

LOCAL BRIEFS

Not George Walker.
The G. Walker, who was fined in municipal court the other day on a traffic violation charge, was not George Walker, of Walkers' Funeral Home.

Accepts Position.
Frank Black, of Cleveland, O., has accepted a position at the Walker Funeral Home, taking the place of W. B. Fickins, who will leave today for Los Angeles to enter a college of embalming. Mr. Black was a resident of La Grande 17 years ago and says that this city always seemed like home to him.

Fined.
A number of fines have been assessed in municipal court by Judge C. M. Humphreys in the last two days on traffic violation charges. C. M. Larson and C. L. Harman were each fined \$5 for speeding. M. Sullivan paid \$1 for turning in a street between intersections. M. Larson was fined \$1 for parking overtime in a loading zone, and E. O. Montgomery and Charles Spease each paid \$2 for parking within the fire limits between 2 and 5 a. m.

In Nevada.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Currey were in Las Vegas, Nevada, yesterday, according to word received in La Grande. They will visit with their son, Albert Currey, in Las Vegas, before going on to Los Angeles, Cal., for a pleasure trip. They plan to return to La Grande about April 1.

Old Friends.
Mrs. Andrew Jacobson, of Pendleton, is visiting this week with Mrs. Roy Farley in La Grande. Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Farley were friends in McMinnville where Mrs. Farley lived before coming to La Grande.

To Visit Lodge.
Johnson S. Smith, of Portland, state deputy head consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, will make his official visit to the local lodge this evening when they meet in the Knights of Pythias hall at 7:30. All visitors are welcome.

Board to Meet.
The official board of the Methodist church will meet Monday evening at 7:30 at the church. Plans for the visit of Bishop Wallace Brown on March 20 and 22 will be made and arrangements for this entertainment started.

Holy Week.
The ministerial association will plan the Holy Week activities in La Grande when they meet at a special meeting Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Presbyterian church.

Shellworth Guests.
Arthur and Robert Davlin, of Berlin, Wisconsin, who have been working in Juneau, Alaska for the past year doing electrical work on the new capitol building there, have returned to this country and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Maxine Shellworth before returning to their homes in Wisconsin.

In Hospital.
Sam Brooks, a retired farmer who has lived in La Grande for the past

few years, was received at the Grande Ronde hospital recently. He is reported to be improving in health.

Has Tonsils Removed.
Bertie Mayette, who underwent a major operation at the Grande Ronde hospital last Saturday is improving rapidly, her physicians report.

Visit Elgin Lodge.
The Knights of Pythias, Red Cross lodge, No. 27, plans to make a goodwill visit to the Elgin lodge next Tuesday. Many local knights are planning to go, among them H. C. Dixon, grand chancellor. The Elgin lodge is planning a program and entertainment.

Visit Here.
Mr. and Mrs. Deliver Thompson and son, and Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. G. H. Elmer, are at the home of Mrs. J. L. Pouch, yesterday afternoon. They live at Halfway. Mrs. Elmer is Mrs. Harrison's daughter.

Former Resident Here.
M. M. Paris, formerly of La Grande, but now of Portland, is in this city now transacting business and visiting with his former friends. Paris is district manager for the International Truck company. He lived in La Grande until a year ago when he was transferred to Portland.

Ill.
Kenneth Murchison has been ill of pneumonia at his home near Summerville for about three days. His physician reports his progress as satisfactory.

Moves Office.
Roy Currey has moved his printing office from the La Grande hotel building on Adams avenue to a new office on Depot street.

Returns from Portland.
Mrs. J. C. Gilling returned last night from a two weeks visit in Portland. She is at home at the La Grande hotel, and expects to remain in La Grande for some time.

Have Meeting.
Mrs. Claudia Benson, of the 3-A office in Pendleton, and Buck Llewellyn, of Pendleton, state traffic officer, were in La Grande Tuesday and met with the local 3-A representatives, traffic officers, and Ray Conway, public relations director for the Oregon State Motor association.

On Way to Boise.
Mrs. R. H. Hall, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, stopped in La Grande to visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pouch yesterday before going on to Boise to transact business. They were former neighbors in Coeur d'Alene before Mr. and Mrs. Pouch came to La Grande to make their home.

Bonds at \$1500.
Elmer H. Harrison and Ethel Harrison were arraigned this morning before U. S. Marshal Denham on a complaint charging illegal possession and transportation of intoxicating liquor. The hearing was postponed until 2 p. m. Friday. Bond was fixed at \$1500 each.

