

CITY'S BANK BALANCE IS AIRED TODAY

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FIRST WITNESSES FOR STATE SPEAK

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EVERY PRESENT AT MEETING IN BAKER TODAY

H. G. Avery, county farm agent, is among the visitors at a meeting in Baker today, under the auspices of the state board of horticulture for its inspectors in Eastern Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to foster better coordination of horticultural inspection service and to discuss new regulations governing the inspection service. Walter A. Holt is the county agent of Baker county and a horticultural inspector.

Among other inspectors who are attending are P. T. Fortner, Baker; R. G. Larson, Ontario; C. B. Miller, commissioner of the board for this district; also to be present with O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist from Oregon State college, and H. F. Barrs, plant pathologist.

Leffels To Return To La Grande Soon

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Leffel, who left La Grande ten years ago for Kokomo, Ind., have learned that they are returning to this city early in April. Mr. Leffel, it is said, will become manager of the local J. C. Penney Co. store. M. M. Hunt, manager, died recently in Western Oregon following a long illness.

Mr. Leffel has been manager of a Peuney company store in Kokomo.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Rain west portion, probably local rain or snow in the east portion tonight and Wednesday.

Normal temperature.

Fresh to strong southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—32 above.
Minimum: 27 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 57, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER MAR. 17, 1930
Maximum 55, minimum 30 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

Kiddle, Eckley, Eberhard Speak At Forum Lunch

Union County's Legislative Delegation Tells of Accomplishments of Session.

The accomplishments of the session of the state legislature which adjourned recently, after 53 days in assembly—the longest in Oregon's history, were given today at the chamber of commerce luncheon by three members of Union county's delegation. Senators Fred B. Kiddle and Colonel R. Eberhard and Representative Victor Eckley.

The three worked together in the utmost harmony, Kiddle, Representative of La Grande, was on the stand, introducing and identifying city books—cash books, check books, warrant registers, etc.—dating from Dec. 31, 1928 to Feb. 3, 1931, during which time the alleged robbery of public money occurred. This was taking considerable time due to the necessity of identifying each separate item, plus frequent objections from defense attorneys.

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Local National Guard Company Has Inspection

Before Company E, 196th Infantry, knows the outcome of the federal inspection, which is held last night, Major A. M. Jones, of the 7th Infantry, Vancouver barracks, and Major W. H. Eilenburg, who succeeded Lieutenant Colonel R. R. Huron as commander of the 2nd Battalion, 196th Infantry, and Lieutenant Colonel Huron, representing regimental headquarters, will have to compile the report and submit it to the state inspector, Walter A. Bean, stated this morning.

"None of the officers committed himself following the inspection," he added, "but it is probable that the highest rating it will be because the soldiers are over-drilled."

Fifty-three enlisted men and three officers, Lieut. Foster Webb, Lieut. Jess V. Andrews, and Capt. Bean, wearing new uniforms, were present for the inspection which was very thorough in all fields, including discipline, fireman's drill, first aid, etc., as well as personal appearance.

Federal inspection is one of the most important functions of the national guard and Company E is anxious to receive a high rating.

Major Jones, Major Eilenburg and Lieut. Andrews will inspect the Baker company tonight.

Major Eilenburg has the distinction of being the only "sergeant-major" in existence, but he explains the title by the fact that he is a sergeant in the state traffic department and a major in the national guard.

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WOMAN TRIED TO SUICIDE, IS TESTIMONY

Defense Stresses Two Attempts of Year Ago in the Bowles Trial

SISTER RELATES STABBING ATTEMPT

Mrs. Howard, "Mystery Witness" on Stand But Crowd Hears Nothing Sensational.

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 17 (AP). — In support of the theory that Mrs. Leone Bowles, 33, plunged a knife blade into her own heart, attorneys for her husband and her husband's secretary, charged with murder, today made capital of two suicide attempts revealed by a state's witness.

This witness was Mrs. Emma C. Glover, of Yakima, Wash., sister of the young Portland society matron, Nelson C. Bowles and Miss Irma Loucks are charged with the fatal stabbing.

Mrs. Glover gave valuable testimony for the prosecution when she told of her sister's cheerful frame of mind shortly before her death, and the plans they had made to attend a football game in Seattle.

Hints at Third Attempt.

