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AFFIDAVIT OF PREJUDICE IS FILED TODAY

Action Removes Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles From Fowler Case

ANOTHER JUDGE TO BE APPOINTED

Motion to Quash Information Also Filed by Green and Hess, Attorneys For Prisoner.

How soon will Mrs. Emma Fowler, charged with larceny of public money from the city of La Grande in the amount of $112,252.02, enter a plea?

Not very soon, it appears.

The latest obstacle to this action came in circuit court this morning when Green and Hess, attorneys for the prisoner, who is in jail in lieu of $50,000 bond, filed an affidavit of prejudice against Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

This affidavit effectively removed the proceedings from Mr. Knowles' jurisdiction and also effectively delayed any advancement of the case until another judge is named to preside at the entering of a plea.

The supreme court chief justice will be required to appoint another judge to preside, it is said, and Judge Knowles announced that he is notifying the chief justice of the affidavit immediately.

Motion Aimed at Information

Also, Green and Hess filed a motion to quash the information filed against Mrs. Fowler by District Attorney Carl Helm. Action on this motion must wait until another judge is appointed.

Another large crowd gathered at the court room this morning, as Judge Knowles yesterday set 10 o'clock today as the time for the prisoner to enter a plea.

Mrs. Fowler was placed under arrest Feb. 3 at Pendleton and returned to La Grande the following day. Since then she has been a prisoner in the women's ward at the county jail.

SCHOOL WILL GIVE OPERETTA ON FEB. 26 - 27

Everyone, young or old, enjoys a real fairy story when the good little girl triumphs over the bad old witch, or the fairy prince charming marries the princess and lives happily ever after. The J. H. Ackerman Training school will create this atmosphere and fulfill ones expectations when its pupils present the operetta "Hansel and Gretel" at the Eastern Oregon Normal school Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, February 26. School children will comprise the audience on Thursday afternoon and again on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, February 27, the operetta will be presented for adults and high school students.

Parts in the operetta are being taken by school children under the direction of members of the Normal school faculty.

Births Nose Out Deaths, December

Union county, due to births, gained one more person during December, according to the state reports for the month, issued by the board of health of Oregon today. Births in Union county for that period were 21 and deaths 20. The birth rate was 14.4 and the death rate 13.7.

In births, Union county ranked in 12th place in a tie with Umatilla county. In deaths, Union county ranked 13th in a tie with Clatsop county.

SURVEY TILLER-TRAIL HIGHWAY

PORTLAND, Feb. 18 (AP)—W. T. Utz, engineer for the bureau of public roads left today to make a reconnoissance for a part of the Tiller-Trail highway. A party will leave Portland next Tuesday and a survey will be made, under the direction of Utz, from about 3 miles south of Drew to the summit, about five or six miles. The survey is started now so that the work can be advertised as early as possible. The project will be financed from regular forest highway funds.

DEAN GLEN, 60, DIES

SEATTLE, Feb. 18 (AP)—Word was received here today of the death of Irving Mackey Glen, 60, dean of the college of fine arts of the University of Washington, in Santa Barbara, California, where he had gone several months ago in an effort to regain his health. Mrs. Glen was with him when he died.

Dean Glen, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., was widely known as a musical director and lecturer, but he was primarily a voice instructor.

EXPLOSION CAUSES FIRE

RIGA, Latvia, Feb. 18 (AP)—An explosion of gasoline aboard the German steamer Leander last night off the coast of North Courland set the ship afire. The crew of 13 reached the coast in two lifeboats.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Rain tonight and probably Thursday morning. Moderate temperature. Fresh southwest, shifting to northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—42 above.
Minimum: 35 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 45, minimum 28 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER FEB. 18, 1930

Maximum 58, minimum 37 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

State Highway Work To Begin First of April

Surfacing of Kamela-Hilgard Stretch to be Completed — Other Work is Scheduled.

Highway work in this section of Eastern Oregon will begin about the first of April, when the roads thaw enough to permit resumption of operations, it is announced by H. G. Smith, highway engineer in this division with headquarters in La Grande.

Among the projects to be completed this season will be the surfacing of a two-mile stretch on the Old Oregon Trail highway between Kamela and Hilgard.