Secretary Gives Annual Report At Club Dinner

That the Union county chamber of commerce has benefited La Grande materially during the past year is shown by the report of the secretary, Harold Boone, which was issued Tuesday. The report was read at the annual banquet, and is being sent to all members of the chamber in order that they may know where the \$4,983 of receipts were obtained from and where they were spent during the past year, what the chamber has done to promote the business conditions, road building, etc.

Agriculture has been actively championed by the group through the Eighth Annual Economic conference held during February and March which was attended by 500 business men and farmers for expert advice and opinions from authorities. The chamber also sponsors a home products show every year and more than 9,000 attended the last show which was combined with the grange fair, the success of which prompted the organization of a permanent grange fair board.

A great day also for the young agriculturists of the 4-H clubs, was the day on which the chamber has its boys and girls banquet in honor of the prize winning 4-H club members of the county.

During the past few months literature on dairying, livestock and horticulture has been printed for distribution to prospective settlers and has been sent to neighboring states. Another important bit of literature is the soil survey. When an inquirer writes to Union county about possibilities of settlement, the letter is answered personally and statistics and literature are mailed.

Sponsored Road Project.
The Union county chamber sponsored the Mt. Emily road project, scenic road to the peak of Mt. Emily connecting with the government road from Kamela to Dayton, Wash. Yellowstone Park and eventually the John Day country and California.

They are now supporting the Starky-Ukiah road to open up vast timber resources, tap the Mt. Emily lumber company camps, and be a direct outlet to Central Oregon. They are also interested in the Little Sheep Creek road into the Box canyon country of the Snake river.

Conventions are encouraged by the chamber, and among those to be held during 1931 include the Lions club, Spanish American War Veterans, Rainbow Girls and the Oregon Wool Growers.

Institute Held Here.
A business men's institute was conducted in La Grande by the Oregon Retail Merchants' association and the chamber of commerce. Speakers from Oregon State college were procured with the idea of encouraging better merchandising practices, making stores more attractive, and increasing business as a whole.

One of the most important money saving schemes of the chamber, although not functioning until the latter part of the year, is the better business bureau, through which many dollars have been saved the local business men from unworthy solicitations.

Other affairs in which the chamber had a hand during the past year were the depot dedication on December 27, the erection of new building, registrations of motorists, and many other small items which are necessary but unimportant in a report. Mr. Boone states.

Outlook Brighter In Street Today

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (AP).—The stock market brightened today, with the electric power issues providing most of the illumination.

Bulls were forced to yield after dominating the proceedings for five days, as bulls launched a fresh offensive in the utilities and steels, converging upon the former group in the late trading.

Mail order shares also turned upward. Strength of these issues pulled up the whole list after further selling of the rails in the morning.

Girl Not Attacked, Doctor Testifies

VALPARAISO, Ind., Mar. 5 (AP).—Dr. Joseph Springer of Chicago, testifying today as a defense witness, declared there was no mutilation on the body of Arlene Draves to indicate that she had been attacked, one of the charges against Virgil Kirkland, on trial for the girl's murder.

Springer yesterday aided at a post mortem in Reynolds, Ind., the second since the girl died following a Gary drinking party last November.

OUR OUR WAY

LOOK IT UP BULL O' TH' WOODS SIZE THEM YOUNG BIRDS UP. TWIN T' BE FIRST OUTA TH' SHOP. I'LL BET THEY WILL BE TH' FIRST ONES OUT WHEN HE LAYS OFF ANY MORE, BEIN' THAT THEY'RE SO ANXIOUS TO GET OUT

COURT TENSE AS MOWRY OUTLINES CASE FOR STATE

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The defendants resumed their places again as Mowry's deep voice boomed:

"Your honor and gentlemen of the jury—

Opening Arguments.
He told of Mrs. Bowles' life, of her marriage to Nelson C. Bowles of three children. In 1925, he said, Bowles and Miss Loucks met. She became his stenographer. Bowles retired from business, opened a new office and installed the girl as his private secretary. Mowry traced the association of the couple to the afternoon of Mrs. Bowles' death.

Our case is built on circumstantial evidence," he said. "In such evidence, small occurrences standing alone are insignificant yet become pertinent when linked with other facts."

Nine farmers, a father, a poultryman and a train dispatcher were charged as a jury to determine the guilt or innocence of the two.

Bowles, a millionaire at 34, and Miss Loucks, 28, once his secretary, are charged with killing Bowles' 33-year-old wife, Leone. She died in Mrs. Loucks' Portland apartment from a knife thrust in her breast last November 12. The defendants, who were in the apartment at the time, said it was suicide caused by Mrs. Bowles' learning of her infidelities.

