

# FOWLER PLEA SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY

To Answer Charge, of Larceny of Public Money, at 10 O'clock.

With Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city treasurer of La Grande scheduled to enter a plea to a charge of larceny of public money in the amount of \$112,252.02, another large crowd is expected to gather Monday morning at 10 o'clock in circuit court.

# PRISONER STAYS IN COUNTY JAIL

Many Expecting a Plea of "Not Guilty;" No Developments at the City Building.

After the customary nine days of sick, sentiment around town has died down somewhat although the question is being asked consistently: "Will she plead guilty or not guilty?" Most people are anticipating a plea of "not guilty" although no official announcement has been made to this effect to the Observer.

Expect "Not Guilty" Plea  
If Mrs. Fowler, who is a prisoner in the county jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail, pleads not guilty to the charge, the court will be required to accept the plea and make arrangements for a trial. The man on the street is predicting that efforts will be made to postpone trial until a later term of court, although the February term of circuit court is now in progress.

In the meantime, there have been no developments in the city building, and no return of funds has been made, it is said. The city audit remains the same as it did a few days ago when Conda J. Ham left for a few days in Portland before returning for the completion.

Embarrassing Situation  
If no funds are returned to the city although Mrs. Fowler continues to assert that if given time she can account for all city money and bonds—the city commission will face an embarrassing financial problem, one that in all likelihood, will be made until the brother and sister arrive from Boise.

MRS. McCOY PASSES AWAY LATE FRIDAY  
Mrs. Roxie McCoy, pioneer La Grande resident, passed away late Friday afternoon at her home at 1902 2nd street. Mrs. McCoy has been ill for some time but her condition did not become serious until yesterday. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Wallowa Pioneer Is Called Beyond  
Robert Utz pioneer resident of Wallowa county, passed away at a local hospital Friday afternoon. Mr. Utz was 82 years old and had lived in Wallowa in 1882 and had made his home in the valley since that time.

Frapshooters To Bang Clay Pigeons  
The La Grande Gun club, bolstered up by several new shooters, will hold a practice trapshoot at the Lone Tree grounds tomorrow, beginning about 10 o'clock. The practice will be held Feb. 22 in preparation for the telegraphic shoot season which will begin during March. La Grande is anticipating a successful season.

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Oregon: Rains in the west and local rains or snows in the east portion tonight and Sunday.  
Normal temperature.  
Moderate southerly winds off shore.

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Condition: Partly cloudy.

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# Representative Of Farm Board Visits County

Two Meetings Are Held Here on Friday, One With Dairymen and One With Apple Growers.

W. A. Schoenfeld, regional representative of the federal farm board, of Portland, met with about 75 Union county dairymen yesterday afternoon at the city hall and with the apple growers at the federal building for discussions of conditions existing in the two industries of the county. H. G. Avery, county agent, stated this morning.

A history of the efforts to organize a co-operative creamery was related to Mr. Schoenfeld, who was called on for an expression of the farm board's policy. He stated that a signed agreement exists between the dairymen and the United Dairy associations, whereby the Challenge association is not to expand its operations into Oregon territory. The farm board, assisting in market arrangements, does not support co-operative organizations by loans or otherwise where such action results in competition between two co-operative enterprises. He stated, in Union county there are two co-operative creameries.

That any co-operative organization has its headquarters so located that it is in the center of its membership is recommended by the farm board, Mr. Schoenfeld stated.

Apple Men Meet.  
The apple growers met for the purpose of discussing marketing arrangements with Mr. Schoenfeld following the dairy meeting, and to discuss the possibilities of organizing under the farm board to improve marketing conditions here and perform similar units. No definite steps were taken but the growers made arrangements to secure the by-laws and market information of other co-operatives elsewhere.

Lamar Westenkow is secretary of the apple growers and has called another meeting for a later date.

# Tom Strand Is Shot; 'Unloaded' Gun Responsible

Tom Strand, young La Grande man whose home is on Portland avenue, was accidentally wounded shortly before noon when his .38 caliber Remington-Union gun became "unloaded," according to reports.

The young man was rushed to the Grande Ronde hospital, and reports this afternoon were that his general condition was good.

His younger brother passed away about two weeks ago.

# Normal School Basketball Team Winds Up 1930-31 Season

The Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball team will close its 1930-31 season next week on a road trip into Western Oregon, playing four conference games and possibly a non-conference game at the end.

Coch Bob Quinn plans to leave by automobile tomorrow at 8 a.m. accompanied by Beery, Poole, Paisley, Lloyd, Houckens, Sullivan, Baxter and Cole. The team will play at Monmouth, a game with a team in Portland may be arranged for Saturday night. The team will return Sunday and the players will then turn in their basketball equipment.