Work on this strip of road was started during the last season, but contractors were unable to finish the surfacing before the winter season.

The contract for oiling has not been let as yet, but bids are to be received tomorrow at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland.

The commission is also contemplating the resurfacing of the section of the Old Oregon Trail between Hot Lake and Union, and is planning on work on the shoulders.

K. G. Johnson, H. L. Johnson, and Ted Thomas, who have the contract for widening the highway out of La Grande, were in the city recently looking over the roads. They expect to be ready to start work in about eight or ten weeks. They have headquarters in Portland.

Mr. Smith states that the roads from La Grande to Baker and Pendleton are slightly muddy in a few spots, but that they are extremely good on the whole.

Students of Old Blue Mountain U. To Have Reunion

Twenty-five years ago this month students of the old Blue Mountain university of La Grande held a reunion. Then, for two and a half decades, no more reunions were held. The university became a thing of the past.

This month, however, J. E. Reynolds, president of the group when the last meeting was held, talked with some of the other former students, and today is issuing a call for another reunion.

Plans are to hold the reunion next Monday at the Reynolds home at Island City. It will take place in the evening and a potluck dinner will be served. All former students of the Blue Mountain university are invited.

Among the former students are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eckley, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Currey and about 15 others.

Poffenberger Is Sent To Prison For Three Years

Charles L. Poffenberger, whom the jury Monday evening found guilty of a charge of illegal possession of a still, was this morning sentenced by Judge Knowles to serve a term of not more than three years in the state penitentiary, and was fined $50. The prison sentence was the maximum for such a charge.

Sheriff Jesse Breshears and District Attorney Carl Helm today left La Grande with Poffenberger, Williams, Seaborg and Kelly, who have been sentenced to the penitentiary during the recent term of court.

Baptist Church Crowded as Son, Father Speak

The Baptist church was filled almost to capacity last night when Daniel Rosoff spoke on the subject "Atonement", in his usual dramatic and forceful manner, taking as his scripture text the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. Monday evening Mr. Rosoff spoke on the subject, "Signs of the Times Through a Jewish Telescope," calling attention to the marvellous way in which scripture is being fulfilled even today, especially that concerning the Jewish people.

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$1000 Improvements At I. O. O. F. Temple

Improvements amounting to $1000 which have just been completed in the I. O. O. F. temple will be dedicated by the Odd Fellows on Wednesday, Feb. 25 beginning at 8:30. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited, the committee states.

The improvements include resurfacing the floor, building a new platform, enlarging the mezzanine floor and installing a new lighting system and fixtures, and redecorating the walls.

The mezzanine floor has been enlarged and will accommodate a number of tables for cards. Dancing will be held on the main floor and the dedication and the enlarged mezzanine floor will be fixed for cards.

Gala decorations will be used and music for dancing will be furnished by Dick Lindsay and his orchestra.

Varney Air Lines Have Best Record

SEATTLE, Feb. 18 — Varney Air Lines, which flies a million and a quarter miles a year with mail and passengers between Salt Lake City and cities of the Pacific Northwest, maintained a higher performance record last year than the average for all mail lines in the United States. Varney pilots completed ninety-five per cent of all the mileage scheduled by the postoffice department.

During the last ten months of last year, Varney Air Lines completed 98 per cent of all mileage scheduled by the postoffice. The Varney route is 1028 miles long. Seven cities in four states are served.

BONUS BILL REPORTED TO THE SENATE

Action Taken in Spite of the Opposition of Mr. Hoover.

PROPONENTS BUSY IN VOTE CAMPAIGN

Hope to Present Measure to President Before Saturday to Avoid a Pocket Veto.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP) — The senate agreed today to take up the veterans loan bill tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP) — The senate finance committee today favorably reported the veterans loan bill without change and despite the opposition of President Hoover.

The president, in a letter to Chairman Smoot, expressed fear the measure "will not only nullify the benefits to the veteran but inflict injury to the country as a whole."

At the same time Under Secretary Mills, and Veterans Administrator Hines testified before the committee the administration would accept a bill extending the loan privileges to those veterans actually in distress, which they estimated at 200,000 to 300,000.

Replying to Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, Senator Smoot said he believed Mr. Hoover's letter meant a veto for the bill.

