

LA GRANDE INCORPORATED

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City Quietly Observing its 46th Anniversary as a Municipality.

HISTORY DATES TO YEAR OF 1861

Settlement of Old Town Took Place 70 Years Ago — Each Decade Shows Accomplishment.

Today, Feb. 23, has special significance in La Grande, a community now in its 46th year—dating back to 1861 when Ben Brown built the first house in Old Town; and he was the first to till the soil of the Grande Ronde valley—in April, 1862. Seventy years as a community—and exactly 46 years as an incorporated city, La Grande was incorporated as a municipality on Feb. 23, 1885.

Seventy years ago, "La Grande" was a city some young, but nevertheless, La Grande is no child among its Northwestern neighbors. The largest city in Eastern Oregon, and the center of a large agricultural, industrial and trading area, La Grande may look forward with confidence, and backward with pride.

Portland, the largest city in Oregon, was incorporated only 89 years ago this month.

February an Important Month. Oregon was admitted as a state on Feb. 14, 1859, the American Valentine's day. The county was taken from Union county on Feb. 11, 1887.

The month of February seems to play an important part both in state and district history.

There is no celebration today—but four years from today, on La Grande's 50th anniversary as a city there might be one, one never knows. Incidents of interest to this section as gleaned from the history of Oregon, include the following:

In Civil War Times.

"The spirit of the legislature of 1864 was revealed in the history chosen for two new counties which were created east of the Cascade mountains—Union and Grant." (Union county was taken from Baker county on Oct. 14, 1869, and Grant county was taken from Baker county on Feb. 11, 1887.)

Another quotation:

"Umatilla and Walla Walla were the places of the great battle of the Palouse river, where on alternate days stages met steamboats from the Columbia river."

MUTTON AND LAMB WEEK IS OPENED TODAY

The Union County Women's auxiliary to the Oregon Wool Growers today launched the mutton and lamb week. The purpose of which is to encourage additional consumption of mutton and lamb. An emergency exists in the sheep industry, and we should all be helping it in every way. The sheepmen are in a very unfortunate plight. Increase in consumption of products will aid materially.

Mrs. E. E. Miller, of Union, is president of the auxiliary and Mrs. Will Dobbins, also of Union, is the secretary. Mrs. R. J. Green, of La Grande, is chairman of the committee in charge of the observance of the "Mutton and Lamb Week." During the week, local meat markets plan to display mutton and lamb and also to feature the products of the week in their advertisements.

Cherry Returns From West Oregon

City Manager A. B. Cherry returned to La Grande last night from Portland, where he spent the weekend on business connected with the city, and also in connection with the Fowler case. He expects to return to Portland probably Tuesday night, remaining here until after the hearing set for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in circuit court with Judge Hall S. Lusk, of Portland, on the bench.

District Attorney Carl Helm, who accompanied Sheriff Jess Brashers to Salem last week with some prisoners going to the state penitentiary, returned to Portland for the weekend and came home with Mr. Cherry. Sheriff Brashers drove back to La Grande ahead of Mr. Cherry and Mr. Helm.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Tuesday.
No change in temperature.
Moderate west and northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—32 above.
Minimum: 22 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 46, minimum 21 above.
Condition: clear (during day).
Traces of snow, moisture 14 of inch (during last night).

WEATHER FEB. 23, 1930
Maximum 42, minimum 28 above.
Condition: cloudy, traces of snow, moisture .07 of inch.

500 Gather For Tax Meet And Organize League

Mrs. W. M. Pierce Elected President at Meeting Held at Sacajawea Inn Saturday.

Mrs. W. M. Pierce was elected president of the Union County Tax Payers league which was formed Saturday, Feb. 21, when about 500 county tax payers met at the Sacajawea inn. T. J. Johnson, was elected as first vice president; Will Dobbins, Union, second vice president; and S. T. Baile, secretary. An executive committee will be selected later.

The building of new armories was discussed at the meeting. The organization went on record opposing the erection of such buildings, and the building or purchase of new capital buildings. That traveling expenses of public officers be cut to the minimum, and that no salary increases be made in public offices and that no new boards or commissions be created where the demands which the group made.