This was countered, however, by cross-examination in which the defense stressed two suicide attempts of a year ago, and hinted of a third one, hitherto unrevealed.

Although George Mowry, prosecutor, told the court yesterday he expected to finish his case tonight, the defense today took a little time to show that all of its witnesses could be heard by that time. W. Lair Thompson, uncle of Bowles and member of the defense staff, said his witness would be the first witness called by the defense.

Mrs. Emma C. Glover of Yakima, Wash., sister of Mrs. Bowles, testified under cross-examination that Mrs. Bowles had attempted to stab herself in the left chest with a nail file. The defense sought to establish, too, that the socially prominent matron attempted to leap from a window in a Seattle hotel, and later tried to commit suicide by stabbing herself with a pair of scissors.

Stricken From Records.

Reference to the latter affair was stricken from the records of the ground it was hearsay.

Called as a state witness, Mrs. Glover testified she visited the palatial home of Mrs. Bowles, who said, Mrs. Bowles died. Bowles, she said, was not living at home. Mrs. Bowles appeared cheerful.

The sisters made arrangements to attend a football game in Seattle on Nov. 15, the witness testified, and they were to spend Thanksgiving day with the folks at Yakima. Mrs. Bowles was not in a depressed frame of mind, and that she was murdered on Nov. 12 and did not commit suicide as the defense contends.

On cross-examination, Mrs. Glover said she and her sister were in Seattle.

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E. O. N. OPERETTA BEGINS THURSDAY

Skit Presented at High School Today—Tickets Are Now on Sale.

The mainsail and foresail puffed out with wind, the top-gallant mast creaking, the rigging shipshape, the good ship Pinaford, with Captain Concoran aboard, sailed over a sea of the best arias from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas and the audience will be "All at Sea." Just as the name of the operetta, which the Eastern Oregon Normal school is producing Thursday and Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Normal school auditorium, implies. A life-size pirate schooner has come to anchor on the stage of the auditorium, and it is swarming over with sailors and pirates. Seats are on sale now and will be received beginning tomorrow.

HISSE GREET GANDHI FROM LABOR GROUP

BOMBAY, India, March 17 (AP). — Mahatma Gandhi, accustomed to adulation and worship, and commending the respect even of his British antagonists, last night heard jeers, hoots, hisses and catcalls from a labor audience which he was about to address.

Communists taunted him with failure to provide for release of labor agitators in his true with Lord Irwin which led to abandonment of the civil disobedience campaign, and charged him with betraying the workers.

"Down with Gandhi," they shouted. "Down with the national congress! Down with British imperialism!"

Auto Thief Takes Dangerous Germs

CHICAGO, March 17 (AP). — Dr. Edwin Reynolds told police that within a few days it was likely the men who stole his automobile the other night, would be found in some pest house.

The automobile was recovered yesterday, but phials which the doctor said contained enough typhoid and smallpox germs to start an epidemic of either disease, were missing, along with accessories of the car.

Irish Celebrate; Messages Sent Over the World

In Northern Counties Religious Ceremonies, Sports, Feasts, Dancing on Program.

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Mar. 17 (AP). — Residents of the Saorstait and kindred souls in the Northern counties today celebrated Saint Patrick's day with nation wide religious ceremonies, civil programs, sporting contests and feasts and dancing which may last until tomorrow morning.

An eleven hour legislative omission prevented drowning the shamrock in good Irish whiskey, but for those who did not live too far away there was a prospect of a trip over into Ulster where restrictions closing public houses on Saint Patrick's day do not hold.

A resolution which would have repeated the restrictions, now nearly a decade old, was on the calendar of the day and should have been passed on last yesterday afternoon, in time for today's celebrations, but for some reason it was left off the listing of the day's events and cannot come up until Wednesday.

Peace and Goodwill.

President Cosgrave planned his second radio broadcast in three days to Irishmen residing in other nations, taking advantage at noon of an international hookup to broadcast a message of peace and good will to America and other countries.

In a published message of good will he said: "All is well with the Saorstait Eireann. We are continuing with increasing success to build the old Irish nation anew, to preserve and strengthen its distinctive nationality, and to secure for Ireland's sons and daughters a living in their own land and enjoyment of a freedom not less than that of any other nation."

He concluded with a greeting to "American Irish, and the blessing: 'God bless you all.'"

