LOCAL BRIEFS

Win Many Prizes—
Former Eastern Oregon Normal students, now teachers in Malheur county were winners of the majority of places in the declamatory district contests which were held at Nyssa. Miss Harriet Ahearn and Miss Marian Caldwell, former E. O. N. students, received two first places each while Mrs. Victoria Schweizer and Albert Hopkins, also former E. O. N. students, were taking the majority of second and third places. These teachers distinguished themselves by bringing well coached pupils to these contests. Competition was high with every school in the division competing. Winners of the division will qualify to meet at Vale for the county championship March 20. Mr. Hopkins had charge of these contests and also was named on a committee of four with the county superintendent to make arrangements for final contests in declamatory work and spelling contests.

Visit Sister—
Examination week is in full, sway at the University of Oregon, after which a week for spring vacation. Among the La Grande students at the University of Oregon is Miss Etta Belle Kitchen, daughter of Mr. and Brs. R. J. Kitchen, who will spend her vacation in Portland visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ray Hall, who was formerly Miss Thelma Kitchen. Miss Kitchen is a senior at the University and has only a term of three months before graduation.

On Business—
H. P. Roe, one of the busiest farmers of Enterprise, was in La Grande this morning transacting business.

To California—
Miss Dorothy Eberhard is one of a party of girls who attend the University of Oregon who plan to spend their spring vacation in California. Miss Eberhard will spend her brief vacation in Stockton as the house guest of one of her class mates. She is the daughter of Senator and Mrs. Colon R. Eberhard.

Funeral Services—
Funeral services for James R. Russell, who died in Baker Saturday, were held in St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Baker Monday morning. The body then was brought here for interment and La Grande Lodge No. 41 A. F. and A. M., conducted the graveside services. Among those of the family who were present for the last rites were Mrs. Russell, his widow who arrived in Baker from Portland Sunday; Miss Imogen Russell, of Eugene; and a brother, William Russell and his wife, of Elgin.

To Portland—
Mrs. Harry Dennis has returned to Portland after spending the past several days in La Grande.

Sees Muskrat—
A muskrat, who came in from the country to see the lights of La Grande and revel in the wonders of town life, was seen wandering nonchalantly down one of the main streets by John Garity. When the headlights of the car were turned on the frightened little animal ran in front of the car for awhile and then scuttled off to the side of the street.

Has Operation—
Miss Bonnie Hesse, four-year-old daughter of Everett Hesse, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Cariboo Trail—
Ray Clark, who attended the Inland Empire Hotel association in Baker Saturday, is interested in the Caribou Trail from Wenatchee, Wash. into Canada. He spoke on the Caribou Trail and the other scenery which the northwest has that would divert tourists from going directly to California from Pocatello, Ida., instead of coming up by way of Washington and Oregon. Mr. Clark, who was accompanied by his wife, is the Hotel Cascadian, at Wenatchee.

Going Home—
Blackfoot, Idaho, famous for the legends of the Blackfeet Indians who made that section of Idaho their home, is also the home city of Mrs. C. Kinney, who stopped in La Grande last night on her way back to Blackfoot after visiting in Portland.

Marriage License—
A marriage license was issued yesterday by the county clerk to Roy Timpy and Nina Gibson, both of North Powder. The couple was married yesterday afternoon by the county judge.

Present Skit—
At an assembly in the high school at 9 o'clock this morning a group of E. O. N. students, members of the cast which will soon present the operetta, "All at Sea," gave several short scenes and musical numbers from the operetta.

In Portland—
Julius Roesch, owner of the Sacajawea hotel in La Grande, was a Portland visitor yesterday.
—Oregonian.

At Burns—
Bud Hazer is spending the week in Burns where he is transacting business.

To Bend—
Chet Garity and B. E. Anderson left yesterday by motor, Mr. Garity going to Bend and Mr. Anderson to Oakland, Cal. The former has work in Bend, and the latter will visit with his sister, Mrs. Helma Percival.

To Baker—
W. M. Condit, city commissioner, left this morning for Baker where he will appear as a witness in the trial of Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city treasurer.

Attend Opera—
Mrs. T. R. Maxwell, Mrs. Jesse A. Hoskins and her daughter, Annette, of Baker, spent the weekend in Portland and attended the opera. Mrs. Hoskins was in La Grande yesterday presenting a program of music numbers for the Neighborhood club.

Visit Mother—
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heudebourck arrived in La Grande Sunday evening from Berkeley, Cal., to visit Mrs. Heudebourck's mother, Mrs. Mollie Buck, and her sister, Mrs. Irvin Bramwell. She is known in La Grande as Miss Hazel Buck. She has not been in this city for six years and she states that she is very much surprised to see the city so much improved and is especially pleased with the appearance of the new depot. This is Mr. Heudebourck's second visit to La Grande.