Drive Renewed

Spurred by the Hoover opposition, advocates in the senate renewed their drive to get the bill to the White House before Saturday — when the ten-day period preceding an adjournment begins and a pocket veto could be administered.

President Hoover said he would "not undertake to enumerate all the ground for objections to this proposal."

"I have supported," he said, "and the nation should maintain the important principle that when men have been called into jeopardy of their very lives in protection of the nation, then the nation as a whole incurs a special obligation beyond that to any other group of its citizens.

"These obligations cannot be wholly met with dollars and cents. But good faith and gratitude require that protection be given to them when in ill health, distress and in need."

His Objection

"The country," the president said, however, "should not be called upon either directly or indirectly to support or make loans to these who can by their own efforts support themselves."

He continued: "By far the largest part of the huge sum proposed in this bill is to be available to those who are not in distress."

The president explained that because of expansion of public construction for assistance to the unemployed and other relief measures, the nation shows a deficit for this year. He called attenion, too, to a billion dollars of early maturities of outstanding debts.

The money asked by the bill could only be obtained, the president said, by sale of securities to the public.

Mills' Testimony

Mills testified he believed the veteran "with gumption" would take advantage of the 4½ interest rate to

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NORMAL SCHOOLS IN TRIPLE TIE

Ashland Cagers Turn Tables on E. O. N. in Close Game, 32 to 28.

Normal School Standings.

	W	L	Pct.
E. O. N.	2	2	.500
Monmouth	1	1	.500
Ashland	1	1	.500

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP) — The Southern Oregon Normal basketball team of ashland defeated the Eastern Oregon Normal of La Grande 32 to 28 at Ashland last night in a close, hard fought game.

Lancaster, Ashland forward, was removed because of personal fouls.

Eastern Oregon won the first of the two-game series, due to a last period rally led by Houchens, center.

Ashland's victory leaves last night's contestants and Monmouth Normal in a triple tie for the state Normal championship.

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Free Textbook Bill Report Is Expected Today

May be Placed on Senate Calendar for Tomorrow or Friday — Eberhard Active Supporter.

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—The free textbook bill, which passed the house early last week, is expected to be reported out of the senate education committee with a favorable recommendation today. The bill then will be placed on the senate calendar for either tomorrow or Friday.

The bill, as approved by the house by a large majority, provides free textbooks for all pupils of public elementary schools. A committee amendment eliminated high school students from its benefits and limited cost to the state to $1.50 per pupil. It is believed all schools can be completely supplied within three years.

RECEIVES TELEGRAM

Mrs. S. F. Andrews, president of the City Council of Parent Teacher associations, received the following telegram today from Senator Woodward:

"Your wire to Senator Eberhard came under my observance as chairman of the senate committee of education. I now have possession of the textbook bill and at today's meeting Senator Eberhard moved to report favorably and the whole committee decided four to three against the bill. Senator Eberhard was most active and vigorous in his advocacy of the bill. Friends of the bill in the senate count him one of its strongest supporters."

SENATE PASSES ACT

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—Notwithstanding a stubborn fight against it the "gasoline cowboy" act of the 1929 session, as amended at this session, passed the senate late yesterday. Since it is a house bill it now lacks only the signature of Governor Julius L. Meier to make it effective.

The measure came up on a divided committee report, Senators Billingsley, Carsner, Mann and Dunne of the livestock committee recommending passage and Senator Brown recommending that it not pass. The senate refused to substitute the minority report by a vote of 19 to 11 and on final passage the bill was approved 20 to 10, Senator Dunn of Jackson county voting for it though he had voted for the minority report.

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CHICKEN OR BEANS? THAT IS QUESTION

Beans or chicken, which will they have? That is the question which the carrier boys of the Observer are asking themselves as the result of a subscription contest being waged under the leadership of Robert McMillan and Howard Pidcock.

Robert and his team, which is composed of the younger boys, have 52 points, but the older boys have 42 points. The younger boys feel that the present score is no indication of the outcome and all are anticipating a chicken feed during the last week in February and are anxious to see the losers sitting across the table eating beans and water.

