

PLEA ENTERED; ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

"NOT GUILTY" IS PLEA OF MRS. FOWLER

Judge Hall S. Lusk to Hear Arguments on Motion Saturday at 10.

CROWD OF 200 IN COURT ROOM TODAY

Attorneys For Defendant Ask For Time to Have Their Accountant Inspect Books.

The long awaited plea in the case against Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city treasurer of La Grande who is charged with larceny of public money, the amount of \$12,252.02, was heard in court today before Judge Hall S. Lusk, of Multnomah county, and it was "not guilty."

The prisoner, standing before the visiting jurist, said "not guilty" in low but distinct tones, and then repeated the statement.

Motion Denied
The entering of the plea followed the prompt denial of a motion filed by Green and Hess to quash the information filed against Mrs. Fowler by District Attorney Carl Helm, and also the equally prompt overruling of a demurrer filed by the prisoner's attorneys.

Judge Lusk then asked if the defendant desired to enter a plea.

Following the plea, her attorneys announced that they would file a motion for a change of venue, holding that the trial could not be held with fairness to the defendant, within La Grande or in nearby towns. They asked this statement of the belief prevalent in the community that the character of the case affected all citizens of this city and the county.

Judge Lusk set Saturday morning at 10 o'clock as a time to argue the motion, and in all probability, time for a trial will be set shortly afterwards, whether or not the change of venue is granted.

State Ready
District Attorney Helm announced that the state stands ready for trial at any time, but the attorneys for Mrs. Fowler desire more time in order to complete their preparations for the case. Mr. Hess stated that they expect to have their accountant begin an inspection of the city books Thursday, and that this has not been possible heretofore due to reasons over which they had no control. Conda J. Ham is due here Thursday and he and his attorneys will go over the books.

The entire hearing took less than 10 minutes of time and was held before a crowd estimated at from 150 to 200.

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MRS. KINZEL HEADS COUNTRY CLUB GOLFERS

Women's activities at the country club will be headed by Mrs. L. K. Kinzel for the coming year. Mrs. Kinzel was elected president of the women's organization at a meeting held last night at C. H. Reynolds' office in the summer building.

Mrs. A. W. Nelson was chosen vice president, and Mrs. G. L. Larson, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Kinzel will appoint her committees soon and they will start work on golf tournament plans for the coming summer. An entertainment committee will be appointed and plans are being made to furnish more entertainment at the club for members who do not play golf.

A club house committee will also be appointed by the president.

Dog Tax Increases In Price Monday

A penalty of \$2 is being charged on all dog taxes taken out after March 1. The taxes have been payable since the first of January, with the tax for the city being \$1 for male dogs, and \$3 for female. After March 1, the city will tax the female dog owners \$7 and the male, \$3. J. E. Stearns, city recorder says.

County taxes on female dogs are lower, being \$3 before March 1, and \$5 after; but they are one dollar higher for the male dogs, or \$2 if paid before March 1, or \$4 if paid afterwards.

If the county receives a complaint against an untaxed dog after March 1, the owner, if arrested, is subject to a fine of \$10, according to the county clerk.

Harry M'Kinlay New President Of Local Club

Chamber of Commerce Directors Elected—Eight Former Members Returned to Positions.

Election of a board of directors, consisting of H. E. Brady, H. E. Coolidge, George H. Currey, R. J. Green, Harry M'Kinlay, Dr. R. P. Murphy, A. W. Nelson, Charles H. Reynolds, all re-elected, and Ernest De Long, P. R. Finley, J. T. Longfellow and Gene Walker, newly elected, was completed last night with the counting of the ballots cast by members of the chamber of commerce.

Today these 12 men met in the Sacajawea Inn and elected Mr. M'Kinlay president for the coming year. Mr. DeLong was the vice president, and Mr. Coolidge, treasurer. The organization will be reorganized at the next meeting.

This was the first election of a board of directors wherein members were permitted to express a preference for president.

The new officers will take over their duties at the annual banquet to be held in the Sacajawea Inn the evening of next Tuesday, Mar. 3. Ray Conway, manager of the Oregon State Motor association, will be the speaker. Reservations may be left before Monday night at the chamber of commerce offices.

Many Children Taking Part In 'Hansel, Gretel'

The operetta "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdinck, which was translated and adapted into an English song-play in three acts by Bertha Kluth, will be presented by the J. H. Ackerman Training school in the Eastern Oregon Normal auditorium in the afternoon Feb. 26, at 2 o'clock, for school children.

Feb. 27, at 8 o'clock, for adults and high school students.

"Hansel and Gretel," the fairy opera in three acts, was written by Adelheid Wette, was first produced at Weimar, Dec. 23, 1894. The story is taken from one of Grimm's well-known fairy tales.