At present, due to a split in the two-game series here this week with the Astoria team, the Normal school basketball team will play a conference game.

Conference games has been handicapped at various times this season by injuries and illness. At present, Medical flash forward and a scoring threat against any opposition, is unable to make the trip because of illness.

# Golfers Listen To Call O' Th' Course

A balmy Sunday means a big day at the country club for those who have already been bitten this spring by the so-called golf bug. Thirty-five braved the early spring chill last Sunday and played the course, while every day during the past week has seen many players taking advantage of the warm weather.

The fairways are in good condition, C. H. Reynolds states, but with the occasional rains and snows in the intermountain and northern plateau regions. Mostly fair in Southern California and Southern Nevada.

Normal temperatures will prevail.

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# Valentine Twins Born Here Today

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Crader, of 2906 North Fourth street, received an unusual valentine today when twin daughters were born to them. The little girls, one weighing five and a half and the other three and three-quarters pounds, are reported to be well. The mother, who suffered an eclamptic convulsion after the births, is not out of danger.

# MISSING.

Florence Parker, 22, step-daughter of James Macdonough, New York banker, who mysteriously disappeared from her parents' home in Yonkers, N. Y., on January 26.



# BULLDOGS CHEW TIGERS 38 TO 11

Baker Basketball Team Goes on Scoring Spree in Last Three Periods.

The Baker Bulldogs, a fast-breaking, close-checking basketball team, outplayed and outpointed the Tigers here last night to pile up an easy victory, 38 to 11, in spite of the fact that the Tigers scored 11 points in the first half.

Pitted against Baker's superior speed, the Tigers were threatening at no stage of the game.

Tonight the Bulldogs go to Wallowa and the Tigers go to Union.

First Half Hard-Fought  
The first half of the tilt, which was viewed by the largest crowd of the season, was closer and found both teams showing up better defensively than offensively. The first quarter ended 7 to 2 and in the second period, Baker scored nine points while the Tigers were held down to two free throws.

The last half was a walk-away for the invaders, who scored 22 points while the Tigers were held to four free throws.

O'Neill, in spite of his frequent (Continued on Page Two)

# SENATE PUTS APPROVAL ON DROUTH BILL

Accepts \$20,000,000 Compromise Measure — Sent to the House.

BIRTH CONTROL OPPONENTS SPEAK  
Those Protesting Gillett Measure Heard by Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Final congressional approval was given the \$20,000,000 drought loan compromise bill today when the house accepted the proposal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The senate today accepted the \$20,000,000 relief proposal shortly after it was approved by the senate and plans were made to give it consideration before adjournment today.

The house received the \$20,000,000 relief proposal shortly after it was approved by the senate and plans were made to give it consideration before adjournment today.

Supported by both Democratic and Republican leaders, the substitute for the \$25,000,000 Red Cross relief fund was given approval after six days of debate in which Republican Independents and some Democrats severely condemned it.

It must now be approved by the house, where administration leaders already have promised it support. President Hoover's approval is conceded.

OPPOSE BIRTH CONTROL BILL  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Opponents of the Gillett bill to legislate dissemination of birth control information today marshaled their testimony before the senate judiciary subcommittee.

Ralph Burton, of Washington, representing the national patriotic league, declared advocates of birth control "have been used as cats' paws by communistic propagandists."

He said passage of the bill proposed by Senator Gillett, Republican, Massachusetts, would "break down the marriage state and foster free love."

A lengthy list of those supporting the measure appeared yesterday, and the bill would facilitate and encourage the distribution into every part of the country of obscene and indecent publications.

F. Montavon of the national Catholic welfare conference.

"Would Open Flood Gates"  
In his latest annual report, the postmaster general comments in no uncertain terms on the danger already existing. This bill would open the flood gates and would irremediably injure the morals, safety and the health of the nation." He said passage would "in great measure nullify" existing laws in many states.

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# BOWLES TRIAL WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MAR. 2

HILLSBORO, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Circuit Judge George H. Bagley today announced Nelson C. Bowles and Miss Irma Loucks will go on trial here Monday, March 2, for the murder of Mrs. Leone Bowles.

The date was decided upon after a compromise had been reached by state and defense. Lotus L. Langley, district attorney of Multnomah county, and George Mowry, chief deputy, said their office was burdened with other cases and asked that the trial date be set ahead. The defense professed readiness and declared Bowles and Miss Loucks, confined in jail since the middle of November, are entitled to a speedy action as the court can assure.