Robert's team is composed of George Anderson, Lavon Price, Charles Young, John Wilwers, Gilbert Stein, Lynn Cayman, Harold Borine, William Young, Robert Lockwood and Arlyn Beck. Howard's cohorts are Jean Pidcock, Marion Bray, Johnson, George Denny, Clifford Briggs, Walter Dahl, Weldon Fawell, Fred Beeman, Thomas Cook, and Lawrence Roberts.

Poultry Men Will Meet Thursday

The Union County Poultry association will have its annual meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the civil service room at the federal building, H. G. Avery, county agent, stated this morning. The county association has been operating for about five years. It pools eggs, candies and grades them, and sells to the local trade under the name "Ucoco," with an average business of $25,000 a year.

Members will discuss the price of eggs, unnaturally low this winter because of the heavy egg storage in the United States and decreased consuming capacity brought about by a decreased buying power, Mr. Avery states.

Frank Webb, of Hot Lake, is president of the organization which includes representatives from most of the larger flocks in the county.

Trade Commission Exonerates Adams

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP) — The federal trade commission today exonerated E. J. Adams, of Eugene, Ore., of an illegal or unworthy act in connection with his efforts to sell the power plant of Eugene to the P. W. Chapman interests of New York.

10-Year-Old Deadlock In Congress On Muscle Shoals Is Broken Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The ten-year-old deadlock between house and senate over Muscle Shoals legislation was definitely broken today.

The senate conferees and a majority of the house managers signed a compromise agreement for operation of the government's $150,000,000 power and nitrate plant and the report will be submitted to the house tomorrow.

The agreement provides for government operation of the power plant, lease of the nitrate plants for production of fertilizer and byproducts if possible, and government construction of power transmission lines for distribution of electricity from Wilson dam.

The compromise provides that the lessee of the nitrate plant can obtain 15 per cent of the amount of power used in production of fertilizer for manufacture of electro-chemical products off the government reservation and as much secondary power as the president decides is fair and equitable.

The conferees retained the provision of the original senate bill for construction by the government of the Cove Creek dam on the Clinch river.

The agreement was signed by Senators McNary, Oregon, and Norris, Nebraska, Republicans, and Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, and Representatives Wurzbach, Republican, Texas; Fisher, of Tennessee and Quin of Mississippi, Democrats.

Representative Reece, Republican, Tennessee, said he would decide before the report is submitted tomorrow whether he will sign.

The fifth member of the house committee, Ransley, Republican, Pennsylvania, refused to sign.

Under the compromise the president will have one year after enactment of the bill in which to negotiate a lease for the nitrate plants. If

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RULES DOGDOM OF AMERICA

Pendley Calling of Blarney, trim wire-haired female fox terrier owned by John G. Bates of Morriston, N. J., was selected the best dog in America at the Westminster Kennel club show in New York. It was the second consecutive title won by the dog which competed against 2,500 animals this year.

Rules For Pet Parade Listed; Route Selected

Streets lined with people, the band playing martial music, gay colors in evidence—these are the signs which attended a parade held in past times to honor royalty. Royalty will again be honored Saturday when the Kings of Petdom will be chosen at the Cimarron Day pet parade, the first parade of its kind to be held in La Grande. Every child and his or her pet will be there and prizes are to be offered to the best performing, best trained, most comical, ugliest, largest, smallest, the pet coming from the farthest distance, and the smallest boy or girl entering and parading with a pet.

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Conference Of Camp Fire Girls Begins Monday

The local board of sponsors of the La Grande Camp Fire Girls is very busy preparing for the coming three day conference to begin Monday, Feb. 23 with the arrival of Miss Doris Bishop, representative of the National Council of Camp Fire Girls. Dr. Margaret Ingle, chairman of this board, announces the program for the conference is rapidly being completed. Other members of the board are: Dr. Lewa Wilkes, W. C. Perkins, Fred Spaeth, Mrs. George Walker, C. D. Putman, Mrs. C. N. Palmer, George Birnie, Harley Richardson, Mrs. R. F. Tyler, Rev. W. H. Hertzog, Mrs. J. T. Longfellow, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, R. A. Wilkerson, Miss Mabel Doty and Miss Alice Marquardt.

