

LOCAL BRIEFS

To Baker—Officers and the members of the advisory board of the Rainbow girls plan to attend a meeting in Baker tomorrow evening.

Meeting—The Presbyterian Men's club was entertained by Lee Reynolds, 408 N. avenue, Wednesday evening. Albert De Wel, of the commercial department of the high school, spoke on "Banking Through the Ages." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Reynolds to 18 guests. A. J. Cook will entertain on April 9.

Visit Here—Paul Banta, Frank McCulloch, and Elaine Hallock, attorneys of Baker, are here today in the case of the state ex. rel. Fred Perry vs. O. B. Mount.

From Walla Walla—Mr. McLean, city engineer of Walla Walla, and Benny Nelson, assistant engineer, were in La Grande yesterday inspecting the sewage disposal plant and the airport.

To Attend Funeral—Several La Grande people expect to go to Portland today to attend the funeral of Dr. Robert C. Ellsworth, who died Tuesday at the Veterans' hospital. His funeral will be held tomorrow. Mr. Ellsworth is the senior vice commander in chief and department commander of Oregon of the United Spanish American War Veterans.

At Home—Mrs. H. P. Lewis returned yesterday from Rupert, Idaho, where she has spent the past two months visiting with her son, Press Lewis.

Home From College—Nylle Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lewis, is spending the next few days at the home of his parents. He is a freshman at the University of Oregon, where spring vacation is being held.

Operation—Harold Hursch, of Huntington, who has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. John J. McClain and Mrs. Conrad Niederer, was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital Wednesday for a sinus operation. He is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

In Pendleton—Jack Ferris, of this city, Lions club district governor, was in Pendleton yesterday and attended the weekly luncheon of the Pendleton organization. He conducted a round-table discussion of club attendance and activities, and explained some of the plans being formed for the state convention of the Lions to be held here in June.

On Business—Earl West and Mrs. Charles Pedicord, of Baker, were in La Grande yesterday on business.

At Home—Dolph Siegrist, who is a freshman at the University of Oregon this year, arrived in La Grande yesterday to spend a few days with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Siegrist, students at the state university, are having spring vacation until Mar. 30, when the spring term begins. Dolph is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the university.



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Wings of the Morning

BAKING POWDER • TEA • SPICES • EXTRACTS

Returns—Mrs. W. C. Perkins, who has spent the winter in California visiting with her mother, her sister and her son, Claire, returned to La Grande yesterday. While in California she spent her time visiting in Winters, Oakland, Compton and Palo Alto. Claire, who is attending Stanford university, is expected to arrive tonight, accompanied by Bob Stoddard, son of Mrs. Ellen Stoddard, who is also a student at Stanford.

Out-of-Town Guests—Among the out-of-town guests who stopped in La Grande last night were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. J. C. H. Gravelly, and John Crow, all of Boise.

Plan Big Meeting—At a meeting of the Eagles lodge last night plans were made for a big meeting next Thursday evening at the Eagles hall, when lodge members from Pendleton and Baker will be in La Grande. Ed. Bigelow, deputy grand worthy president, of Kamela, will be a guest at the meeting and the "feed" which is to follow.

Story Hour—Mrs. R. L. Sken will tell the stories of "The Lazy Camel" and "The Little Prince" at the children's hour at the library Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Attends Funeral—Floyd McKennon, formerly of La Grande but now of Portland, was in La Grande the first of the week to attend the funeral services for Dr. William T. Phipps, who died last Saturday. Mr. McKennon also visited with many friends and former acquaintances while in the city. He returned yesterday to his home in Portland.

On Business—Charles Hurrell came to this city from Portland yesterday to transact business in La Grande.

Stop Here—Kent Shoemaker, of Salem, head of the state traffic department, Lieutenant C. L. Lieualien, and Sergeant J. A. Robertson, of Pendleton, stopped in La Grande Wednesday evening while on a tour of inspection in this section. They were accompanied by T. Ray Conway, head of the public relations department of the Oregon State Motor association, and also by Officer Amos Helms, of this city.

Home From College—Ken Siegrist, who is a senior at the University of Oregon, arrived in La Grande this morning to spend the spring vacation with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siegrist. He expects to be in this city for about a week before returning to Eugene.

House Guest—Miss Betty Barnes, of Oakland, Cal., is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siegrist during the coming week. Miss Barnes is a student at the University of Oregon. She arrived this morning.

Visits Parents—Larry Bay arrived in La Grande last night to spend the vacation with his parents. Larry accompanied Ken Siegrist and the two started from Eugene, where they attend the University of Oregon, yesterday morning, stopped at Portland and at Multnomah Falls and other scenic places along the highway, driving on in to La Grande last night.

