

APPELLATE COURTS REPEAL DRY LAWS

AS SERVICE STARTED AT NOON TODAY

Officials, City Leaders and Business Men Attend Ceremony

VICTOR MELVILLE PRESSES BUTTON

Adds Another Utility to La Grande's List—Widens Variety of Fuel For the City.

While La Grande's foremost business men and city leaders looked on, Victor Melville, president of the city commission, pressed a button today at noon which turned on the new gas service and which made this city the first in Oregon to have a public gas service. Officials of the Natural Gas Corporation, the city commissioners, presidents of service clubs and the chamber of commerce gathered near the brightly painted orange tanks where the gas is made and stored for the inauguration of the service, which took place on the stroke of twelve o'clock.

A minute inspection was conducted under the direction of the company officials and R. D. Scott, local representative. In spite of the windy weather about 100 persons were conducted through the plant during the inspection period.

Much interest was shown in the simple inauguration services at the plant since they were the culmination of a project which had its start here last summer. A program of expansion in the state of Oregon will be carried on by the Natural Gas Corporation during 1931. R. E. Aitchison, executive vice president of the company, said: "From the experience with Klamath Falls and other Oregon towns that we have had, I believe that the biggest benefit of the installation of the Natural Gas service is its convenience. It compares favorably with other fuels, both in heating and cooking costs."

"We insist on our employees being local citizens and a part of the community. Therefore, the entrance of the Natural Gas company into La Grande adds an extension of the payroll, in addition to the considerable sum of money spent in the investment. Everything which is purchased locally was secured in La Grande."

"Besides being a fine, progressive city, La Grande is also our first town in Oregon," Mr. Aitchison added, "and we watch it very carefully."

In the near future, Miss Elmer (Continued on Page Five)

MR. GRALAPP MAIN SPEAKER AT CLUB MEET

An unusually interesting talk dealing with advances in chemistry that are of particular interest to the layman, was given at last night's dinner meeting of the Lions club in the Sackajawa Inn. Arnold Gralapp was the speaker, and his instructive address was followed by a number of questions by members.

In the discussion, the speaker transferred into a "dry ice," he said, and is expected to be put on the market in ever increasing quantities. Thirty thousand tons of dry ice were used last summer. The "ice," which will keep a temperature of about 40 degrees below zero, is made of carbon dioxide gas.

In the building trade, he said, stainless steel has been perfected. Turning to structural problems, Mr. Gralapp quoted an authority as saying that the structural strength of such length in an elevator. Also, the weight of the elevator cable would be a disturbing factor in transportation and sky-scrapers of such size.

Harold King played a piano solo preceding Mr. Gralapp's talk.

Sam Ashby Shows Much Improvement

Sam Ashby, who has been seriously ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ashby, is reported to be slightly improved this morning. He is ill of infantile paralysis which started at the base of the brain, paralyzing the throat and making him unable to swallow. This morning, however, he was able to swallow a small quantity of water.

He has responded to the serum which has been given him and his physicians are optimistic concerning the outcome. He is unable to see anyone as yet.

Sam is a sophomore at La Grande High school.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy in the east and rain tonight or Wednesday in the west portion.
No change in temperature. Increasing southeast winds offshore.
WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—24 above.
Minimum: 16 above.
Condition: Cloudy.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 28, minimum 16 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
WEATHER JAN. 20, 1931
Maximum 14, minimum five below.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

Committee Will Continue With Red Cross Work

Setting up Machinery Here to Raise \$1000 in County in Spite of Political Maneuvers.

Supported in his stand by instructions from the San Francisco office and by political observation in La Grande, Sherwood Williams, chairman of the Red Cross disaster fund campaign, announces today that the local committee will proceed with setting up its machinery to handle the raising of \$1000 in the county in spite of the political maneuvers in Washington. If congress succeeds in its purpose of giving the Red Cross relief fund out of the federal treasury in opposition to President Hoover's attitude of making the public raise the fund, there will be of course no campaign in La Grande. This week-end should determine who will win in the Washington debate, and local committee will be ready to function should exigencies of the future require the aid of the original Red Cross program.

Since the meeting yesterday morning of many of the presidents of civic and other organizations, sub-committees in charge of the Red Cross campaign have been busily engaged in contacting the respective organizations. The campaign will appeal to individuals to give what they can and 50 cents in one case.

Hansen to Meet Muir Jan. 26 In Wrestling Event

With Dr. Sarpolis and Howard Cantonwine unavailable for Monday evening, Ray Marshall, local matchmaker, today announced that Johnny Muir, Australian champion, and Charles Hansen, well known heavy-weight wrestler, will appear in the main event of a wrestling card here the evening of Jan. 26 in the Rex hall.