Synopsis of the Acts:
Act I—In the cottage. The parents are away seeking food. Hansel and Gretel have been left in the cottage with instructions to knit and to make bread.

Act II—In the forest. After a while the children realize that they are lost. To quiet their fears, the Sandman sings them to sleep.

Act III—In the Witch's House.

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Blue Mountain Students Meet At Island City

Seventeen students of the old Blue Mountain university revived their memories of college days in La Grande last evening at their first meeting in 25 years at the J. E. Reynolds' home at Island City.

Twenty-four were present at the meeting which began with a potluck dinner. The evening was spent in exchanging reminiscences.

After 12 o'clock, before the pioneer celebration, the former students of the Blue Mountain university will meet again, according to plans made last night. J. E. Reynolds is president of the alumni.

Miss Doris Bishop Speaks To Girls

Miss Doris Bishop yesterday won the hearts of the many La Grande girls to whom she spoke. At nine o'clock she gave a talk at an assembly of the La Grande High school girls emphasizing friendship in the Camp Fire, to the Central school girls at 11 o'clock, stressing activities and good times to be had, and at other hours she spoke to class groups at the E. O. N.

At four in the afternoon Camp Fire guards and students and girls gathered in the Normal school auditorium for a more intimate lecture with those actively engaged in the pursuit of the seven castles of the Camp Fire. Miss Bishop had a splendid exhibit of craftwork which all enjoyed. There were 21 guardians at the dinner given in the La Grande hotel last night to honor Miss Bishop, following which others joined the group for a conference, discussing guardians' problems.

At 9 o'clock this morning Miss Bishop spoke to the girls in this evening school at Union and at 7 this evening she speaks at Cove. This afternoon she will be guest at a tea at the home of Dr. Margaret Ingles. She will speak at the Rotary club tomorrow, where Miss Larson, with a group of Camp Fire girls, will give a program. She also speaks at the E. O. N. After that time she will be in the home of Dr. Margaret Ingles, where on his family estate at Raftside and took up farming and local industrial interests.

GRAND DUKE DEAD
OLDENBURG, Germany, Feb. 24.—The former Grand Duke Friedrich August of Oldenburg died today at the age of 78.

The grand duke abdicated Nov. 11, 1918, when a body of revolutionary soldiers from Wilhelmshaven told him that the time for royal rule in Germany had passed.

OUTLOOK IN WEST BEER; SURVEY MADE

Coast Merchandising Has Been Stimulated, Report States.

MANY NEW PLANTS LOCATED IN WEST

Industrial Expansion Favored by Abundant Power and Fuel, Skilled Labor, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Signs that Pacific coast merchandising has been stimulated by depletion of inventories were seen in current business reports, the weekly Silberling Research corporation bulletin said today. A slightly higher buying power in the coast states was cited as significant.

Location of many new plants along the coast was noted as indicating progress along industrial lines, particularly in manufacturing for export. The importance of this lies in the possibility of solution of the coast's economic problems growing out of "excessive and poorly coordinated production, outside competition, and very low prices."

The industrial expansion, Silberling pointed out, was favored by abundant power and fuel, skilled labor and raw materials. Difficulties

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CHICAGO VOTES; COPS ARE BUSY

One Investigator Slugged—Another Man Kidnaped and Beaten.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Police early today were already called in to settle difficulties growing out of the primary. Ralph Hanna, an investigator in the state attorney's office, was reported slugged, and Eddie Sklorov kidnaped and beaten in the 43rd ward offices of Candidate John H. Lyle.

Some of the men had been named in the grand jury's investigation of graft, but Alcock said it was necessary to put the men back in uniform to enforce the closing of the city.

He is survived by three sons, Orville, Central Point; Claire, Shores, Medford, and Glanford, Shores, Yakima, Wash. He also leaves three brothers and three sisters living in the east, and a brother in Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon.

FORMERLY LIVED HERE
Benjamin W. Shores, who committed suicide in Perryville Sunday, formerly lived in La Grande. He conducted a taxi at the Sommer hotel about 10 years ago and was in the lively stable business here also.

Peruvian Cruiser Sails For Mollendo

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Peruvian cruiser Bolognesi has sailed for Mollendo to enforce the closing of that city which is the port for Arequipa, now in the hands of army insurgents.

The vessel left last night under orders from the ministry of the navy. The newspaper La Prensa announced today that more than 400 former service men reported for army duty in Lima. The recruits were called out because of the revolt in Southern Peru.

Walker-Risko Tilt Postponed Today

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP)—The Walker-Risko fight, scheduled for tonight, was postponed this afternoon on account of rain by "Pa" Stripling, promoter of the match.