# COUNTY OUTSIDE OF CITY ORGANIZED FOR RED CROSS

The committee in charge of the Red Cross campaign in Union county outside of La Grande announced today that the county is organized except at Medical Springs, and that is being taken care of immediately. Some 2000 people have been designated where donors may leave their contributions, either large or small. Only wheat and money will be received, and wheat only when it is taken to the Blue Mountain Creamery Co., in La Grande. The committee has been unable to make arrangements to care for other farm produce. Funds from the county outside of La Grande will be arranged from time to time but it is not planned to list individual donors.

# BEGIN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORK APRIL 1

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Actual construction work on the Oregon Electric Railroad's \$1,500,000 extension into timber land in the Lorane and Panther districts will be under way by April 1, W. E. Turner, president of the line, told the Register-Courier today.

Permission to build the line over opposition of the Southern Pacific was granted by the interstate commerce commission. The road will tap almost unlimited timber resources. "We would get to work sooner but we cannot be sure of weather conditions until April," Turner said.

# Bill Concerning Aliens Is Passed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Legislation to authorize the deportation of aliens convicted of violation of the Espionage act was sent to the president today by the house.

# RAIN IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (AP)—Ending a 19-day dry spell, a light rain fell in Portland last night. The last previous rain was on Jan. 28, and it amounted to only 21 of an inch. Last night's fall was 04 of an inch. Occasional rains were predicted for today.

# PORTUGAL'S SCHOOLS GROW

LISBOA (AP)—Portugal's drive against illiteracy is reflected in figures of school attendance which show a constant increase. Last year 340,622 pupils were registered in primary schools, as against 321,224 the previous year and 316,888 in 1928.

# Arizona Town Nearly Wrecked By Cloudburst

Cottages, Business Buildings Demolished — One Drowned and Five Reported Missing.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 14 (AP)—The Wellton telephone operator told the Associated Press at 10:15 o'clock this morning the body of an unidentified woman, a victim of last night's flood was recovered one-half mile west of Wellton.

At least one man was drowned and five are missing as a result of their being swept away by the flood. The little town of Wellton, 35 miles east here, bore the brunt of the most severe storm.

Rain had fallen for an hour in Wellton before the roar of rushing water was heard. Within a few minutes a wall of water six feet high and 2500 yards wide tumbled out of flat bottom canyon running from the rocky, arid hills into the city.

Cottages twisted and blown into the streets, washing away a dozen small cottages, demolishing two business buildings, ripping up a mile and a half of the main highway, and tearing out power and telephone lines.

Automobiles caught in the first rush were carried away and wrecked. The one known victim was drowned when his car was washed into a ditch. He was identified as a Mr. Temple or Templeton, bound from Ontario, Canada, to El Centro, California.

Residents of Wellton scrambled to the tops of their houses and remained there overnight. One motorist climbed a tree and perched there until dawn. The town for a time was a lake six feet deep.

Other storms  
The cloudburst back of Wellton was not the only one recorded during the night. A less severe storm sent a cataract into Mohawk and washed out the railroad and highway there. Several other washouts were reported some less than 15 miles from Yuma.

Fourth Southern Pacific trains were halted by the washouts. Two passenger trains, bound from Chicago to the north, were halted at the mouth of Wellton and spent most of the night backing into Phoenix for transfer to the Santa Fe tracks. They were the Golden State Limited and the Arizona Limited.

One was reported to have been hopelessly stranded when the truck gave (Continued on Page Five)

# Newspapers Say 3000 Perished In Fushum Mine

PEIPING, China, Feb. 14 (AP)—Despite denials of colliery officials Chinese newspapers here today intimated that 3000 miners were believed to have perished in a coal mine at Fushum, near Mukden, Manchuria, last Sunday.

At the same time representatives of the Japanese management of the mine announced that the disaster had caused no casualties and that material damage had been negligible.

The Mukden correspondent of the Chungking Press, who is one of the most reliable newspaper writers, reported today that in order to localize the blaze the management had closed the affected shaft, thereby trapping the miners. They were reported to be at the bottom of the shaft, and that they were struggling for survival.

The correspondent described pitiful scenes which he said took place at the shaft. He said that the bodies of the dead miners were being piled up and that the air was becoming so thick with smoke that it was impossible to see more than a few feet ahead.

# Question Two Held On Murder Charge

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 14 (AP)—Held in connection with an alleged insurance "hoax" plot, Hugh Bowen, alias Henry Bow, alias Hugh Allen, 29, was being questioned here today in connection with the murder of W. R. Kingdon, 26, near Chelanville, Ore., last December.

Officers here are trying to determine if Bowen is connected with the murder. Bowen is said to have a \$10,000 double indemnity policy.