Camp Fire Girls are members of a world-wide club. Any girl over ten years old may join and there are Camp Fire groups all over the United States and in 14 foreign countries. The reason that girls find fun in belonging to Camp Fire is that there is so much to do. Whatever they like — sports, camping, handcraft, dramatics, parties, the out-of-doors, cooking, writing, singing, designing, they can find in Camp Fire. It gives them an opportunity to follow their own interests and to develop their special talents. Along with the fun of Camp Fire the girls feel that they are making a real advancement, and to most girls that is important.

Accepting Interest Constitutes Crime

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP) — Circuit Judge I. H McMahan this morning instructed the Marion county grand jury that facts as set out to him in a presentment from the jury submitted a few weeks ago in regard to a state official accepting interest paid on public funds constituted the crime of larceny and was an indictable offense. He instructed the jury to be guided further in the matter by the district attorney.

The grand jury undertook an investigation of certain state offices a short time after Rhea Luper, state engineer, resigned after returning certain moneys and interest to the state at the demand of other state officials.

"Under section 14327 of the Oregon code it is my opinion that John Doe under the facts submitted in your presentment has violated the law," stated Judge McMahan in addressing the grand jury.

More Arrests Are Made in Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP)—Three other arrests were made late yesterday and more were expected today as immigration officials continued their investigation of communistic activity here.

Oscar Mannisto, linotype operator of the Finnish language newspaper Tovari; Theodore Sause, former employe of the paper, and John Oravainen were arrested yesterday by the sheriff's office under charges of suspicion of violating the anti-syndicalism laws.

Previously, John Emil Parras, editor of the paper; Waino Peinberg, assistant editor, and Matti Lakkila, bookkeeper, were arrested.

PUBLIC OPINION ALL POWERFUL

So Says General Butler—When Aroused, Would Deport Capone to Italy

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 18 (AP)—Alphonse Capone, Chicago's gangland chief, will be deported to Italy when public opinion is aroused, it was predicted by Major General Smedley DD. Butler in an address here last night.

"When public opposition is aroused," Butler said, "Capone will go back to Italy—but I can't talk about Italy."

The remark was one of a few referring indirectly to the Mussolini. Butler imbroglio made before the Knife and Fork club, whose members he addressed on the subject of the causes and cures of crime.

"God help the man who gets in the way of an aroused public opinion," said the marine commander.

"I've had an experience of that sort," he added.

Recommends Shifting of Police

For the most part Butler confined his remarks to a description of his administration of the Philadelphia crime "cleanup" a few years ago. He recommended the constant shifting of policemen from one beat to another as a means of putting a stop to corruption.

The out-spoken general, who said he had never posed for motion pictures, engaged in a blustery expostulation at the start of his speech with news reel men whom he finally permitted to set up teir cameras and incandescent lamps before the speaker's table.

"I greet you although I cannot see you," he told his audience, squinting into the blinding lights.

After an attempt to begin his talk he suddenly halted.

"I wish you'd get those things out of here," he exploded, glowering but with some good nature at the cameramen. The machines ground on and on as the general stopped and fixed them with what his subordinates used to call his "gimlet eye."

Shouts of "throw them out," "down in front," and "stop the machines" came from the overflow crowd of 400 dinners. The machines ceased turning, but one hardy photographer took two more leisurely flashlight shots as the general finally gave in and joked with his "tormentor," then resumed his speech.

Watch "The Women"

Some of General Butler's observations on suppressing crime:

"The most effective work in tracing criminals is through their women.

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WOLHEIM, BAD MAN OF FILMS, IS DEAD TODAY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18 (AP)—Louis Wolheim, bad man of the screen, but beloved film character of Hollywood, died at 6 a. m. today.

Death followed an operation on Monday. His condition had been reported satisfactory up until a few house before death came. He was about 40 years old.

He was suffering from an abdominal ailment brought about by a strict diet which he had followed to reduce his weight for a part in a picture. When he entered the hospital he had lost about 30 pounds.

After the operation was completed an attending surgeon, Dr. Clarence Hopkins, said a condition had been disclosed which might necessitate another operation when the actor recovered, but death came as he tried to regain his strength.

M. I. A. Tourney Begins Thursday

The second series of the M. I. A. basketball tournament begins Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in the Recreational hall here. The first series was played off last week at Union.

