17 (AP)—The big steam shovel they're using in the excavation work of the new high school stood almost on top of a young child while workmen tried to chase a shepherd dog who refused to budge.

They coaxed him. He bared his teeth. They threatened. He growled. They made gestures at him and he barked. But he wouldn't move.

Then Mrs. Frances Berenson came along looking for Jane, aged one and a half years. And the dog wagged his tail and barked gleefully. His wife is to get a dog and the dog underneath the shovel they found Jane, sound asleep,