Eddington was arrested in Pendleton, Ore., and is being held as Bowen's alleged accomplice. Both men have been held in jail here since their arrest.

# ILSE TO SERVE LONG TERM IN STATE PRISON

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Serving a motion for a new trial Superior Judge Harris today sentenced Henry A. Ilse to one year to life imprisonment on two counts and one to five years on three counts for shipping a bomb to the Cowles Publishing company, Spokane, Wash.

"He is a very dangerous man," the judge said, "and should be put away where he can not work harm."

The case of Thomas Boyle, convicted as an accomplice of Ilse, will come up March 20. He has asked for probation.

# Ex-Cashier Given Five Year Term

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 14 (AP)—Sentences of not to exceed five years in prison each were handed to J. G. Nichols, former cashier of the bank at Chiloquin, and D. B. Stout, former manager of a woolen mill store here yesterday when they pleaded guilty to looting the bank of \$3,500.

Confessions of the men said they laid their plans to take the money from the bank when there was no one else in the building. To give the appearance of robbery, Stout locked Nichols in the vault. Nichols gave a false description of the robber and officers searched three days before the men were arrested. All but several hundred dollars used by Stout to cover shortages in the store, was recovered.

# ROGUE RIVER BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Measure Will Prohibit Commercial Fishing on the Stream.

FIRST OF POWER BILLS REPORTED

SENATE RECALLS 70-CAR RAILROAD LIMIT MEASURE FOR RECONSIDERATION ON MONDAY.

SALEM, Feb. 14 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today signed the Rogue River bill, which prohibits commercial fishing on the stream. The measure passed both houses last week, and the executive retained the bill until his five-day period was up.

The measure was the first bill introduced in the senate and was supported by the Oregon State sections, while Coos and Curry delegations opposed it. It brought forth debate at the public hearing and when was presented for passage in the senate and house. The vote was close in the senate, it having two more than the constitutional majority.

Power Bill Reported  
The first of the administration's major power bills was reported out of the committee last night for action on the floor when the house utilities group favorably recommended the one-man utilities bill. The action of the committee was announced shortly before the house adjourned until Monday morning. The senate convenes again today, with a heavy schedule.

With this bill the committee also reported out three measures already passed by the senate, which have to do with power and utility regulation. One of these as amended by the house committee, is a normal municipal corporations to file an

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# 28 CHORUS GIRLS FACING CHARGES

Earl Carroll's "Sketch Book" Revue Halted by Police in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Earl Carroll's "Sketch Book" Revue, was halted by police last night in a spectacular raid at the Grand Opera House in which 28 chorus girls, two principal dancers and one manager of the show were arrested, on charges of participation in "an indecent theatrical performance." The house was packed at the time.

Carroll and his wife, Mrs. William D. Carroll, were arrested on request of John Acock, acting commissioner of police, nine uniformed officers marched in through the main entrance, arrested the girls and mounted the stage from right to left and ordered the curtain down.

Ride in Patrol Wagons  
The girls, many of whom were in professional dress, were loaded into four patrol wagons, and were taken to a police station. With them rode James J. Carroll, brother of Earl Carroll, the champagne wine salesman, and two women, Virginia Maxwell and Don Howard. James Carroll is manager of the show.

All were subsequently released on bond for arraignment before Judge McCarthy today.

"The Eccentric Millionaire" was the name of the scene being shown when the police swooped down. The audience thrown into confusion for a time.

Money Returned  
Approximately \$4,000 taken in had already been banked, but the manager got a check from both other loot show houses and returned the money to the customers.

Earl Carroll was not in Chicago. His brother, a member of the committee denied there was anything indecent in the performance.

"The Sketch Book," will continue, Carroll said, "unless some unforeseen event takes place."

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# General Edwards, "Daddy" Of 26th, Dies In Boston

Was One of Best Loved Division Commanders in The American Expeditionary Forces.

BOSTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Major General Clarence R. Edwards, wartime commander of the 26th (Yankee division), died at 7:06 o'clock this morning at the Phillips House, where he had been a patient since January 15. He was 71 years old.

The old warrior, "daddy" to the thousands of doughboys of the 26th, called to rally from an intestinal operation which was performed yesterday.

Major General Edwards

When a call went out from the hospital a few days ago appealing for volunteers for a blood transfusion, former doughboys of the 26th all but fought to get there first. Old and young, rich and poor, policemen and firemen, a prominent lawyer and a widely known judge all reported to the hospital. They were all "Edwards' boys," and eager to "go through" for the old commander in the days of the war.

General Edwards was one of the best loved division commanders in the American expeditionary forces.