Elks to End Year—The Elks lodge met last night at the Temple for a regular business meeting. The next meeting on March 26 will end the lodge year. The first meeting of next month, on April 2, will feature installation of new officers.

Visit Here—Mr. and Mrs. Grant Geddes, of Oklahoma, are visiting relatives in La Grande for a few days. They recently visited with Walter Grant, his brother, in Baker. Grant Geddes is a former resident of La Grande.

Returns—Walter Parker, of Portland, who formerly owned a great deal of property in La Grande, but who sold it when he moved to Portland, is in La Grande for a visit with friends and to transact business. He returned to his home in Portland yesterday.

Visits Daughter—Mrs. John Hall is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Coles, in Haines, Ore. She has been extensively entertained during her stay in the neighboring town.

Church Service—All of the services from now until Easter at the Central Church of Christ will be of a nature which point forward to Christianity. At 11 o'clock service the pastor will speak from the topic, "God's Warning Signal." The choir will sing, "Not Ashamed of Jesus." At 6:30 p. m. the Christian Endeavor societies and adult prayer group meet.

At 7:30 the evening service will be conducted along evangelistic lines. The orchestra will play a short prelude to the song service, followed by which the pastor will use for an evening topic, "The Closed Mind." There will be a baptismal service at the close of the regular evening service. The church school meets at 9:45 a. m. with Miss Dorothy Smutz in charge.

Traffic Accident—Cars driven by Mrs. P. R. Finlay and Earl Bryant figured in a minor traffic accident at Pennsylvania and Second yesterday afternoon. No one was hurt.

PERRY PERSONALS

By Mrs. LaVon Pierson (Observer Correspondent)
PERRY, Ore. (Special)—Since the post office has been discontinued here the people signed a petition for a rural route but until further arrangements are made the residents of Perry are driving to La Grande for their mail.

Alfred Matheson, of La Grande, who has been ill in the hospital for several weeks, is staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Matheson, for the present.

Jimmy Blanchamp left for Hood River last week where he has employment.

Clara Carlsen and Mrs. Art Whitman, of Fox Hill, were visitors here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pierson and daughter visited at the home of Mrs. T. E. Pierson, of La Grande, one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kelley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Horstman, of Kamela, Friday night.

Miss Bernice O'Neil, who has been working in La Grande the last few weeks, has returned home.

Mrs. J. Weimer and daughter, Verna, of Five Points, and Mrs. Leonard Ferguson, of Pendleton, visited at

the home of Mrs. Stephen Proctor recently.

William C. Perkins, a new resident of Perry, started to school Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Matheson were guests at a card party at the Goodwill home in May Park Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah O'Neil and daughter, Lois, were Sunday guests at the P. T. O'Neil home in La Grande.

The cast was taken from Dix Rogers last Tuesday but it will be a week or two longer before he can return to school.

Golden King has been a guest at the Bob Myrick home for the last week.

Freddy Lyell, of La Grande, was a Perry visitor Sunday.

Leo Lockman was confined to his bed for a few days due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Evans and children, of La Grande, and Mrs. S. U. Evans, of Oro del, were guests at the Goodwill home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Pierson and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pierson and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pierson Sunday evening.

Joe Walmer has returned to his home in Pasadena after a visit of several months with his sister, Mrs. O'Neil, and mother, Mrs. Rose Walmer, of La Grande.

Mrs. Ethel Hatch and son, Harold and Evelyn Clark, of La Grande, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Canan Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pierson were guests of Mrs. T. E. Pierson in La Grande Monday evening.

Mrs. Lola Kelley and Mrs. Alvah O'Neil visited with Mrs. O'Neil at the hospital Monday evening. Miss O'Neil was returned to her home Tuesday night from the hospital where she has been for two days due to injuries received in an accident in which the car was overturned.

She is recovering nicely but will be confined to her home for a few weeks.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Mar. 20 (A)—Wheat close: May 58½ bid; July 60½; October 62½.

Cash: No. 1 hard 57½; No. 1 northern 57½; No. 2 northern 54½; No. 3 northern 50½.

Business at Bend On The Increase

BEND, Ore. (A)—Business conditions in Bend are showing a marked improvement, a recent survey indicates. Both of the city's lumber mills have opened, running full six-day shifts. Road construction both on the highways and on forest roads has called many men into employment.

The new schools are being constructed. The new school athletic field on The Dalles-California highway is being graded and plans are being completed for building a cinder track on the field.