They also went on record as favoring the raising of the state taxes by other means than a tax on real estate and favoring the abolishing of the penalties on delinquent taxes and for a law making it possible to charge no more than the legal rate of interest.

The president was instructed to appoint a committee including a representative from each district to make a study of the tax equalization rate and tax valuations and the president and secretary were instructed to get in touch with other tax payers leagues in getting co-operation on bringing about a uniform system over the state.

County Judge T. G. Couch, Assessor D. Proctor, and ex-County Commissioner Cartmill, of Baker county, spoke briefly at the meeting.

Elect Officers For Chamber At Meet Tuesday

Instead of the usual forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce tomorrow at noon, the newly-elected executive board will meet at the Sacajawea inn and elect officers. Members will be present during the last week, and the votes will be counted at a meeting tonight. Then the 12 men will meet tomorrow to complete the election.

The next meeting of the entire chamber of commerce will be Tuesday evening, Mar. 3, when the annual banquet will be held at the Sacajawea inn, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Ray Conway, manager of the Oregon State Motor association, will be the speaker at the annual meeting. A snappy program is being arranged with songs, instrumental music, dances, etc. Representatives have been invited from Baker, Pendleton, North Powder, Enterprise, Wallawa, Elgin, Union and Cove.

The chamber of commerce is planning for the banquet are H. E. Brady, R. J. Green, Dr. Ray Murphy, A. W. Nelson and Chester Thompson. Reservations should be made at the Sacajawea inn this week, the limit for reservations being Monday evening, Mar. 2. Ladies are welcome at this banquet.

Normal School Cagers Return In First Place

Coach Bob Quinn returned to La Grande yesterday with his Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball team—bringing with him a triple tie in the state normal school conference. The Mountaineers, who were defeated by the Eastern Oregon Normal school, snapped out of it and broke even with both Ashland and Monmouth, playing 500 per cent ball both at home and on the road.

Five of the six conference games were extremely close, one going to the O. N. S. after an overtime period. At Ashland Eastern Oregon lost one game by four points and won the other by five. At Monmouth, the Mountaineers lost one by three points and won the other by one point.

The conference record follows:

L. O. N.	Opponent	Score
21	Monmouth	38
22	Monmouth	37
23	Ashland	32
24	Monmouth	34
25	Monmouth	24
165	Totals	206

The games last week wound up the season, and as no play off has been or probably will be arranged, the season is definitely at an end. Baseball will be started in the near future, and prospects here are for a better team than last year.

All members of the team played excellent ball. Quinn said today, although he said that the team was somewhat disappointed in not winning the second game at Ashland. Against Monmouth and against Ashland, the team played a strong game at center, the forwards doing well, and Posey and Paisley, breaking through frequently to score.

Sunday Ideal, But Snow Falls Today

Scores of La Grande people enjoyed golf yesterday, went hiking and in other ways took advantage of a wonderful February Sunday, but today they gazed on a thin blanket of snow that covered the ground.

After a month of exceptional weather for the winter season, the snow came as a disappointment to many, but others were delighted inasmuch as it meant more moisture for crops. Sunday, with little wind, and with the sun warming up the valley to 46 above, was ideal for early-season outdoor sports.

The weather forecast for tonight and Tuesday is generally cloudy with no change in temperature.

CITY TO PAY TOTAL TAXES 62.4 IN 1931

Rate 1.55 Less Than Last Year, County Assessor Proctor Reports.

COUNTY MUST PAY \$874,630.12 TOTAL

La Grande property owners will pay taxes at a rate of 62.4 mills this year, according to a statement of David H. Proctor, county assessor. This compares with 63.95 in 1930, a decrease of 1.55.

The city taxes are divided as follows: city tax, \$121,444.77, rate 22.2; county and state, rate 19; school district, tax \$132,454.08, rate 21.2. La Grande's city tax rate is on par with North Powder's and is 11.3 less than Union's. The Elgin rate is 8.6, Cove 11.4, Imbler 7.5, Island City 4.5 and Summerville 14.8.

The total amount of county taxes to be collected during 1931 amount to \$874,630.12 based on total value of all taxable property at \$23,858,449. The valuation of La Grande is given (Continued on Page Five)

PRELIM SLASON ENDS IN DISTRICT

Basketball Teams Facing Important Tournaments — Tigers Lose Two.