CARDINAL MAFFI DYING

PISA, Italy, Feb. 24 (AP)—The last sacraments were administered today to Cardinal Maffi, one of the most prominent of the college of cardinals, who is believed dying of influenza.

The cardinal was found lying on his bed and kneeling at a little altar to receive the host which was brought in a procession from the cathedral.

La Grande to Play Wallowa In The First Game of Sub-District Tourney

This afternoon arrangements were made for the La Grande-Wallowa game to be played at 10:30 and the lumber game at 9:30. The afternoon and evening schedule is unchanged.

LEGISLATURE CONSIDERING MAJOR BILLS

State Police, Power and Utilities Measures Before the Senate.

BEGINNING OF TAX PROGRAM FOLLOWS

Leaders in Salem Believe That Night Sessions Will be Necessary to Finish Work.

SALEM, Feb. 24 (AP)—The house of representatives today passed two of the major taxation measures, with but one vote against one of these bills. The bills passed were those providing for an excise tax on corporations at a rate of eight per cent, and the one on intangibles in comes, at eight per cent. Allan Byrnes, of Multnomah county, protesting the high rate on intangibles in comes voted against this tax.

Following the passage of these two bills and eight minor ones, the house then considered seven of the joint ways and means measures providing funds for various state departments to the amount of about \$600,000, all of which were passed.

Under special order of business the senate passed the commercial fishing code, providing for changes in the present law none of which were declared major. The code was previously passed by the house.

The house passed by bill providing an excise tax of 10 cents a pound on oleomargarine, by a vote of 54 to 6. The bill was sponsored by the dairy industries of the state.

The divided report on the state constabulary bill had not been heard before the noon adjournment of the senate, but was reported out during the day.

Senator J. E. Bennett made a fight against the ways and means committee's adverse report on his titling bill, which would compel all self-sustaining activities to pay to the state a tax of 5 per cent of their annual receipts, amounting, Bennett said, to \$750,000 a year, but the report was adopted and the bill killed by indefinite postponement.

STATE POLICE BILL UP TODAY

SALEM, Feb. 24 (AP)—Debate of the administration's major bill, that providing for a state constabulary, was held today.

EX-RESIDENT OF LA GRANDE KILLS HIMSELF

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 24 (Special)—Dependent on ill health, Benjamin W. Shores, 58, shot himself Sunday at the home of relatives at Perryville, two miles west of here.

He is survived by three sons, Orville, Central Point; Claire, Shores, Medford, and Glanford, Shores, Yakima, Wash. He also leaves three brothers and three sisters living in the east, and a brother in Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon.

Naval Accord Is Reached By Two Frenchmen State

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AP)—Foreign Minister Aristide Briand and Charles Dumont, minister of the navy, announced today that France and Great Britain had reached a naval accord in principle, conditional upon ratification and participation by Italy.

They added that the agreement would be held secret until its approval by Italy.

Henry L. Corbett Is Seriously Ill

PORTLAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—Associates of Henry L. Corbett, president of the Corbett Investment company, revealed today that he is seriously ill at his home in Dunthorpe. He suffered a heart attack Sunday. Corbett was a candidate for governor in the May primary.

Corbett was on the ski jumping hill at Mount Hood with his wife and two children when the seizure occurred.

Manganese Ore Not Dumped, Is Ruling

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The treasury today ruled there was no dumping of manganese ore from Soviet Russia into the United States and announced it would decline to issue an anti-dumping order.

Millions Added To Deficiency Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The senate appropriations committee today added to the second deficiency bill \$10,000,000 to start modernization of three battleships and \$10,000,000 to begin construction of Cove Creek dam on the Clinch river in Tennessee, in connection with Muscle Shoals.

RED CROSS GIVING RELIEF IN 735 COUNTIES

SHADED PORTION SHOWS WHERE RED CROSS IS GIVING DROUGHT RELIEF



This map, as of Jan. 31, shows that the Red Cross is giving drought relief in 735 counties in 20 states. It is a larger number than the Mississippi Flood of 1927 and three times as many as were affected. The latest tabulation shows more than 800,000 persons being cared for by the Red Cross, as against 600,000 in the largest previous domestic disaster. Yesterday the Associated Press reported that \$9,112,796 of the desired \$10,000,000 had been contributed.

Accuse Senator Of Taking Sum From Sugar Co.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Senator Davis, Republican, Pennsylvania, former member of the Hoover, Coolidge and Harding cabinets, announced today he had asked for a full inquiry of the charges a senator while received from \$100,000 to \$150,000 from a sugar company.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Chairman Caraway of the senate lobby committee announced today his committee will investigate charges a senator received from \$100,000 to \$150,000 from a sugar company while the tariff bill was before congress.