Both Muir and Hansen have wrestled in all of the larger Northwestern cities and both are rated among the top-notchers in the heavyweight class.

Lewiston Easy Winner Monday; Score 43 to 25

The Lewiston Normal school quintet, playing a smooth-passing, close-checking game, easily defeated a last-year team of Mountaineer cagers here last night, 43 to 25.

The score was closer in the first half which ended 21 to 18 due to a rally that scored six or seven points just before the gun, but in the final 20-minute period, the Idahoans adopted a stalling offense that produced baskets which were unproductive.

Sacred Concert To Be Played Feb. 8

Plans for a sacred concert to be given by the municipal band were gotten under way at a meeting of the La Grande Ministers' association in the Presbyterian church, Feb. 8 is the date on which the band, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., will be asked to present the musical at the Methodist church.

Officers of the ministerial association are Rev. J. George Walz, president; Rev. W. H. Hartley, secretary; and Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, vice president.

National Guard Inspection Mar. 16

March 16 has been set as the date for one of the most important events in the year for the local unit of the national guard. Company E 186th Infantry will undergo federal inspection at that time. Captain Walter Bean states: Drill in preparation for the inspection is being carried on every Monday evening.

The federal inspection and the summer camp are the two important features of the national guard year. Marksmanship badges were awarded last night at their drill to riflemen who qualified for the title during 1930.

CANNOT WITHDRAW NAMES

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—Signers of petitions for the organization of a union high school are denied the right to withdraw their names from the petitions after the petition is filed and notice of organization given, the state supreme court ruled in a decision handed down today.

SENTENCED TO SENATE

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 20 (AP)—Summons for federal jury service, A. J. Ballard of Marion, Ind., gave this excuse: "My father is serving a sixty day sentence in the state senate."

INDUSTRY IS COMING BACK

FARRELL SAYS

Head of U. S. Steel Corporation Finds Condition Nearer Normal.

WAGE REDUCTION PLAN IS OPPOSED

Cuts in Salaries Would Retard Nation's Recovery by at Least Two Years, Claim.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—The pendulum of industrial activity, in the belief of James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, is swinging back to normal.

The broad shouldered, white-haired head of the two billion dollar steel concern expressed his opinion in an address on "business" before the national canners and national wholesale grocers.

Declaring that in his opinion the "peak" of the depression passed 30 days ago, the speaker said the time has now come for "greater enterprise in trade—for loosening up business," adding that "we are quite capable of doing much more than was done in 1930."

He opposed wage reductions. "Would Making Things Worse," he said, "There are some," he said, "who urge a reduction in wages corresponding to the drop in prices. They affect to believe that such a liquidation of labor would hasten a return to normal conditions."

"Apparently those who advocate this solution have not stopped to weigh the implications that, instead of tending to increase consumption of industrial and agricultural products, such wage reductions must inevitably reduce the purchasing power of the wage earner and restrict consumption."

"It is my deliberate judgment that a general reduction of wages in the steel industry would set back the impending recovery by at least two years."

NON-PARTISAN JUDICIARY URGED

Bill Now Being Drafted by Legislative Committee of Oregon Bar.

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—A bill providing for a non-partisan judiciary in Oregon is being drafted by the legislative committees of the Oregon Bar association and the Multnomah Bar association. Together with a number of other measures being drafted by these organizations it will be introduced in the senate, probably this week.

The legislative committees of the two associations met in Salem last night for final decision on bills to be sponsored, and also some recommended by the state judicial council that the two associations will oppose.

Arthur K. McMahon of Albany is chairman of the committee of the state association, and John F. Reilly is chairman of the committee of the Multnomah association.

Other provisions of measures to be sponsored by the associations are: Restoring to the chief justice of the supreme court to assign judges to districts other than their own; empowering trial judges to make recommendations to the chief justice of the supreme court; and authorizing trial judges, when there is no bona fide dispute as to fact, to give rules of evidence; and estimating the law relating to the necessity of witnesses in execution of chattel mortgages.

The associations also will sponsor a measure giving the accused in criminal cases to waive trial by jury, except cases punishable by life imprisonment or death. This is the only measure recommended by the state judicial council which the bar associations are in agreement.

Senator Woodward Levels Sharp Criticism At State Activities

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—Pacing the floor of the hearing room with his coat off, Senator W. F. Woodward of Multnomah county leveled sharp criticism at a number of state-supported activities when the joint state and means committee met last night for preliminary study of appropriations estimates totaling more than \$8,000,000 before the present legislative session.