Basketball is nearing the "show-down" stage in district No. 1, which is composed of Union, Wallawa, Baker, Malheur, Grant and Harney counties. This week sub-district tournaments are being played in localities, including one at Ontario and one at La Grande Friday and Saturday. Drawings for the La Grande tournament will be made tonight at the high school.

Next week the eight teams that survive eliminations in the district will go to Union for the championship tournament, the winner to compete in Section 1. Already, a couple of the teams have taken a couple of losses. The Tigers lost two games last week, one to Baker and one to Wallawa. The Tigers lost two games last week, one to Baker and one to Wallawa.

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SCOUT BOARD OF REVIEW IS TUESDAY NIGHT

The Boy Scouts of La Grande will hold their regular board of review session in the chamber of commerce offices Tuesday evening at 7:30. The examining committee is composed of Charles Binger, chairman; C. H. Reynolds, Ray Murphy and Norman Freeman.

An outstanding feature of Tuesday evening's session will be the appearance of Robert Long for examination for the eagle scout badge, which is the highest of scout awards. If he passes the examination he will be awarded the badge at a court of honor.

His six troops of Boy Scouts in La Grande are uniting in planning an important event for Thursday evening. For the first time in local history there will be a city-wide scout-parent banquet, to which will be invited all scouts and their parents and all those interested in scouting work. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

This year the banquet is to be held in the basement of the Methodist church. About 200 tickets have already been sold. The program has not yet been completely arranged, but each troop is to perform some stunt, and one scout from each troop will give a one-minute talk. The court of honor will be held at the close of the banquet program, at which time the scouts will be awarded the badges they have earned.

Speedy Rum Boat Flees Under Fire

NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 23 (AP)—Laden with liquor, the speed boat Monolonia, ran the gauntlet of fire from one pound guns aboard coast guard patrol boats in the eastern passage of Narragansett bay today. She escaped by outdistancing the service craft, which pursued her and still were attempting to locate her some hours later.

Commander M. J. Ryan at destroyer force headquarters here said there was no question as to the identity of the speed boat.

Muscles Shoals Measure Is Sent To White House

Senate Adopts Conference Report Twice Today — Tariff and Embargo Bills Opposed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The senate today approved the compromise Muscle Shoals bill, completing congressional action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The senate today approved the Muscle Shoals conference report but then reconsidered its action—in order that the report could be debated.

The report was taken up again under unanimous consent agreement providing for a vote in one hour.

Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, obtained the reconsideration. He said he was at lunch when the vote was taken.

The report had been called up and agreed to without a word of debate or a record vote, earlier in the day.

The agreement by which the vote was reconsidered insured that it would be sent to the White House today, as it has already been approved by the house.

Some advocates of the bill have expressed fear it will be vetoed by President Hoover.

The president has not indicated his attitude.

The bill's approval by the senate had been forecast but the speed with which it went through was without precedent.

Chairman McNary, of the senate agriculture committee, who has been negotiating with house conferees for a year to work out an agreement, asked for unanimous consent to consider the report.

It was granted. Vice President Curtis, in the chair, waited for a minute and when there were no speakers, he said, without objection the report would be approved.

There were 345 from spectators in the galleries. He realized what had happened, but the senate went on with its business, as though some minor bill had been approved.

Many senators were not on the floor as the vote came during the lunch period.

EMBARGO BILLS REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—All embargo and tariff bills including the proposed limitation on all imports to duty were rejected by the house today.

Chairman Hawley said that after voting down a proposal to limit all imports to 10,000,000 barrels annually, the committee adopted a resolution postponing all action on the temporary agriculture embargo and means committees.

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WASHINGTON'S ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED

The following program, in observance of Washington's birthday anniversary, which took place yesterday, was staged at the high school assembly this afternoon by the civics club, under the leadership of J. H. Blunt, president.

Student Body

Violin duet — Dorothy Higgins

Introduction — J. H. Blunt

"Early Youth" — Donald Poarch

"Early Military Life" — Roy Nelson

"Late Military Life" — Arle Noyes

"Public Life" — Joe Parker

"Personal Life" — Packer McFarland

Violin duet — Dorothy Higgins

"America The Beautiful" — Dorothy Higgins

Led by Mr. Nussbaum

They Despaired, But She's 100 Years Old

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—When little Rachael Stoddard was born on George Washington's 84th birthday, she was so frail and puny that the Old Wives' club said she never would grow to be a woman.