The announcement followed demands on the senate floor for investigation of a published story that the lobby committee had evidence the money was given to an unnamed senator.

The demands were made by Senators Borah, Republican, Idaho, Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, and Chapman, Rep. of the campaign funds investigating committee.

Nye, in a statement earlier and on the senate floor, revealed his committee made a partial investigation of the charges, but turned the allegation and evidence over to the lobby committee when he became convinced it did not come within the jurisdiction of his inquiry.

Nye said his committee had concluded its investigation because of lack of jurisdiction and not because it felt it had completed the inquiry. Caraway said his committee would make an investigation, immediately and there would be no necessity for continuing its authority beyond March 4, as suggested in the senate.

WOMAN READY TO TALK, BUT NOT IN N. Y.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Yvonne Richmond Marco, who fled when her husband met death at the hands of New York gangsters, is willing to talk about it here but not in New York.

The 29-year-old blond widow of Frank Marco would not say whether she feared a like fate from the underworld if she goes back to New York, but prepared to fight extradition.

"I don't know why they want me," she said after she was taken into custody at the home of J. M. Marco, her father-in-law, here. She had come here for the funeral of Frank, who police said had prospered as a New York and Chicago racketeer until his parents thought he was a successful salesman.

Constance Bennett Ill In Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 24 (AP)—Constance Bennett, Hollywood's newest star of films, was confined to bed today from an attack of influenza. A doctor and nurse were in attendance.

At Pathe studio, where she recently signed a contract calling for a salary of \$20,000 a week for five weeks, it was announced that work on a picture starring Miss Bennett had been stopped and she would be unable to appear for two weeks.

Frank Hawks Held "Premier Aviator"

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AP)—Frank Hawks, American speed flier, today was named America's "premier aviator" for 1930 by the International League of Aviators.

EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT HELD VALID

Supreme Court Issues Decision in Washington, D. C. Today.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS

Ruling Handed Down in Appeal From Decision of Federal Judge Clark, of New Jersey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The eighteenth amendment was sustained as valid today by the supreme court.

Under the decision the government will continue its efforts to enforce the Volstead law.

The ruling was handed down in the government's appeal from the decision of Federal Judge William Clark of New Jersey, who held the amendment invalid because improperly ratified.

Justice Hughes contended that to be valid the amendment should have been submitted to state conventions for ratification rather than to state legislatures. This view the court found untenable.

When the two cases were brought to trial before Judge Clark on a charge of possessing and transporting 50 half barrels of beer, he quashed the indictment, holding the prohibition amendment invalid.

He held its ratification by state legislatures was insufficient to make it effective. The government appealed at once.

Chief Justice Hughes withdrew from the case, stating he would take no part in its decision because he had filed a brief in previous prohibition cases, which, in his judgment, disqualified him.

The controversy turned on the interpretation of Article VII of the constitution, which provides that amendments shall be valid when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states or by convention of three-fourths of the states "as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by congress."

Judge Clark held the language should be construed as modified by "principles of political science and that such amendments could be constitutionally ratified only by conventions in the states.

The government contended the language of the article was clear and entirely free from ambiguity, and that there was no room for the construction adopted by Judge Clark. It insisted that the limitation had been placed on the discretion of congress in deciding which mode of ratification should be adopted.

The court's decision was unanimous. The decision was delivered by Justice Roberts before a crowded courtroom.

RANKIN MAKES NEW RECORD IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (AP)—Astounding and thrilling the crowds that were gathered for the show, Tex Rankin, famous Portland aviator, established a world record for outside loops yesterday when he completed 78 consecutive loops in 88 minutes over the Grand Central terminal. Officials of the National Aeronautical association observed the flight.

The previous world record was held by Paul Mantz of Palo Alto, who made 45 loops in three hours. The day before, Dorothy Heaster, also of Portland, established a women's record for outside looping with five circuits.

Primary Election Code Introduced

SALEM, Feb. 24 (AP)—The new primary election code, advocated by W. S. U'ren, who is regarded as the father of the direct primary law in Oregon, was introduced yesterday by the senate committee on elections and privileges.

The purposes of the bill are summarized as follows: To permit the people to organize themselves effectively politically; to insure nominations and elections by majority vote instead of plurality vote; to promote representation of large minority groups in legislative bodies; to make effective provisions for the corrupt practices act relating to campaign expenses.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—United States wheat and corn supply increases tended to make grain prices advance lower today. Furthermore, untreated naturally minor vote, federal farm board allies continued to offer wheat to Europe at lower prices than private firms. There also were offers of heavy snowfalls in Canadian wheat territory.

Wheat closed heavy, unchanged to 1 1/2 cents lower, corn 3/4 off, oats varying from 1/2 decline to 3/4 advance. Provisions unchanged to 15 cents up.