He first assailed a system in the circuit courts of Multnomah county where, he said, court reporters receive \$3 each for every divorce case, "and all they do is watch the judge sign his name to the decrees, some-

May Distribute U. S. Wheat For Relief Purposes

Senate Agriculture Committee Approves Bill—Like a \$15,000,000 Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The senate agriculture committee today approved a bill to authorize the federal farm board to devote 20,000,000 bushels of wheat purchased by its subsidiaries for relief purposes.

The bill, a modification of a measure introduced by Senator Capper Republican, Kansas, would authorize President Hoover to determine what the agency which would distribute the wheat.

The farm board's revolving fund would be credited with the amount paid for the wheat.

Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, a member of the committee, described the bill as a direct appropriation of \$15,000,000 for relief purposes.

Present Relief Plan To Grain Group Director

The plan for reduction of wheat acreage which has been drawn up by the Union county farm association was presented to Alva R. Shumway, a member of the board of directors of the Northwest Growers, a wheat marketing organization set up by the farm board, at a meeting in La Grande yesterday afternoon. J. R. McKinnis, J. J. Woodell, and Frank McKennon, members of the Union county association met with Mr. Shumway.

Mr. Shumway inspected the relief plan and a formal plan will be drawn up here for the Union county farmers' approval. They will meet with Mr. McKinnis, the wheat member of the federal farm board in Portland on Jan. 23 to discuss the plan further. No definite action has been taken towards putting the plan in effect, but it is being presented to experts for their consideration. Farm relief is of vital importance to Union county farmers, Mr. McKennon believes.

Harvey Funeral Here Wednesday

Mrs. J. T. Harvey, a pioneer resident of Union county for the past 45 years, passed away yesterday at 1 o'clock in the Harmon hospital of her daughter, Mrs. Harley D. Smith, at the La Grande hotel. Mrs. Harvey was 70 years of age, having been born in McGuffin county, Illinois, June 23, 1852.

She had been ill for the past few weeks. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Sarah Jane Redmond lived in McGuffin county until she reached the age of six, being brought to Portland by her parents to Jefferson county, Illinois. She was married at the age of 19 to George Smith and they had five children, Mrs. James Hough, late of La Grande, and Cull Smith, both deceased; Will Smith, Mrs. Lora Leake, both of Portland; and Mrs. Charles Duffey, of Klamath Falls, Ore.

She later married J. T. Harvey, of which marriage she is survived by John and Ray Harvey, both of Portland, and Mrs. Harley D. Smith, of La Grande.

When 35 years of age she came to Oregon and settled in Union county, and 24 years ago she moved to La Grande, residing here until death.

Besides her sons and daughters she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Henry Loven, of the valley, and two half-brothers, George and Al Puckett, both of the valley, and one brother, Elmer Redmond, of Illinois. 13 grand-children, seven sons, and three daughters, who accompanied the body to the funeral, will arrive from Klamath Falls tonight to attend the funeral.

CLEAR LANDSLIDE

ASTORIA, Jan. 20 (AP)—Two highway men working today to clear a large landslide which has blocked the Roosevelt coast highway south of Seaside. The slide covered about 300 feet of road. Engineers estimated the highway could not be cleared before next Wednesday or Thursday.

Smudge Pots Burn In Citrus Groves

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 (AP)—Smudge pots burned in Southern California citrus groves again early today.

It was the second time temperatures have fallen below the freezing point since the last cold snap which ended Jan. 2. Yesterday a low of 27 degrees was offset by the smudge pots, with no damage resulting and this morning's nip was no more severe. Isolated groves were injured considerably in the previous cold spell which lasted 12 days, the longest in a decade. The citrus crop this year is large, however, and the total average loss was less than five per cent.

LEGISLATORS WAITING FOR MAJOR BILLS

House and Senate Marking Time at Salem; First Measure Tomorrow.

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—Still marking time waiting for the introduction of the administration measures and the grange power bill, the house and senate of the Oregon legislature held short sessions this morning, featured only by the lack of major business. Legislators acted upon several new bills which were introduced in both houses, including the house bill providing for the appointment of the Port of Portland commission by the governor.

Within the next few hours attorneys who have assisted in the drafting of Governor Meier's power bills will give them a final scrutiny to check on legal and constitutional angles, and it is expected that the first of the two main bills will be introduced tomorrow. Sponsors of the bills have decided, contrary to a previous intention, to introduce them in the house, for the reason, presumably, that action can be expedited to serve without delay.