From Union—
Another prominent farmer who was in La Grande today on business was C. B. Robinson, of Union.

In Portland—
W. C. Perkins, of La Grande, was in Portland the first of the week transacting business. He was accompanied by R. C. Frisbie, of Baker.

To Rehearse—
The Triad choir of the Presbyterian church will practice tonight at 7 o'clock at the church. They will be joined at 7:30 by the additional singers, who will appear in forthcoming concerts, for a general rehearsal. Two undertakings are under way at present, their director, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, states, a concert Sunday evening, March 22; and the Easter cantata on April 5.

To Attend Funeral—
Mrs. Myrtle Geist, of Pendleton, was in La Grande today to attend the funeral services Dr. W. T. Phy, who died at Hot Lake Saturday. Mrs. Geist operates one of Pendleton's leading beauty parlors.

In La Grande—
G. L. "Scooty" Dutton, formerly of La Grande, but now of Portland, is spending the week in La Grande transacting business.

Return—
Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ashby spent the past weekend in Portland where they attended the opera and visited with friends. Mrs. Ashby attended both the Friday and Saturday performances.

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CITY'S BANK BALANCE IS AIRED TODAY

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statements were substantially accurate.

Little progress appeared to have been made today and it was expected the case will drag for several days.

Many La Grande people were in the crowded courtroom, among them Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, removed from the case by a defense affadavit of prejudice. Judge Knowles was here as a witness.

"Mrs. Emma Fowler never misappropriated a penny of La Grande city funds while serving as its treasurer and the evidence in this case will prove it beyond the shadow of a doubt," Mr. Hess, defense attorney, told the jury late yesterday in his preliminary statement.

Mr. Hess' statement followed that of Carl Helm, district attorney of Union county, who submitted a condensed summary of the auditor's report revealing a shortage of $112,202.02 which he declared the state would prove item by item.

Says System At Fault

"For several years the La Grande treasurer's books have not always balanced," Mr. Hess continued. "The system in use there is bad. It was designed for a small town and La Grande is now a much bigger town with more business to handle through the treasurer's office.

"Mrs. Fowler is not an auditor, only a bookkeeper. She herself discovered that there was a bookkeeping shortage when the time came to make a turnover last month. She made no secret of it. She could not figure out what was wrong, but she had not appropriated a penny to her own use and had nothing to conceal.

Sought Expert Advice, Claim

"She left La Grande the day she was arrested in company with her husband to interview a Mr. Dixon in Pendleton and Mr. Ham in Portland, both of whom had audited her books and whom she thought might be able to help her. She made no secret of her intention to leave, or of her distination. Her husband, Ward Fowler, expected to interview the grievance chairman of his railroad union in regard to getting back on the railroad. In the meantime, Mr. Cherry, city manager, got suspicious, telephoned all over the country and had Mrs. Fowler arrested when she reached Pendleton.

"The auditor's report makes three charges, that Mrs. Fowler converted to her own use some $13,000 of cash items, that she illegally withdrew and converted to her own use some $39,000 of funds in depository banks, and that there was a shrinkage of some $59,000 in bonds owned by the city, a total of more than $112,000 unaccounted for.

"We will prove that the $13,000 was paid out by Mrs. Fowler on city debts and that she did not convert a penny of it to her own use, that she did not draw any of the $39,000 from the banks for her own use."

Hess Ridicules "Shrinkage Item"

Mr. Hess ridiculed the $59,000 bond shrinkage item, declaring that he did not know what it meant but there was no loss to the city on any bonds due to any wrongful acts of Mrs. Fowler. He contends that the entire loss is a technical bookkeeping deficit and that no city money has been criminally withdrawn from the city treasury.

Mr. Hess was several times interrupted by state counsel, Mr. Helm and Mr. Smith, who declared that he was arguing instead of outlining his case and that he was assuming the nature of the state's case and denying it, whereas Mr. Smith said he was misinformed about how the state would go about proving the shortage. Judge Lusk warned Mr. Hess to confine himself to statements of evidence but permitted him to proceed.

Helm Presents Summary

Mr. Helm presented the jury with a summary of the auditor's report, showing Mrs. Fowler to be short $112,202.02 which he said the state would prove beyond question, item by item through testimony from the depository banks and from the defendant's own records.