Three games will be played on the first evening, Thursday, with La Grande First Ward playing Union, Mt. Glen meeting the La Grande Second Ward and Baker facing Imbler.

On Friday evening the winners of the first night's games will play for the championship.

New Monarchist Cabinet Formed In Spain Today

Political Turmoil and Uncertainty at End, at Least Temporarily; Aznar Heads Executives.

By Clarence Dubose

MADRID, Feb. 18 (AP)—After four days of political turmoil and uncertainty, Spain today had a new monarchist cabinet, avoiding revolution on the one hand and dictatorship on the other.

Either of those possibilities had seemed imminent, but now it is believed that the tense atmosphere of the past week will be cleared and that the situation is once more tranuil, at least for the time being.

The fundamental causes of all the trouble of the past year still exist, however, and opposition to the monarchy probably will be renewed when the time is ripe.

Admiral Aznar Succeeds

Admiral Juan Bautista Aznar, the oldest ranking officer in the Spanish navy and generally regarded as a neutral in politics, succeeded where Jose Sanchez Guerra and Melquaides Alvarez had failed. This afternoon he brought a new cabinet to the royal palace and its members were sworn in before the king. It includes General Berenguer, the admiral's predecessor, and the Count of Romanones, whose refusal to participate in Berenguer's election program resulted in the general's downfall.

The cabinet is composed entirely of extreme right monarchists, with representatives of the conservatives, the liberals and the Catalan independents.

The Caunt De Bugallal, minister of economy, is chief of the conservative party. Juan Ventosa, minister of finance, is a right hand man of Cambo, the Barcelona financier who is leader of the Catalan group.

The Duke of Maura, minister of labor, is the son of the premier who founded the conservative party. His brother Miguel, a republican leader, is still in jail for participation in the unsuccessful revolt of last December.

Withdraws Cash From Bank And Robbers Get It

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 18 (AP)—Fearing for the safety of his life savings, $38,000, J. N. Kavoian, proprietor of the Capitol Cleaners, a dry cleaning establishment withdrew it from a local bank last week and put it in his safe deposit box. Yesterday he took the money, mostly in 1000 bills, put it in a wallet and bought a ticket for Los Angeles, intending to deposit it in a bank there.

With his ticket and the $38,000 in his pocket, Kavoian was preparing to leave his office last night to take the train when he was confronted by two armed but unmasked bandits who ordered him back into the office and searched him.

Evidently expecting to obtain the day's receipts, the bandits took some $35 in silver which Kavoian had in his pants pockets, then stumbled upon the $38,000 which Kavoian had in a wallet in his coat pocket.

Locking Kavoian in a closet, then locking the outer door, the robbers escaped, warning Kavoian not to move for five minutes. Kavoian was locked in his office when police answered his telephone call for aid.

Up to early this morning no trace of the robbers had been found.

Portland Woman Accident Victim

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP) — Mrs. Sigrid W. Folen, 49, of Portland, was injured fatally here last night when she was struck by an automobile driven by Allen L. Lewis, of Vancouver, Wash. She died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

Lewis told police he did not see Mrs. Folen, who was crossing the street, until she was directly in front of his car. He was not held.

Expect Real Clue In Hunt For Girl

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 18 (AP) — Results from what was believed to be the first real clue to the whereabouts of little Virginia Brooks, ten-year-old school girl who dropped from sight a week ago today on her way from her home to school here, were expected at any hour today by the sheriff's office. New hope in the search was lent by a message sent from Arizona late yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Blake Mason, who had been sent from San Diego, that a girl answering the description of Virginia Brooks had been seen at Tacna, near Wellton, Ariz., Saturday and Sunday and that she had been with a man of about 50 years of age who was supposed to be or posed as her father.

Mason went to Phoenix in pursuit of the small automobile in which the man and girl were traveling, but did not find them there last night so far as the sheriff's office here knew.

501 TONS OF PULP SHIPPED

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 16 (AP) — The steamer San Marcoas, Quaker line carrier, lifted 501 tons of pulp here yesterday for Philadelphia. The pulp was taken from the Empire pulp mill. In addition the ship, the first Quaker liner to visit Coos Bay, took 130,000 feet of lumber for eastern points.