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# TAX INCREASE EXPECTED BY W. C. HAWLEY

Public Debt Must be Enlarged to Give Veterans Compensation

EX-SOLDIERS ON MARCH TO CAPITAL

Twenty-Five Disabled Veterans Sleep on Floor of an Indiana Harbor Railway Depot.

MARCHERS START HERE  
With the slogan of "From Seattle to Washington, D. C. or Bust," about 75 ex-soldiers, some of them disabled veterans, passed through La Grande about 12:30 o'clock this morning, riding in two empty cars that had been hooked onto a U. S. train. They stopped off here for a short time and those who talked with them stated that they said they were receiving the best of treatment along the way, and anticipated no trouble in reaching the nation's capital, where they will plead for the compensation bill, which is now occupying the attention of congress. While many of them insisted with John Eggers, who gave them tobacco, etc. He reported that none of them were hungry, and that they were in fine spirits.

The group that started from Seattle split into two sections, one going through Eastern Oregon and the other taking the northern route.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The opinion that the federal government would have to raise through increased taxation or a bond issue fund to allow the increased veterans' loans under the pending legislation was expressed today by Chairman Hawley of the house ways and means committee.

The Oregon member, however, said it would be practically impossible to increase the taxes at this session, but indicated that if the revenues, from existing taxes, did not provide sufficient funds to meet the expenditures, along with the loan demands, the taxes might be increased next session.

FOREIGN DEBT INCREASE  
Hawley said that under the pending proposal to authorize an \$6,000,000,000 increase in the second liberty loan bond issue for refunding purposes, some of the money might be used to finance the veterans' loans. He explained, however, that it would result in an increase in the public debt.

Unless the revenues were increased somehow, Hawley continued, it might be necessary for the treasury to re-place some of its short term certificates with long term paper. The ex-soldiers, along with the loan demands, the taxes might be increased next session.

# Idaho's Direct Primary Bill Is Signed By Ross

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 14 (AP)—Gov. C. Ben Ross today signed the direct primary bill putting Idaho under a new nominating system that will take effect with the next general election in 1932.

# Disappearance Of Ex-Portland Girl Unexplained

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 14 (AP)—The mystery of the disappearance of a 16-year-old girl, who was reported missing from her home in Portland, Ore., remains unexplained today as every available officer in the city searched for a clue to her fate.

Police theorized that the girl might have been kidnapped after she left the modest home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brooks, gaily swinging her books and carrying a bouquet for her teacher. She never arrived at the Euclid school, a mile and a half distant.

Squads of officers and possees of volunteers have combed the canyons near the Brooks home and the school to no avail. They spent last night systematically searching vacant houses, ditches, culverts and vacant lots in the East University Avenue district, but again they found nothing.

"I have no enemies," the girl's father said. "I know of no one who would want to take my little girl." This Brooks family came here several months ago from Portland, Ore., and once lived in Indianapolis.

SOVIET RADIO INTERFERING WITH VATICAN  
VATICAN CITY, Feb. 14 (AP)—French and Canadian wireless stations reported to Vatican City today that while the papal ceremony was being broadcast from here Thursday a Soviet station sent out continuous signals on the same wave length, 11.84 meters.

A similar report was received yesterday from French stations which said that these signals interrupted badly the broadcast message of Pope Pius, and that a news agency had to have the text telegraphed from Rome for general publication.

According to the report of the Canadian station, the Russian signals were constant but the Vatican City station was so powerful that it drowned out the soviet signals.

England failed to inform the program properly and while stations there did not inform the Vatican of the reason, newspaper dispatches said there also it was a case of air interference from a soviet station.

# John Gilbert And Ina Claire Part

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 14 (AP)—John Gilbert and his wife, Ina Claire who have maintained separate residences for the past few months in a "perfect experiment," have agreed to separate permanently.

Miss Claire made this announcement last night, shortly after her arrival here from New York.

Gilbert was on the train to meet his actress wife. He sent his secretary, Charles Green, to meet her. When she reached her hotel, Miss Claire telegraphed the film actor, interrupting a game of tennis he was playing with Ronald Colman at the latter's home.

# Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Firmness developed in wheat today the last today, whereas corn was relatively limp. Speculative buying of wheat was banned against selling of corn. Nebraska sent dry weather complaints affecting wheat, and reports from further west said the water-shed of America was bare of snow and the national reserve situation unparalleled in sixty years.

Wheat closed irregular, 1/8¢ off to 1/4¢ up, corn 1/8¢ decline to 1/4¢ advance, oats 1/4¢ advance to 1/4¢ back to 1/4¢ gain, and provisions unchanged to 5¢ lower.