Impaneling the jury occupied three full days. Sixty prospective talemen were examined before 12 were found who were satisfactory to both state and defense.

108 Witnesses.
Despite the fact Circuit Judge George H. Bagley convened his court at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and keeps it in session until 5 p. m., with a 90-minute recess at noon, the trial is expected to last about three weeks. 108 witnesses have been issued for 108 witnesses.

Bowles and Miss Loucks, outwardly calm, have been in court every day watching the slow process of selecting a jury. Yesterday they first took active part in the proceedings and conferred frequently with their attorneys. They have been in jail since November 19.

Members of Jury.
Members of the Bowles jury are: John Benefield, farmer of Bagley; Emil Egger, Laura Cornus, Ed. Norgren, farmer, Timber; John H. Busch, Forest Grove farmer; Philo R. Rickson, latter, Cornus; Ed. Harold Cutting, Sherwood farmer; Howard D. Burton, train dispatcher; Huber B. W. Armentrout, farmer of Bix; David Hagg, retired farmer of Redview; Oscar S. Dallman, Beaverton farmer.

The alternates are Frank W. Jackson, Hillsdale farmer, and Carl Wismer, Beaverton farmer.

Bills

(By the Associated Press)

Introduced in house, passed by house and senate under suspension of rules.

HB 429.—By joint Multnomah delegation. To authorize Multnomah county to call special election to vote bonds to aid unemployment.

HB 418.—By Lewis and Senator Burke. Provides for joint use of poles, wires and conduits of public utility companies, public utility, municipality, utility district or mutual association.

HB 426.—By joint ways and means committee. Appropriating \$24,180 for current of labor and welfare commission.

HB 424.—By joint ways and means committee. Appropriating \$20,180 for state printing boards and Oregon Blue Book.

HB 425.—By joint ways and means committee. Appropriating \$5,000,556 for 11 state institutions.

HB 426.—By joint ways and means committee. Creating state welfare commission.

HB 420.—By Andrews, Anderson, Gill and Senators Moser and Miller. To increase salary of commissioner of bureau of labor from \$9,000 to \$3,000 per annum.

SB 209.—By Moser and Representative Wells. Relating to fraternal benefit societies and juvenile insurance.

SB 210.—By committee on forestry and forest products. Providing for forest type map and survey of forest resources of state and making appropriation therefor.

SB 259.—By Dunne and Representatives Mott, Anderson, Eckley and Braughton. To declare certain contracts of unemployment to be contrary to public policy and void.

SB 320.—By Dunne. Relating to branding and sale of horse meat.

SB 332.—By Jones. Relating to registered pharmacists' renewal of certificates, fees, etc.

SB 345.—By joint ways and means committee. To provide for enrollment and recognition of service of those who as volunteers rendered service on behalf of state during Indian wars.

SB 350.—By joint ways and means committee. To appropriate money for eradication of grasshoppers in Klamath and Lake counties.

SB 316.—By Upton and Eberhard. To provide for transfer to hydro-electric commission pending applications for use of waters of Klamath river for manufacture of electrical power.

HB 419.—By Multnomah delegation. Providing for and relating to electric relief and pension fund providing source of revenue therefor and providing qualifications and method of which city may benefit therefrom.

HB 43.—By Fisher. Exempting state from payment of filing and recording fee.

HB 93.—By Hamilton. Providing for salary of judge of peace in South Lakeview justice of peace district in Lake county, and providing supplies for office.

HB 163.—By Gill. Relating to county fairs.

HB 184.—By Hamilton. Assist American Legion to bring national 1932 convention to Portland and authorize appropriation of \$25,000.

HB 185.—By Klamath county delegation. To prohibit appropriation of waters of Lake of the Woods.

HB 258.—By Byrum. To raise fees for bar examination.

HB 290.—By Ekeley and Senator Booth. Relating to command and training of Oregon National guard.

HB 324.—By Peters. Permitting county courts to secure rights of way for construction of county roads within city limits.

SB 87.—By committee on agriculture. To create department of agriculture, to define its powers and duties; and to provide for its administration and organization.

SB 119.—By Schulmerich. Concerning bus transactions after 12 o'clock noon on Saturdays.

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SB 148.—By Schulmerich. To expedite and simplify collection and payment of checks or drafts and other instruments and payment of money.

SB 170.—By Eddy. Creating department of state police.