Creates Power Commission One of the measures creates a power commission of three members, composed of the state engineer and two members appointed by the governor, to study the feasibility of the water power which would abolish the public service commission as it now exists and create a new commission of one member to regulate the water and power utility district amendment adopted by the people at the November election, is almost in final form and probably will be introduced late today or tomorrow.

Naming the state highway bridge trust, traffic in transportation of intoxicating liquors within the jurisdiction thereof, for beverage purposes.

"This modification would bring the amendment into conformity with the traditional principles of our system of government. By conferring power upon congress to regulate the water prohibition act would continue in force hereunder until congress enacted some other plan, thus avoiding any break in the system of control and preventing the restoration of the saloon anywhere in the United States."

"Under the proposed amendment as it now stands, the power to regulate the water and power utility district amendment adopted by the people at the November election, is almost in final form and probably will be introduced late today or tomorrow.

BANDITS KILL HUNDREDS IN KWEITEH AREA

KWEITEH, China, Jan. 20 (AP)—Bandits killed and wounded 400 persons and kidnaped 1000 others in capturing and looting a town 20 miles south of here today.

A force of more than 10,000 soldiers about the town did not oppose the outlaws.

"This and other parts of Honan province are being ravaged by the cold spell experienced in 20 years. The populace has suffered terribly and there have been many deaths."

Defense Attorneys Ask Investigation

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—Defense attorneys for Nelson C. Bowles, millionaire, and Irma Loucks, charged with the murder of Mrs. Leone Bowles today petitioned the court to appoint three physicians to investigate the injuries suffered by Mrs. H. W. Howland, state witness, in two mysterious attacks.

The petition was filed as court opened to resume arguments on motions to quash first degree murder indictments against the couple and his former secretary, Mrs. Bowles was stabbed to death in Miss Loucks' apartment Nov. 12. The two declare she killed herself.

Only One Issue, Borah's Belief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Way-side the Wickersham report, Senator Borah said today in a statement the issue was "repeal or no repeal of the eighteenth amendment," and that was up to the people alone.

"If anybody would like to see those opposed to the eighteenth amendment present their alternative and let the people choose between the two propositions in an orderly and proper fashion," he said, "I am an Idaho Republican, a prohibitionist."

YOUNG COUPLE DEAD; INQUIRY WILL BE HELD

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—An inquest will be held today into the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Suedmeyer whose bodies were found in Muddy river, 10 miles south of here, late yesterday.

The young couple were last seen Saturday night after they put their three-year-old boy to bed and placed their car in the garage.

MODIFICATION PLAN GIVEN BY ANDERSON

Recommended for Consideration in Connection With Majority Report.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Here is the gist of the plan for modification of the prohibition amendment proposed by Henry W. Anderson, and recommended for consideration by Law Enforcement Commissioners Kenyon, Loesch, Mackintosh, McCormick and Pound:

"It is proposed that as soon as practicable by appropriate action of congress and of the states, the eighteenth amendment be modified or revised . . . as follows:

"The congress shall have power to regulate or to prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation, exportation, importation, interstate or foreign commerce, or the possession of intoxicating liquors within the jurisdiction thereof, for beverage purposes."

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ACCUSED SLAYER SHOT BY WOMAN

Young Matron Kills Man Responsible For Her Father's Death.

DEWITT, Ark., Jan. 20 (AP)—Having shot and killed the accused slayer of her father in a crowded courtroom, Mrs. Helen Spence Eaton, 17, was in the hospital today for observation.

While dramatic suddenness, she rose from her seat yesterday and fired four bullets into the body of Jack Worls, 30, just as the jury prepared to file from the room to deliberate charges of murder against him.

Her action ended a White River episode that cost the life of her father, Cicero Spence, and eventually brought death to her mother.

Charged Husband 5 Cents For Milk

WARSAW, Ind., Jan. 20 (AP)—Charles D. Kokie, farmer, was granted a divorce here yesterday when he testified his wife insisted upon charging him five cents a glass for milk which she said came from her cow.

Re-Financing Plan Is Given Approval

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The house ways and means committee today approved the Mellon proposal to increase the second liberty loan bond issue from \$20,000,000 to \$28,000,000 for refunding purposes.

Chairman Hawley explained the measure was privileged and said it would be brought up for final action in the house soon. The treasury proposes to re-finance first and fourth liberty loan bond issues maturing within the next 35 months at a lower rate of interest under the second liberty loan bond authorization.

Germany, With 45 Aviation Marks, Tops The World

Nearly Half of Records Wiped From Books During 1930—American Birdmen Rank Third.