In brief, his contentions are, that La Grande had on hand in cash as shown by bank statements as of January 1, 1929 of $60,622.88, that it received during 1929 $276,555.41, during 1930 $260,552.91 and for the first month of 1931 $11,635.68, a total of charges for which the treasurer must account of $615,366.88, that the records show disbursements of $245,061.77 in 1929, $217,939.35 in 1930 and $23,439.05 in January, 1931 for a total of $487,440.17, leaving a total of $127,926.71 that should have been on hand February 3, 1931. In stead of this figure Mrs. Fowler actually had on hand that date so far as she has been able to show only $15,724.69, or $112,202.02 less than she should have had, he asserted.

The jury as finally constituted is as follows:

F. C. Relling, Haines; George Carnes, North Powder; J. H. B. Harrington, Baker; Fred Makinson, Halfway; H. E. Hendryx, Baker; Mike Mulvahill, Newbridge; Jack McCorkle, Bridgeport; Rimbol Young, Sumpter; L. R. Harris, McEwan; E. B. Graves, Durkee; Mort Neil, Haines; H. T. Babcock, Richland.

WOMAN TRIED TO SUICIDE, IS TESTIMONY

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attle on the previous Jan. 13. It was Mrs. Bowles' birthday. From their hotel room Mrs. Bowles put in a telephone call to Bowles' office in Portland.

"Did she get him?" the defense attorney asked. The witness answered in the affirmative.

"What was her condition at that time?"

"She was hysterical and sobbing. She was upset."

"At that time did she say anything about doing away with herself," the attorney asked.

"She didn't say anything to me," Mrs. Glover replied, "but she said something over the phone."

"What did she do following the conversation—did she try to jump out of the window?"

Tells of Attempt

"I went to the bathroom," Mrs. Glover said, "for a drink of water. When I came out she was trying to raise the window. I took her away and put her to bed."

On re-direct examination Mowry mentioned the nail file episode more in detail. Mrs. Glover said the wound was not serious and had not bled, and that after she had taken the file from her sister's hand, Mrs. Bowles promised she would not try again to take her own life.

G. F. Stevenson, who lives next door to Miss Loucks' apartment in which Mrs. Bowles died, testified that after the ambulance left with the woman's body he saw two men standing on the curb, one holding a woman's coat over his arm. He said the coat was similar to Mrs. Bowles' coat but he could not positively identify it as such.

Asked to describe the man holding the coat, Stevenson said he was "short, stock, about 185 pounds." He knew Bowles by sight and he knew Dr. Paul B. Cooper who attended the woman, but said these men resembled neither the millionaire nor the physician.

Two Deny Statemenas

Questioning by the prosecution followed the theory of the state that W. H. Cullers, business associate of Bowles, and Cullers' chauffeur, R. D. Shelley, visited the apartment before going to the mortuary to which Mrs. Bowles' body was taken. Both Cullers and Shelley deny they went to the place. Dr. Cooper contends he carried the woman's coat from the apartment.

In a statement made after the tragedy Dr. Cooper said he telephoned Cullers shortly after the stabbing. Cullers, he declared, was among the first to reach the mortuary after the body arrived. Both Cullers and Shelley are held as material witnesses under bail of $2500 each.

Mrs. Howard Testifies

Sensational evidence expected from the state's "mystery witness," Mrs. H. W. Howard, failed to materialize when Mrs. Howard took the stand yesterday.

Mrs. Howard testified that Mrs. Bowles called her about 8:30 a. m. last November 12, the day Mrs. Bowles died in Miss Loucks' apartment and that she would meet her later in the forenoon. Before noon, however, Mrs. Bowles was dead.

Mrs. Howard allegedly was the object of two murderous attacks after it became known she might testify in the Bowles case. In the first attack she was severely beaten while the second time she was slugged and stabbed, she told police. Her unidentified assailants escaped and Mrs. Howard was put under police guard. Police escorted her to court here yesterday.

One of the state's chief witnesses yet uncalled, it has been intimated, is Dr. Paul B. Cooper, who was called to Miss Loucks' apartment after Mrs. Bowles was stabbed. Police allege he has told two different stories in connection with the case, saying Mrs. Bowles lived only a few minutes after he arrived and later stating she lived about 20 minutes.

The defense will try to show Mrs. Bowles killed herself when she learned of the intimacy existing between her husband and his former secretary.

Camp Fire Girls Sponsors Plan Week's Program

The board of sponsors of the Camp Fire Girls, of which Dr. Margaret Ingle is chairman, met last night at the La Grande hotel to discuss plans for the forthcoming Camp Fire anniversary week which starts Sunday, March 22 and to enlarge the board of sponsors.