SB 210.—By Woodward. Relating to trespass for cutting trees.

SB 211.—By Moser. Relating to organization or annual license fee on stock having no nominal or par value.

House bills introduced:
HB 428.—By joint ways and means committee. Providing for the payment of sundry claims.

HB 429.—By joint Multnomah delegation. To call special election and declare an emergency.

FIRE LOSS \$30,000.
RED BLUFF, Cal., Mar. 5 (AP).—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Cone Tavern, a city landmark. Larry Moore's cafe and damaged lumber yard a half mile distant last night. Fire department authorities estimated loss at \$30,000.

The fire is believed to have started in the tavern.

Thrilling Chase Ends With Crash

HINTON, W. Va., Mar. 5 (AP).—For some reason State Trooper Posten felt suspicious about the car R. S. Sapp was driving, so he followed in his own machine. Mr. Sapp stepped on the gas. So did Trooper Posten. They were racing along a narrow 60-mile an hour, when Posten's bumper became entangled with Sapp's. The cars swerved from the road. There was a terrific crash as they plunged through a garage. There was another crash as they tangled with a third machine parked there, and there was still another crash as three cars went through the other wall and tumbled down an embankment. "Ah ha!" exclaimed Trooper Posten emerging from the wreckage, "I was right."

And then we bent over to where Mr. Sapp sat in the debris and arrested him on a charge of transporting 100 gallons of intoxicating liquor.

Depositors to Get Forty Per Cent

PENDLETON, Mar. 5 (AP).—Depositors of the Farmers' Bank of Western will soon receive a 40 per cent dividend. E. E. Tate, handling the bank's affairs, said today. He announced that the bank is pleased to have received 60 per cent by November. Directors recently took over the assets of the institution.

Hoover Nominee



Associated Press Photo
James Grafton, dean of the University of Colorado law school, has been named assistant secretary of state by the President.

HILL'S STORE TO CONTINUE IN OPERATION

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moving to Union. The personnel of the store here will remain the same. Mr. Conner's residence is at Union and for many years past he has taken an active interest in community and county affairs.

Mr. Hill, whose residence in this valley has been practically continuous since he came here from McMinnville, is president of the La Grande National bank, a position he was elected to in 1924. He is also former president of the city commission, serving from Jan. 2, 1925 to Jan. 7, 1931.

A review of Mr. Hill's activities in La Grande since 1908 is of much interest. After arriving here from McMinnville, he went into partnership with O. V. Allen and opened a drug store in the Buzell building, where the Tiffin is now located. Mrs. Hill and her daughter, Mary Alice, joined him July 3 of the same year. At that time the population of La Grande was 2800.

Druggist 20 Years.
Mr. Hill remained in the drug store business for 16 years in La Grande and previously, he had followed that line of endeavor for 10 years, making a total of 26 years.

In 1904 Mr. Hill bought a ranch in the John Day valley in Grant county, traveling from Austin to Prairie City by stage coach. In 1913 he sold his drug store in the Buzell building and moved into the Gardner building now known as the Elvertson-Wright Drug store.

His next business venture was with Mr. Harper, the two men opening the first creamery in La Grande. Shortly afterwards he and H. E. Coolidge and Floyd McKennon acquired a 2400-acre ranch on Catherine creek, known as the H. C. ranch. In 1914 he was elected a member of the board of directors of the La Grande National bank, and in 1920 he was elected vice president, following the death of Fred Holmes.

Hill's department store was opened in 1917.

Active During War.
Most of his activities in the next two years were in connection with the World War. He managed the Liberty Loan campaign and was a vice president of the Union county fuel committee.

He was a member of the school board for 13 years and during that time an extensive building program was carried out. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church during the time when the present brick structure was erected.

Charles Playle and Dr. R. P. Landis, he was elected to the city commission in the fall of 1924, and great progress in municipal improvements was made during the following period. Two arsenals were drilled, the sewage disposal plant was built, lighting systems were installed in the business section, miles of paving were constructed, the park system was added to by including the Connors park and the rest park in the business section, the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the state highway department shops were located here, the city building was remodeled and the fire department modernized, and many other accomplishments were made in connection with parks. It was his firm belief that lots owned by the city should be made into parks for the use of taxpayers, and he fathered both additions to the park system.