ISSUES MESSAGE.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Mar. 17 (AP). — Viscount Chelmsford, premier of Ulster, today issued a message to Irishmen all over the world on the occasion of Saint Patrick's day. He said:

"I am glad to send a message from

Johnson States Something Wrong With His Party

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP). — Speculation on the 1932 presidential election—known today as an aftermath of the recent progressive conference and attacks by a Republican and a Democrat on party leadership.

In a statement, interpreted as a suggestion that some one other than President Hoover be nominated by his party, Senator Johnson, Republican, California, yesterday expressed his opinion in these words:

"There is something radically wrong somewhere. Somebody should ascertain what it is."

He said Republican critics of the Progressives should think twice before they talk.

At the same time a Kansas Democrat, Representative Ayres, deplored a possible division in his party on prohibition and asked for reputation of the state liquor control plank suggested by Chairman Easkob to prevent such an eventuality.

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Drunken Brawl Results Fatally

ASTORIA, Ore., March 17 (AP). — Otto Lathison, 36, was held in jail without bail here today while police investigated the slaying of Henry Kangas, 58, a longshoreman, who was stabbed to death last night. Deputy sheriffs said the death resulted from a drunken brawl.

Tony Christensen, deputy, said today Lathison admitted he was involved in the affair. The officer said two others, one a woman, were mixed up in the case.

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CAPTAIN AND 117 MEN SAFE AFTER WRECK

Loss of at Least 25 Lives Result of Explosion and Fire.

MOVIE MEN ARE AMONG MISSING

Survivors on Horse Island, Cared For by Inhabitants; Many Injured and Sick.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 17 (AP). — The captain and 117 men of the sealing steamer Viking which exploded and sank off Horse Island Sunday night with the loss of at least 25 lives, have reached the island after 24 hours of suffering and misery on the ice floes.

The news came from Miss O. Bartlett, the 18-year-old wireless operator on the island, when communication was re-established early today. Capt. Abraham Kean Jr., told Miss Bartlett that Varick Frissell, young New Yorker who was aboard the Viking to make sound-movies of the sealers, and his companions, A. E. Penrod, cameraman, and Harry Sargent, explorer, are missing.

Dory Sighted.

A dory containing seven men, five of whom appeared to be badly hurt, could be seen at daylight four or five miles off the island shore, making labored efforts to reach the island.

"It is doubtful," wireless Miss Bartlett, "if they will succeed."

The Newfoundland government received the following message from the island today:

"Inhabitants of island are lodging rescued men. Many badly injured and sick. Around 25 announced dead. Was speaking captain 10 o'clock last night. In very weak condition. He stated engine staff, operator, navigator, cook, steward, movie

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Burglar Has Thrilling Gun Battle With Self

CLEVELAND, Mar. 17 (AP). — The burglar had just taken \$50 from the cash register. Then, gun in hand, he paused to reconnoitre.

It was dark inside the Frank Pralberk music store here last night and the man of stealth strained his eyes to see.

Suddenly he trembled. Over in a corner he saw the figure of a man, gun in hand, watching him.

Subsequent events happened quickly. Simultaneously the burglar and the figure, facing each other, raised their weapons and fired three shots.

Then with a yowl like a wounded animal, the burglar dove through a plate glass window and escaped.

Today the burglar possibly read in the newspapers the reason why those three shots fired point-blank hadn't wounded him. He had been shooting at his own reflection in a mirror.

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BYRD PLANS SECOND TRIP INTO SOUTH

"Tremendous Lot of Land" Still Remains Unexplored in Antarctica.

RECALLS PROMISE MADE LAST JUNE

Flying Will Again be Called to the Fore When he Starts Upon His New Venture.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (AP). — A "perfectly tremendous lot of land" at the bottom of the earth beckons to Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, and he plans to explore it.

In planning another voyage to the Antarctic, he fulfills a promise made last June when the storm of welcome on his return from Little America and aerial conquest of the South Pole had barely begun.

"We've got to get in and find out what's there," he said. "This work is a bug—and hard to get over."

He would say no more until the home work of the expedition had been finished; now, with eight to nine months to be spent on scientific reports, he is looking toward new conquests.

Flying, through which so much of his career has been shaped, will again be called to the fore when he starts this new venture.

A genius for organization and the use of aircraft have been inter-played to make of this modest, aristocratic Virginian, at 43, a world famous figure.