The recently announced million dollar plan for construction and the opening of the gas plant promises future employment for many who were without work most of the winter.

Work was started early in the month on a \$15,000 mortuary chapel, and excavations were made for a new apartment house.

ANOTHER CENT SLASHED FROM PRICE OF GAS

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19 (A)—Another cut of one cent a gallon on gasoline was put into effect yesterday by Standard Stations, Inc., retailing subsidiary of Standard Oil Company of California in the San Francisco Bay area, Fresno, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland.

The cut, a spokesman for the company said, was made because competitors were underselling Standard stations. No change was made in tank wagon prices of gasoline.

The cut will bring the retail price of gasoline in the San Francisco area, in Seattle, Tacoma and Fresno to 12 cents a gallon and 15½ cents in Portland.

Independent stations in San Francisco were selling gasoline as low as 9 cents with indications even further cuts might be made.

Vancouver Marks 106th Anniversary

VANCOUVER, Wash. Mar. 20 (A)—This city celebrated its 106th anniversary yesterday.

Vancouver was founded by John McLaughlin who laid plans for Port Vancouver and established a trading post for the Hudson's Bay company in March, 1825, about a mile east of the present city's business section.

The city was named in honor of the English explorer, George Vancouver, who made an exploring cruise up the Columbia in 1792.

Unemployed Girls Lived on Bananas

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (A)—If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, "What will bananas do?" They kept away hunger for eight unemployed girls, says Miss Frances Perkins, state labor chief, in an appeal for funds. Finding that ten cents worth of bananas satisfied them more than any other food, they divided the fruit into equal parts and each took five inches for her daily meal.

Three Unidentified Men Burn Crosses On Woman's Limbs

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 19 (A)—A woman who gave her name as Florence Chavez, 22, was found wandering on a road early yesterday, hysterical from an accident in which three men used a cigar lighter to sear her arms and legs with crosses.

Physicians said the crosses were about four inches long and had been burned deeply into her flesh. They said she will recover.

She told police she had received a letter from a man named "Joe," instructing her to meet him at an address for information about her fiancé, Jacob Solomon. She said she went to the address and after waiting some time, an automobile containing three men drove up. She said they leaped out, gagged her and put her in the automobile, driving to a river where they tore the clothes off her arms and legs and seared them with the lighter.

They left her near the river bed, she said, and as they drove away, one shouted: "If Jacob stays away from Concha Flores, you won't be bothered any more." She said she was unable to identify the assailants and police began a search for Miss Flores in hope of finding a cause for the attack and the identities of the men.

Co-eds at a New York university may win athletic credits by pushing baby carriages. Doesn't this come under the head of bawling exercise?

BAKER ADVANCES IN TOURNAMENT

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Tillamook at 7:30 tonight to reach the semi-finals in the consolation series. Tillamook was previously beaten by Pendleton, while Salem put Myrtle Point down in the first game for these schools. Baker is hoped to have little difficulty in winning from Tillamook tonight.

Baker took the first lead in the game today, but by the time the period had ended, Ashland had tied the score 7 to 7. At the start of the second period, Ashland took the lead and then either held it or played in the position until the last three minutes. With this time left, Baker was 3 points behind. Then O'Neil of Baker got away and along with Eddy, center, they forced their team into the lead. O'Neil then threw another field goal putting three points between them. There was but a minute and a half left to play. Gill, fast Ashland guard, cornered the next goal after which Baker regained possession of the ball and held it for a few seconds until the gun was fired.

Howell Held Down
Howell, Ashland Center and leading scorer of the tournament, was only able to add three points to his 38, bringing the total to 41. O'Neil of Baker, second in the scoring list, added a total of 20 points. Gill of Ashland shared honors with O'Neil today, while Eddy, Baker center, played his best game for Eastern Oregon.

The summary of the Baker-Ashland game:

	Bk.	Fr.	Pf.
Baker (23)	4	2	0
O'Neil, f.	2	0	2
Eddy, c.	3	0	3
McKim, g.	1	1	2
Bigley, g.	0	0	2

	Totals	Bk.	Fr.	Pf.
Ashland (22)	10	3	10	3
Reeder, f.	2	0	0	
Gill, f.	1	0	2	
Howell, c.	1	0	0	
Gill, g.	4	2	1	
Mabbot, g.	0	1	0	

Totals 9 4 3

SOULE LAST WITNESS FOR MRS. FOWLER

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BAKER, Ore., March 20 (A)—With more than \$12,000 of La Grande city funds yet unaccounted for, the defense rested today in the trial of Mrs. Emma Fowler, 50, former city treasurer, charged with larceny of public funds.