Aided in Locating E. O. N.
During the time before the location of the Normal school, he was a frequent visitor in Salem and Portland, Ore. L. L. Peterson, one of the members of the board of normal school regents, and others, and his mission was to secure a great deal of his time before satisfactory results were achieved. He received the following telegram from Frank Meredith, secretary of the board of regents, which marked the beginning of La Grande's status as a college city: "Board of regents of the University of Oregon, holding a B. A. degree, and now resides in Southern Oregon. Dr. Thomas Price Hill, now practicing medicine in Ventura, Cal., is a graduate of the University of Chicago, taking his medical degree at Rush Medical college in Chicago. Mr. Hill is of Quaker ancestry, having had a birth-right membership."

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United States Fleet Engages In Mock Fight

U. S. S. ARKANSAS, Mar. 5 (AP).—Steaming through the tropical Pacific off the southern coast of Panama, the United States fleet continued its maneuvers today after a mock battle in the night.

Just before sunset yesterday a group of cruisers and destroyers broke formation and left the fleet behind. Late at night they came back at full speed to attack. The outer guards picked them up under a brilliant tropic moon and opened fire with searchlights.

The attackers came on, driving night after night, the battleships which fired blank cartridges and pierced the targets with searchlights. The enemy survived the fire, however, and when the umpire ended the battle all ships turned on their lights and swung into fleet formation.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY.
PORTLAND, Mar. 5 (AP).—Because he tried to pass a \$35 check drawn on a Medford bank, a man who said he was William P. Brown, 25, a seaman, faced charges of forgery here today. Police said the check was forged. Ball was set at \$1000.

Detectives declared Brown was on parole from a two to twenty year term for forgery at Medford.

BOSTON COAST, VICINITY HIT BY TERRIFIC GALES.
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to reach a height of 11 feet, was swollen to 13 feet 8 inches.

HURRICANE HITS AFRICA.
CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, Mar. 5 (AP).—A message from Port Louis, Mauritius, today said that a devastating hurricane had raged there since yesterday evening.

Loss of life could not be determined but property loss was enormous and it was feared all crops were ruined. The steamers Clangra, ham and Bangate Castle were ashore in the harbor. Conditions were growing worse.

Mauritius is a British island colony in the Indian ocean, 600 miles east of Madagascar and 3000 miles from Capetown. Port Louis has a population of 50,000.

BLIZZARD IN ROCKIES.
DENVER, Mar. 5 (AP).—A wild March blizzard raged over the Rocky Mountain West today.

Blinding snow, carried on the wings of a north wind, curtailed air travel and made it impossible to leave Denver. Travel bureau in Wyoming and Colorado advised motorists not to venture out into the storm.

In Wyoming a blizzard lashed the state from boundary to boundary. Air mail officials said their ships were being kept aloft under restricted activity. The east bound air mail plane was forced to land four times on emergency fields between Evansville and Cheyenne, Wyo., last night. Highways west of Cheyenne were blocked.

Montana reported snow general over the state with temperatures ranging between 14 above at Kalispell to 22 above at Miles City, Mont.

MEASURES UP TO GOVERNOR MEIER TODAY

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Senator Fred E. Kiddle of Union county made the opening and closing pleas for the armory bill. Senators Burke and Bennett fought it on the floor. Senator H. C. Wheeler of Lane, urged Western Oregon members to support it, declaring that "since Western Oregon counties have been favored with so many improvements it is no more than fair that the Willamette Valley members support the bill," and Senator J. C. Booth of Linn, supporting the bill, mentioned that Western Oregon has 12 armories and Eastern Oregon has none.

Senator Joe E. Dunne and William F. Woodward of Multnomah spoke for it, the former terming it a good business investment.

Senator Colon R. Eberhard, speaking in behalf of the new school enterprise, urged the senate, as the house had done previously, to give the bill its unanimous approval. He gave the history of the normal school movement in Oregon, leading up to the establishment of the La Grande institution. He spoke of agreements between the La Grande community and the state relative to training school facilities, and said that in order to keep faith the community had raised \$80,000 to put with the \$50,000 state appropriation for the training school.

The bill was attacked by Senator Ed Schulmerich of Washington, county who declared that it had not been successful for other schools in Oregon or the La Grande institutions to be established, and that the Monmouth school alone was furnishing more teachers than the state needed.

"It is said that the school is the cornerstone of civilization," Schulmerich said, "but in Oregon it is the whole structure."

The establishment of normal schools in Oregon, Schulmerich said, was brought about by "political chicanery." He criticized the educational system because the university graduates are not qualified to teach in the public schools.

Meets With Cubans

Associated Press Photo
Thomas L. Chadbourne, creator of the Chadbourne plan for stabilization of the sugar industry, explained his recent work in Europe to President Machado and Cuban producers.

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