Notwithstanding, little Rachael—now Mrs. Rachael Payette—turned an even hundred years yesterday, the 190th anniversary of the first president's birth. Calmly, gracefully, and acceptantly, she plaudits of her friends at the home for old ladies in Brooklyn.

"All my years have been pleasant," she said, "all the people have been lovely. I am happy."

Four Men Killed In Refinery Blast

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Feb. 23 (AP)—Four men were killed and several others injured in an explosion of a sulfur refinery high pressure still here last night.

The dead are Joseph E. Whittington, 38, assistant stillman, and three negroes, Luke Broom, Henry Albert and Vincent Allen.

The blast was heard for miles around. Hundreds of windows were shattered by the impact.

Second University Extension Course May Be Organized In La Grande

The university extension course in American literature, offered in La Grande this winter under the leadership of Professor Russell Blankenship, of Whitman college, is proving very successful according to reports of members of the class which has been meeting every Thursday evening during the past seven weeks. Forty-one residents of La Grande and vicinity are now taking advantage of this opportunity of taking a standard university credit towards degrees for those who satisfactorily complete the work.

The course is so interesting and of such practical value that several members of the class have requested that Professor Blankenship offer another course as soon as the present one is completed. He has agreed to do so, providing the sanction of the university can be obtained and J. E. Longfellow states that if 25 people would be interested in such a course he will request the university to make the necessary arrangements.

The second course would be "Recent and Contemporary American Literature," a study of the chief currents in American literature since 1890, among other topics, realism, naturalism, sociological literature, the village controversy, and the new romance, and emphasizing chiefly the novelists from Howells to Hemingway, although poetry and drama will receive some attention.

The course would begin on Thursday evening, March 26, and continue until May 28, and the class would meet twice a week in order to complete the necessary work in this short space of time. The credit would be the same, and the fee \$7, whether the course is taken for credit or not.

Quick action will be necessary if this second course is to be arranged. The object, Clark said, dropped through the roof of his auto and landed in the nest beside him as he drove under a high viaduct.

A PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON



The first portrait ever made of George Washington, painted in 1775 by Charles Wilson Peale, when Washington was 44 years old, and recently returned to the United States after 150 years in Europe. The portrait shows him standing at the Battle of Trenton, and gives a striking impression of his great stature, the first President having been nearly six feet four inches in height. It is the first portrait of Washington in a military uniform. The portrait will hang in Mount Vernon de Paris at the International Exposition.

Sunset Artists In Concert At Local Church

Many spectators were charmed by the versatility of the Sunset Artists, Buddy Strang and Melville McCahey, who appeared in concert last evening at the Methodist church. Congregation singing was led by (Continued on Page Five)

Hoover Studies Veterans Loan Bill; Seeks Data

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—President Hoover, preparatory to vetoing the veterans loan bill, is having an inquiry made throughout the country to ascertain the degree and number of veterans in distress.

At the White House today, it was said various federal agencies are making queries to ascertain also how effective the legislation would be as a relief measure.

Under the bill the ex-soldier would be able to borrow up to \$10,000 on the face value of his adjusted compensation certificate.

The measure is to be vetoed because of the cost. The bill would be able to borrow \$16,000,000, or \$80 a piece, if they had received no advance already on their certificates.

In the group having certificates ranging from \$250 to \$1000, there are 50,000 veterans who—if they had not previously borrowed—would be able to get \$77,500,000 or \$137 each.

Samuel Hill May Not Survive Day

Portland, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Attendants at St. Vincent's hospital said today it was feared Samuel Hill, 74, internationally famous highway and railroad builder, would not survive the day. He has been critically ill since last Wednesday and has been in the hospital since Feb. 9.

His physician said his heart action remains comparatively strong, but hope for his eventual recovery has been abandoned by those at the bedside.