By Oscar DeLanding (Associated Press Aviation Editor) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Sporting aviation played havoc with world records in 1930, wiping nearly half the old marks from the books.

Of 136 official records on the list reviewed by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale and the National Aeronautic association, 66 were set during 1930.

French aviators, accounting for 20, were able to push the United States from second place in the race of nations for the greatest number of records.

Of the total recognized marks, Germany leads with 45; France has 36; American aviators hold 33; Italy has 19; Czechoslovakia, 4; Spain and Great Britain, 3 each; and Switzerland and Austria, one each.

France Leads For Year While France led the field with 1930 achievements, Germany set 16 new records, the United States 14, Italy 9, Czechoslovakia 4, and Spain 4. Great Britain did not account for a single record flight.

A pair of French aviators, Lieut. de Valseau Paris and M. Hebert, were the greatest individual performers in number of records, setting eight seaplane marks, two in one day, five a day later, and another in less than a month.

For Germany, Wilhelm Zimmerman set five records alone, and another with a companion, while Alfred Grunke set three marks and an additional three with Gottlieb Pfeiffer as his companion.

Five in a Day In Italy, Cav. Domenico Antonini Caproni made five records, all in one day, in a six-motored airplane.

For the United States, Boris Beresnevsky, a naturalized Russian, was credited with four seaplane records, and Leland F. Schoenhair with three airplane speed records.

America's outstanding contribution to aviation was Lieut. Apollo Soucek's flight to the highest point ever reached by man, 43,106 feet. On the same day he set the major record, June 4, Zimmerman was setting two light seaplane altitude marks in Germany.

On the same day, a year before, Soucek reached the highest altitude to which any seaplane has been flown officially.

Endurance Mark Missing Missing from the record list of American achievements is the endurance record of Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brine, who stayed aloft for 647 hours, 245 minutes. The performance has not been officially recognized for lack of complete report.

Sheepmen Not So Hard Hit As Many Producers

YAKIMA, Jan. 20 (AP)—"Wool growers are better situated than other producers. This was the keynote of the message of the president of the National Wool Growers association, delivered before 300 delegates to the Washington Wool Growers convention here today.

F. J. Hagenbarth of Spencer, Idaho, president of the national association, declared wool prices have declined since the message of the president of the National Wool Growers association, delivered before 300 delegates to the Washington Wool Growers convention here today.

"Through the tariff and the stabilizing influence of the national association," Hagenbarth declared, Hagenbarth declared, "growers are receiving 14 1/2 cents of the price for three-eighths wool, uncleaned, than the foreign price, and 32 cents a pound for cleaned."

He predicted an advance in lamb prices and urged sheepmen to cut expenses.

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COMMISSION FINDINGS ARE MADE PUBLIC

Five For Further Trial, Strict Enforcement—All But One Signs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Congress learned today six of the eleven law enforcement commissioners recommended a departure from national prohibition as it stands.

The commission's majority report opposed outright repeal of the dry amendment. Two members—Baker and Lemann—advocated that course.

Four urged revision of the constitutional clause, Miss Constock, Anderson, Loesch and Pound.

The remaining five—Chairman Wickersham, Grubb, Kenyon, Mack-

Intosh and McCormick—favored further trial and strict enforcement. They were joined by all the others except Lemann, who did not sign the majority report, in proposing strengthening of enforcement agencies.

Opposes Return of Saloon The commission opposed return of the saloon or federal or state governments going into the liquor business.

Elimination of the constitutional provision giving the federal government and the state concurrent jurisdiction over enforcement was advised.

The commission agreed that if the eighteenth amendment is revised, the

THREE BULLET WOUNDS FOUND IN GIRL'S BODY

PORT MORGAN, Colo., Jan. 20 (AP)—Three bullet wounds were found today in the body of Miss Edna Mariott, who was recovered yesterday from the ice in the Bijou irrigation canal near Fort Morgan.

One of the bullets, Coroner L. H. Parker said, entered the right side just above the breast bone. The second entered the left breast, and ranged through the body, coming out the right side. The third bullet penetrated the right side directly below the breast.

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Hoover Agrees To Dedicate Memorial

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—Corn broke more than a cent a bushel today on selling due to disappointment of traders who had hoped for recommended modification of prohibition.

At first, corn rose 1/2 cent owing to a preliminary announcement of possible return to the state of the question of prohibition. More detailed advice which followed, however, led to the Wickersham report being generally construed as bearish regarding grains.

Corn closed unsettled 1/4 1/4 advance, oats 1/4 1/2 cent, and provisions unchanged to 10 cents higher.