Retired as an ensign from the navy in 1916 for lameness in the right ankle, he was recalled to duty and in 1918 qualified as a naval aviator as the start of a career destined to write aviation and world history.

Assigned to navigational preparation for the trans-Atlantic flight of the NC boats, he missed one adventure.

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GANG WAR OPENS IN DENVER TODAY

Home of Southern Colorado Bootleg King Demolished by Bomb.

DENVER, March 17 (AP). — An exhaustive search of the smoldering ruins of the home of Pete Carlino, known as the "king" of bootlegging, failed to reveal any casualties from a terrific explosion that demolished the north Denver residence early today.

The police saw in the blast concrete evidence that gangland warfare for control of Colorado's liquor traffic had begun in earnest.

It was at first believed Carlino and his wife and some of their seven children were at home when the blast occurred. Hampered by darkness and a smoldering fire, police and firemen searched the wreckage of the dwelling long after dawn before deciding there had been no victims of the blast. A police motor patrol had reported seeing a light in the place shortly before the explosion.

Carlino out of Town.

Authorities today said they had been informed Carlino was out of town. He was reported to have been in Kansas City over the weekend. Neighbors said Mrs. Carlino and the children left for her former home in Pueblo last week.

The terrific blast, which hurled

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Soldiers' Home Will Be Built In This State

Board Recommends it be South of Portland and West of the Cascade Mountains.

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 17 (AP). — Amid the clamor of shrieking whistles and clanging bells, Roseburg today unrolled a general celebration following receipt of the news that the \$2,000,000 national soldiers' home for the Pacific Northwest had been awarded to Oregon. While the message was couched in careful language, the resolution was generally taken here to mean that the home will be built in this city.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (AP). — Veterans Administrator Hines, chairman of the federal board of hospitals, today announced recommendations of the board for a soldiers home unit in the Northwest, one new veteran hospital and four additions to existing hospitals in Northwestern states.

The recommendations entail a prospective outlay of \$2,000,000 and the projects are intended to meet the needs of veterans in the Northwest for additional hospital facilities.

The recommendations were:

1.—That there be constructed in the state of Oregon south of Portland and west of the Cascade mountains a new soldiers home in the Northwest to cost \$1,000,000 with provision for future expansion.

2.—That there be erected at U. S. veterans hospital, American Lake, Washington, a new unit of 164 beds at a cost of \$300,000.

3.—That there be constructed at U. S. veterans hospital, Boise, Idaho, a new infirmary building of 150 beds at a cost of \$250,000.

4.—That there be erected at U. S. veterans hospital, Helena, Mont., a new infirmary building of 150 beds and a central heating plant at a cost of \$350,000.

5.—That there be constructed at U. S. veterans hospital, Portland, Ore., a new administration building at a cost of \$125,000 which will result in an increase of that location of 50 beds.

6.—That there be erected at U. S. veterans hospital, Walla Walla, Wash., a new kitchen and mess hall at a cost of \$105,000.

Congressman Hawley, of Oregon, expressed the belief that Roseburg, Ore., would be selected for the veterans' home in that state.

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Officers Deny Any Foul Play In Girl's Death

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP). — Authorities denied today there was any possibility of foul play in the death of a second woman vice graft witness.

Miss Lucia Dickson, red-headed girl who danced under the name Georgia Gray, died Saturday night in Bellevue hospital after an illness of four days.

Though the cause originally was diagnosed as pneumonia, Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, ordered a chemical analysis of the organs to determine whether they contained poison.

At the autopsy Assistant Examiner Gonzales said:

"There is no chance the girl died of anything but natural causes. Traffic on her body were superficial and could have been caused by falling out of bed, which might have happened to her before she came to Bellevue in a critical condition from pneumonia."

The chemical analysis of the organs will be continued however.

Another "lead" in the Vivian Gordon murder mystery dissolved in thin air today. A man who named to police two men he said committed the murder broke down and admitted he concocted the story in the hope of selling it to newspapers.

At first the informant said he was George Hennessey, but later gave his name as Teddy Spanish. His first story was that the day before the red-haired vice graft tipster's body was found in a park with a noose around the neck, he met "two Italians."

Italians told him that if he had any messages for Miss Gordon he should deliver them at once, because "she is leaving town tonight."

Despite Spanish's repudiation of the story, District Attorney McGuire said he would seek to hold him as a material witness.