PROTEST MADE ON ARREST OF COMMUNISTS

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—A protest vote against the imprisonment of 13 men in Portland and six in Astoria as communists, was taken at a mass meeting here last night. The protest will take the form of petitions to President Hoover and Governor Julius L. Meier of Oregon declaring that the arrested men were acting in defense of labor and demanding their release, it was announced. The meeting was sponsored by the International labor defense council.

Fred Walker, one of the 13 Multnomah county men charged with violation of the state syndicalist law and out on \$2500 bail, was principal speaker. Speaking in English, he attacked S. P. Bonham, district immigration director, as not acting in good faith in his communist investigations. Bonham last week caused the arrest of six Astoria men connected with the Finnish language newspaper Toveri as members of the communist party.

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Three Convicts Shot In Attempt To Gain Freedom

Guards Ambush Trio at Joliet, Ill. — Fourteen Convicts Make Escape in Arizona.

JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 23 (AP)—Prison guards, forewarned of an impending plot by prisoners to escape, early yesterday shot to death three Chicago convicts who scaled the wall of the old state penitentiary in a futile dash for liberty.

Aided by a powerful prison searchlight, the guards, posted outside the prison walls, with machine guns as their weapons, found the three men crouching and moving them down before they had a chance to reach two automobiles parked on a road side near the prison, presumably by confederates.

Others Escape

The occupants of the cars, pursued by guards in two automobiles, drove rapidly toward Chicago, and escaped, apparently unharmed, by shots fired at them as they fled.

Joseph Norckiewicz, 31, and Julio Chiles, 39, both serving time for confidence games and Alvin J. Kilman, 34, a convicted robber, were the men killed. They were part of a kitchen detail of five convicts. Overpowered by the guards, a lone guard, who was with them in the refectory house, they thrust him into a refrigerator and slammed the door, ably aided by a powerful searchlight.

Using large sticks taken from an adjoining bakery, and nails smuggled from the prison machine shop, the three convicts made a crude ladder which they carried across the prison yard to the southeast corner. Here they placed the ladder against a cool shed and barber shop, and mounted to the roof, clamping a cable, also stolen from the machine shop, onto an abutting wall.

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Strange Illness Proves Fatal To Great Soprano

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 23 (AP)—The curtain was rung down today on the life of Dame Nellie Melba, one of the purest sopranos grand opera has ever known, who died of a strange illness which baffled her physicians.

Seventy-one years old, the famous prima donna for several days had fought a losing battle with a malady picked up in Egypt and aggravated by a long journey home from Europe before Christmas and the extreme heat of the Australian summer.

Friends believed she hastened her own end with insistence upon spending Christmas in her native Australia, disregarding the advice of her physicians in Europe under whose treatment she was growing better. She became ill again aboard ship and had to enter a hospital at Sydney before proceeding to Melbourne.

Happy at the End

She was happy, however, in spending almost her last days in Melbourne, near where she was born.

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Two Elgin Women Answer Last Call

Death took two elderly Elgin women over the weekend, Rebecca C. Page, age 82 years, five months and 26 days, and Nancy Ann Black, age 78 years, six months and seven days. Both will be buried tomorrow afternoon, after funeral services at 2 o'clock conducted by Shodgrass and Zimmerman. Mrs. Page will be buried in the Elgin cemetery, and Mrs. Black will be buried in the Elgin cemetery.

Mrs. Page, who died Saturday night, was born in Iowa Aug. 16, 1848 and had lived at Elgin for 33 years. Mrs. Black, who died Sunday night, was born Aug. 15, 1852 and made her home at Elgin for the last 20 years. She leaves two sons, James and Bert, of Elgin.

Both died after long illnesses.

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River Deepening To Be Considered

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—A recommendation for or against deepening a seven-mile stretch of the Columbia river from Celilo to the mouth of the Snake river and a five-foot depth in the Snake to Pittsburg, La., was made today by the United States engineers in Portland within 30 to 60 days.

Details of the Portland office's study, requested by the chief of engineers in Washington, D. C., were made known today by Major Oscar O. Kuentz, district engineer. Kuentz said he believed that report was to the senate committee on commerce and the house committee on rivers and harbors.

Check Artist Gets Four Years In Pen

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Lamar Christensen, convicted on a check fraud charge, was sentenced to four years in state prison when he appeared before Judge Alger Fee here Saturday. Robert Dumas and George W. Warner, convicted on the same charge, were sentenced to three and two-year terms respectively.