New members on the board are:

R. J. Green, Mrs. H. E. Dixon, Mrs. E. D. Towler, Mrs. L. Paus, Mrs. J. K. Wright, Mrs. L. A. Bohnenkamp, Oscar Warnock, H. E. Coolidge, Harry Zurbrick, Chester Thompson, Mrs. Lester Stoddard, Mrs. S. F. Andrews, Mrs. R. C. Alexander, Mrs. Louis Wetzel, Mrs. O. B. Maxam, Mrs. J. R. Williamson, Mrs. O. C. Fleshman, Mrs. Lee Bouvy, Hal Bohnenkamp, Mrs. J. L. McPherson, Mrs. Renwick Clark, Mrs. E. A. McEachran, Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, Kate Houx, Herbert Evans, Mrs. Ralph Byers, Mrs. J. J. Foley, Mrs. Dick Lindsay, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. D. B. Mosby, Otis Palmer, Mrs. M. R. Sarvis, Mrs. Fred Henning, Mrs. F. R. Finlay, E. B. Kendrick, Bess Duke, Mrs. J. R. Rhodes, Hugh Brady, Dr. F. L. Ralston, Myrtle Whitmore.

E. O. N. OPERETTA BEGINS THURSDAY

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morning at 8 o'clock at the Glass Drug company.

But one can't be "All at Sea" all the time the directors state, so poets, shepherds, even the mikado of Japan are brought into the operetta to chase away the frignt caused by the pirate king, the terrible chief of the pirates of Penzance.

Skit Given at L. H. S.

A skit from the operetta was produced at the high school today in which Austin, a police sergeant of the metropolitan force; three little maids, Jimmy Nelson, Grace Herr and Mildred French; Harvey Carter, the Lord Chancellor; Kermit Estes, as Captain Concoran, appeared, and at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a matinee performance is being produced for the grade school children. The singers were accompanied by Miss Lola Gooding when they sang at the high school.

The action all centers around the ship Pinafore and the direction is in charge of Miss Jennie Peterson, director of music; Miss Lena Foley, dramatic director; Miss Caroline Williams, art director, with Roy Skeen, instructor at the Normal school, assisting.

A full dress rehearsal is being held this evening and will find Kermit Ragain in the leading singing part, portraying that of a shepherd; Emmett Gray, in the leading male role and the captain of the ship Pinafore, and Alice Inlow as the leading lady and Josephine, the captain's daughter.

Well Known Characters

From the operettas "H. M. S. Pinafore," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Patience," "The Mikado," and "Iolanthe" are brought such well-known characters as Sir Joseph Porter, first lord of the admiralty, played by Kermit Estes; Ralph Rackstraw, able seaman, William Caldwell; Dick Deadeye, boatswain, and probably the original Deadeye, Charles McLin. Jack Lloyd brings back to life the Pirate King, while Edwin Rogers is Pooh-Bah, the great and versatile character; and Albert McCoy is his royal highness, Mikado of Japan.

The Lord Chancellor is portrayed by Harvey Carter, and there's Koko, the lord high executioner, Dallas Norton; Little Buttercup, who "sings up a trade," Kathryn Metcalf, and many others, including a full chorus the ship's crew; bold, bad pirates; the inevitable sisters, cousins, and aunts, and the fairies.

KIDDLE ECKLEY, EBERHARD SPEAK AT FORUM LUNCH

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must be licensed and pay so much per horsepower. The second gives districts the right to go into municipal light and power projects.

He also mentioned the new rules of the road law, which removes the 35-miles-an-hour speed limit, but puts a more severe penalty on reckless driving.

Senator Eberhard also mentioned his efforts concerning the emergency board as of being of some avail in securing important changes that three state officials—"spending officials"—from the emergency board and replaced them with legislators.

Eckley Speaks

Representative ckley, the last speaker, also spoke of taxes briefly, pointing out that another measure that would bring aid was the legislation repealing all penalties and interest on delinquent taxes. Now if taxes are delinquent, one does not pay any penalties, only the regular eight per cent interest.

In reference to appropriations, he pointed out that the La Grande armory bill passed the house 39 to 20 and the senate 20 to 10, but that it was vetoed by the governor. The appropriation for the training school did not encounter so much opposition in the legislature and it received the governor's signature.

Appoint Committee

President McKinlay, following a motion, appointed Dr. Ray Murphy, A. W. Nelson and Charles Playle to draft resolutions of condolence to be presented to Dr. W. T. Phy's son, expressing the chamber's sympathy with him in his bereavement.