DENIED NEW TRIAL

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 18 (AP) — Lynn Nesmith, former clerk in the state legislature, and well-known in Klamath Falls, was yesterday denied a new trial in the assault case on which he was convicted recently. He filed notice for an undertaking of appeal to the supreme court and was released under $3,500 bond. He was convicted on a charge of assaulting a minor girl and sentenced to five years in state prison.

LOGS SENT TO ORIENT

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 18 (AP) — The freighter Michigan of the States Steamship company was here today to pick up 1,800,000 feet of lumber and logs for the Orient.

TAXES, POWER AT FRONT IN LEGISLATURE

Senator Kiddle's Measure to Relieve Property Tax is Passed.

DEBATE ON LIST IN LOWER HOUSE

One-Man Utilities Commissioner Act Approved —Bill Defining Practice of Law Killed.

ARMORY BILL IN COMMITTEE

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—The ways and means committee last night voted to report favorably on a bill appropriating $2500 to pay attorney and witness fees for the state's defense in a suit brought by the federal government to determine title to the bed of Malheur lake. Other lake bed lands in Oregon are effected. The case will be tried in the United States supreme court.

Persons from all parts of the state appeared before the committee in behalf of miscellaneous appropriation bills. Among these were bills for state contribution to armories at La Grande, Klamath Falls, Astoria and St. Helens, $40,000 being asked in each case.

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—One of the most bitterly contested bills of this legislative session, the basic sciences bill, in which the medical doctors and the drugless healing professions were pitted against each other, was killed by indefinite postponement in the senate today. The vote was 16 to 14.

Noon adjournment interrupted the date in the house on the Mott resolution relieving real property from taxation for state purposes, consideration of the resolution will be resumed at 2 o'clock.

The senate fight on the basic sciences bill, which was introduced by Senators Joel C. Booth and Jay H. Upton, was on a divided report of the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry. Four members of the committee, Senators Jones, Woodward, Booth and Fisher, recommended that the bill pass as amended, while Senator Isaac E. Staples stood alone in a minority recommendation that it not pass. The debate occupied the entire two-hour session of the forenoon.

The vote on the question whether the minority report should be adopted, which meant the indefinite postponement of the bill, was as follows:

For—Bailey, Bennett, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Eberhard, Franciscovich, Johnson, Kiddle, Mann, Moser, Schulmerich, Spaulding, Staples, Strayer, Wheeler.

Against—Billingsley, Booth, Carsner, Dunn, Dunne, Eddy, Fisher, Hall, Jones, Kuck, Miller, Upton, Woodward, Marks.

Two Measures Killed

Before debate on the resolution relieving real property of taxes for state purposes, the house today killed two measures of importance by indefinite postponement. One would have created a tax commission in counties outside Multnomah, and the other provided for placing of statues of notable Oregonians in Washington.

TAXATION ISSUES AT FRONT

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—Taxation issues have joined the power proposals on the calendar of the Oregon legislature. Late yesterday, in addition to approval of the one man utilities commissioner act by one house, the other passed a measure to relieve property tax payers of one-mill market road levy. Today the return of the intangibles money collected under the 129 law, will be under discussion along with the resolution

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LEGGE PLEADS FOR ACTION TO AID FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Chairman Legge appealed to the house ways and means committee today for emergency action to aid American farmers.

"It is immaterial to us whether relief is by an embargo, tariff increase, or change in procedure of the tariff commission," Legge said.

The farm board chairman endorsed the Burtness bill for a 12 month embargo on certain agricultural products.

Secretary Mellon declined to take a position on the bill for a temporary embargo on wheat, feed, grains and butter.

36 Killed Sunday In Chinese Wreck

HANKOW, China, Feb. 18 (AP) — Thirty-six were killed and seventy-two injured in a train wreck Sunday near Sinyang, 100 miles north of here on the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Because of heavy snowfall which crippled wire and rail communications, the report reached here only today.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (AP) — Selling of wheat into store here for delivery on futures contracts did a good deal to force grains lower today. The Washington weekly crop summary, too, was construed as bearish. Export demand for wheat from North America was meager.

Wheat closed irregular ¼ cent lower to shade up, corn ⅛ ⅜ down, oats at a shade decline to ⅜ gain and provisions 2 cents to 20 cents off.