Oscar Corey, paroled from the prison on a non-support charge, was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction for breaking the parole. Fourteen men have been sent to the prison this year from Umatilla county.

MEIER SIGNS THE PUBLIC UTILITY BILL

First of Administration's Measures in This Class Becomes Law.

TITHING BILL IS GIVEN N. G. SIGN

Heavy Program Facing Legislature as it Enters Second Day of Overtime Period.

SALISBURY, Feb. 23 (AP)—The first of the administration's public utility measures, the tithing bill, signed by Governor Julius L. Meier affixed his signature to senate bill 10.

The bill repeals the certificate of necessity law passed by the legislature in 1917, and which provided that before any utility could begin the construction of a line, plant or system into any territory already served by a similar utility, it must first obtain from the public service commission a certificate that the present or future public utility is not in a position to supply the territory in question.

The repeal of this law was one of the planks in the campaign platform of the governor, and he also urged its repeal in his inaugural address on the ground that this particular legislation throttled competition and prevented development in the utility field.

Tithing Bill Not Favored

The so-called tithing bill, whereby Senator J. E. Bennett is introducing, hoped to see the state treasurer set up an amount to dissolve the state deficit, got the thumbs down signs from the ways and means committee today when it brought out a recommendation that the bill not pass. The bill provided that all self-sustaining state departments and activities pay into the treasury every year 5 per cent of their receipts until such time as the deficit should be eliminated, and the act would automatically become void.

The committee reached a decision Saturday night after hearing from Fred H. Paulus, deputy state treasurer, who said the bill would take \$600,000 a year from the highway funds, would invade the produce sales of all institutions, including the institutions of higher learning, and the state flax industry, and would be unconstitutional because it would apply to funds that are in the hands of the state. The committee thought it would be unconstitutional because it would evade the 6 per cent tax elimination. Relative to the higher education, the committee thought it would jeopardize the sale of state highway bonds and indirectly county bonds since the state's contribution to the counties.

Senator W. H. Strayer agreed that it would be unconstitutional if it invaded the highway fund for the counties.

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GANG BATTLE AT DANCE IS FATAL TO ONE

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—"The Holligan," a gang from the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, battled with the Hudson Avenue boys in a Brooklyn dance hall early today.

The casualty list was one man dead, another critically wounded and an uncounted number slightly injured. Police said the Hudson Avenue boys and the Hudson Avenue boys are Italian families.

There were between 800 and 1000 men and women, most of the latter girls in their teens, on the floor of Paramount Danceland when the trouble started.

They fought wildly to get to the exits. In the scramble women were trampled, clothing was torn and faces scratched.

When police arrived friends of Charles Barnes, 24, a chauffeur, were helping him down the stairs. Patrolmen took charge of him, loaded him in an automobile and started for a hospital. Before he could be taken to the hospital, he was dead from two bullet wounds.

Michael Maselli, 26, was shot by a policeman who said Maselli reached for his pocket as though to draw a revolver. The man was believed to be dying at a hospital.

Two Confess To Hammer Murder

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Deputy Sheriff Gano said yesterday Mrs. Mabel Hopkins and Charles O. Baker had made a sworn statement describing the murder of Frank Smiley at Yakima, Wash., with a hammer.

Baker and Mrs. Hopkins were arrested in Los Angeles. Gano arrived in Klamath Falls with them Sunday. He said the confession was obtained on the train.

The statement, Gano said, told of the dispatching of the train from Heaven Hills country near Yakima.

Wheat Today

WINNIPEG, Feb. 23 (AP)—Wheat prices staged a rally in the closing minutes of today's session, regained the ground lost in an early decline and finished the day with prices 1/4 cent lower to 1/2 cent higher than Saturday's final figures.

May wheat closed at 63 1/2, down 1/4 cent; July closed at 63 1/2, down 1/4 cent; October closed at 63 1/2, down 1/4 cent.

Exports over the weekend totaled 200,000 bushels. Advances from Liverpool indicated a pause in the demand by millers with Canadian and Argentine shippers reducing their offers.

Cash wheat and coarse grain trading was devoid of feature with prices holding in sympathy with wheat.