A letter from Mr. Ide, of the state chamber, relative to whether this county will aid in continuing a bureau in California—part of whose efforts are for land settlement and part for the building up of tourist traffic—resulted in referring the matter to the board of directors.

SNOWDEN UNDERGOES OPERATION

TILFORD, Eng., Mar. 17 (AP) — A successful operation was performed yesterday on Philip Snowden, chancellor of the exchequer, who has been seriously ill with cystitis, a bladder ailment.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Mar. 17 (AP) — Cattle 50, calves 10; cows and heifers uneven; bulls and calves steady; steers barely steady to weaker. Steers 600-900 pounds good $7.75@$8.00, medium $7.00@$7.75, common $6.00@$7.00; 900-1100 lbs. good $7.50@$7.75, medium $6.75@$7.50, common $5.00@$6.75; 1100-1300 lbs. good $7.00@$7.50, medium $6.50@$7.00. Heifers 550-800 lbs. good $7.25@$7.50, medium $6.25@$7.25, common 5.00@$6.25. Cows, good $5.75@$6.25, common and medium $5.00@$5.75, low cutter and cutter $3.00@$5.50. Bulls (yearlings excluded) $5.00@$5.75, cutter common and medium $3.50@$5.00. Vealers, milk fed $10.00@$11.00, medium $8.50@$10.00, cull and common $5.50@$8.50. Calves 250-500 lbs. good and choice $8.50@$10.00, common and medium $5.00@$8.50.

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Sheep 100, ewes 25 cents higher. Lambs 90 lbs. down $6.75@$7.00, medium $6.00@$6.75, all weights, common $5.00@$6.00. Yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. $4.00@$6.00. Ewes 90-120 lbs. $3.50@$4.25; 120-150 lbs. $3.00@$4.00, all weights, cull and common $1.50@$3.00.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Mar. 17 (AP) — Wheat close: May 58⅛; July 58⅝; October 61⅝.

Cash: No. 1 hard 56⅝; No. 1 northern 56⅛; No. 2 northern 53⅞; No. 3 northern 49⅜.

PORTLAND CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 17 (AP)—Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem 67c.
Soft white 66c.
Western white 66c.
Hard winter 63c.
Northern spring 63c.
Western red 63c.
Oats: No. 2-38 lb. white $20.00.
Today's car receipts: wheat 11; barley 1; flour 2; corn 3; hay 1.

This Game Of Golf

By O. B. Keeler

Speaking of rules, which we do occasionally, the golfing authorities and critics of the United States and Britain will watch with a good deal of interest Germany's somewhat radical move in abolishing the stymie in match play—for an experimental year, after which a permanent decision is expected.

This, to my way of thinking, is to be scored as a point for the methodical Germans. It seems to me they have, in this instance, rather outthought both the Royal and Ancient Golf club, which has stood pat steadfastly for generations, and the United States Golf association, which tried an experiment in the way of a compromise back in 1921, which turned out to be anything but a noble one.

Is There A Rule?

I remember as if it were yesterday a discussion which arose in the dining room of the St. Louis Country club, during the national amateur championship of that year—1921. Finally Francis Ouimet turned to me—the debate was at his table—and inquired helplessly, "O. B., is there any stymie rule now?"

My recollection of the curious muddle which doubtless influenced the Evans-Guilford match in the semi-finals is that the compromise of 1921 provided that when a player laid an opponent a stymie the opponent could concede the ball holed at the next shot and so get it out of his way—could give him the putt, in a word.

I saw Evans, fighting desperately in the rain and over soggy turf against the powerful Siege Gun of Boston, left at the fifteenth green of the morning round with a putt of not more than two feet, perfectly stymied by Guilford's ball.

Chick Forgets

As Chick stooped down to study the position I caught myself wondering, "Great Scott—is Chick going to try to play that stymie with the idea that Guilford may miss a six-inch putt for the half?"

And Chick did try to play it, missed and picked up Guilford's ball and handed it to him, losing the hole.

I asked Chick about it later.

"Honestly, I was so confused about that new stymie compromise," said he, "that I forgot whether I could give Jess the putt or not. Rather, I wasn't sure—and I didn't like to ask if it wasn't all right to do it. So I went ahead and tried to play the stymie."

The Germans seem to me to be right about it. No compromise—simply no stymies for a year and see how it works.

I never have liked the stymie. To employ two borrowed definitions or explanations of the position—one from Linde Fowler and one from Ellsworth Giles, made nearly a decade ago:

"Laying a stymie is the undeserved reward of missing a putt."

That is obvious. If you hole your putt you don't lay a stymie. And the other:

"The stymie causes a competitor to negotiate a hazard that was not on the course when the match started."

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