Policeman, Bandit Shot In Missoula

MISSOULA, Mont., Mar. 17 (AP). — Aleck Ross, merchant policeman and Eddie Carnigan, of Great Falls, whom he had arrested for burglary, were killed last night when Carnigan turned on his captor and was in turn shot down by police.

Ross was taking Carnigan and Eddie Keim, of Butte, to the police station when Carnigan turned and shot Ross in the stomach. Carnigan attempted to hide under an automobile but police who arrived within a few minutes fired a volley under the car and the robber was killed outright.

Train Wrecked But Only One Man Hurt

BRISTOL, Pa., March 17 (AP). — Railroad men and Bristol police today viewed the derailing of a Pennsylvania passenger train here last night with no loss of life and serious injury to only one person as remarkable.

Six cars of train number 230, bound from Philadelphia for New York, left the rails. Three day coaches and a baggage car toppled down a steep embankment, coming to rest on the edge of Grundy Lake, which is 30 feet deep.

Miss Ruth Nichols' Record Is Approved

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP). — The National Aeronautics association today approved 28,743 feet, attained by Miss Ruth Nichols on March 6, as the new altitude record for women.

MEIER GIVES EDDY, SLADE HYDRO POSTS

Two Selected as Members of New Hydro-Electric Commission.

ACT IS EFFECTIVE WITH SELECTIONS

C. E. Strickland, State Engineer, Will Serve as Third Man on the Commission.

SALEM, Ore., March 17 (AP). — Governor Meier today appointed Senator B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, and E. F. Slade, of Salem, as members of the new hydro-electric commission.

The new hydro-electric commission act is effective with the appointment of the two new commissioners, who according to the bill, will serve with the state engineer. The emergency clause was added to senate bill 82, and approved by the house in this form.

Senator Eddy was a friend of the administration during the last session and introduced the state police bill at the request of the governor. He has been a member of the senate for many years. Slade is president of the First National Bank of Salem.

The Commission's Duties.

The duty of the commission, according to the measure, is to conserve the water resources of the state; to provide for the use and development thereof under license for the generation of electricity by city, towns or private corporations, and to prescribe the manner and conditions upon which the right to such waters may be used.

The two new members will serve without compensation, and when in conference will occupy offices at the state engineer's department. The new hydro-electric commission act is one of the governor's power measures, and was introduced in the senate by Senator Sam Brown of Salem. The commission will specifically exercise jurisdiction over all power projects built by private capital, the governor announced.

"Before a project can be constructed," the governor stated, "it must obtain a permit from commission and following the issuance of the permit the commission has absolute jurisdiction over the project. The permit is for a period of 80 years and at its expiration, the project reverts to the state and becomes its property."

Career Began in Canada.

Slade's banking career began in Canada where he was identified with the Bank of Montreal. Later he came to Oregon and served several years as examiner of the state banking department. Subsequently he was made examiner for the Federal Reserve System. In 1924 the Old National Bank of Salem was reorganized into the First National bank with Slade as vice president, and of which institution he is now the president.

Slade is also a member of the Unatilla Rapids association, which has for its purpose the development of

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BODY OF CHILD FOUND; CROWD MENACES MAN

CONEMAUGH, Pa., Mar. 17 (AP). — Harry Starchock, 28, was held in the Cambria county jail in Johnstown, today, where he was taken last night following the finding of the battered body of little Betty Mowry, seven, under the attic floor of Starchock's home.

The skull of the child had been crushed from the corner said she had been assaulted.

The child's hands were tied behind her and her body, badly beaten and bruised, was partly wrapped in burp-

Starchock, who is married, was arrested a short time later and taken to the village police station. A large crowd gathered about the jail as the news of the finding of the child's body became known and police rushed him out the back door to Johnstown.

Cardinal Maffi Is Dead In Rome

ROME, Mar. 17 (AP). — The Roman Catholic world today mourned Pietro Cardinal Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, who died last night at 73 after a life spent in science, letters and the church.

The end came peacefully after a lingering illness. The pope, acting for the second time within a few weeks on behalf of the dying cardinal, sent his benediction.

Cardinal Maffi twice was spoken of as a probable selector of the papacy. He officiated at the wedding of Crown Prince Humbert and Princess Marie Jose of the Belgians a year ago.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 17 (