Rebuttal testimony and arguments to the jury were to follow the noon recess. The case was expected to go to the jury early tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Fowler, city treasurer of La Grande for more than ten years, admitted that she had taken \$12,000 from the city funds, but she insisted that the sum of \$12,000 must be accounted for before the books will balance.

The principal defense witness was J. L. Soule, public accountant of Baker, who contended Mrs. Fowler paid out in January, 1929, \$50,115.10, and credited on her books that month. He said this reduced her shortage by that amount.

In cross-examination, however, the state forced Soule to admit Mrs. Fowler had taken credit for the item in December, before it actually was paid, and therefore was not entered on her books that month. The only effect of the testimony was to show there probably was a \$50,000 shortage at the end of 1928. Since the state credited on the cash paid side but was not paid out until the next month, the state contended, Mrs. Fowler actually had a cash balance of \$116,000 instead of \$66,000 on Dec. 31, 1928.

Soule said the treasurer's books were out of balance \$137,000 in 1924, but admitted on cross-examination that if Mrs. Fowler had securities in that amount at that time the books would have been in balance.

Agrees With States
Soule claimed all monies received in the past 25 months by Mrs. Fowler were accounted for, but on cross-examination agreed with the state that the prosecution figures disclosing \$45,579 unaccounted for in this period were correct.

After Attorney Allan A. Smith, co-prosecutor with Carl Heim, district attorney for Union county, had concluded his Thursday afternoon cross examination of Mrs. Fowler, Henry Hess, defense counsel, took the witness for a recess and asked her if she understood her admission to Smith just before the noon recess, that she or someone must account to the city of La Grande for \$112,202.02 to make the books balance to mean an actual cash shortage and she said she did not understand the question to mean that somebody must put up money or bonds to square matters.

She then said that the item of \$112,252 written by herself and left in her office by an automobile slip as "credits to come in bonds, coupons and credits from bank" was "only a working slip" and "didn't signify a thing" though it was the exact

amount of the alleged shortage as disclosed by the audit later made by Council J. Ham of Portland except for a \$50 error Ham found in her books. "It didn't mean a thing to me," she testified.

Reiterates Denial
Mrs. Fowler said that she had less than \$400 in personal cash when she went to Pendleton February 3 and repeatedly denied ever having taken any money belonging to the city of La Grande. She broke down for a moment on two occasions in yesterday's examination but quickly dried her eyes and recovered her composure.

Ward Fowler, husband of the defendant, was questioned by Attorney Hess on certain phases of the case late yesterday and cross examined by A. A. Smith of the prosecution more sharply perhaps than any other witness has been throughout the case.

Mr. Fowler told the jury that he was on his way to Portland with his wife because she wanted to get some books belonging to the city and that he went because he wanted to see the grievance chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in regard to getting back on the railroad where he had not had a job since December, 1929. He told of the arrest in Pendleton and denied as did both Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fowler of Pendleton that Mrs. Emma Fowler had made any remark about "doing my job" in the presence of Mrs. Gurdane there as Mrs. Gurdane previously testified.

Admits Kind of Car
After learning that Mr. Fowler had not worked for more than a year Mr. Smith asked on cross examination "what kind of a car do you drive?" The answer "Lincoln" was out of Mr. Fowler's mouth before a spirited objection from Mr. Hess cut off the line of questioning.

Mr. Smith hammered Mr. Fowler hard on the matter of whether his wife had city bonds with her when they went to Pendleton. He denied it, then qualified by saying that he had not seen any bonds, had not been told of any and heard no conversations concerning any. Smith claimed that conversations concerning bonds in Mrs. Fowler's possession occurred with Deputy Sheriff Gurdane in Mr. Fowler's presence but he never got to admit this.

He did lead Mr. Fowler to say that he did not go to his wife's assistance while she was being questioned by La Grande city officials in Pendleton the night of her arrest because he was afraid his presence in the room would "make her nervous" but he testified that the presence of the officials would not.

Attempts by the defense to question Miss Ruth Burns, employe in the city treasurer's office at La Grande, and Mrs. Harry Turner, a neighbor of the defendant, about conversations with Mrs. Fowler were blocked by state objections that such evidence was not material to the case.

The court room was crowded again yesterday afternoon and there was a group in the corridor awaiting entrance at all times. Persons on the outside were allowed to get in only when someone left, which was not often.

J. L. Soule, public accountant of Baker, called by the defense, testified that he was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1890 and has practiced his profession since then, with a railroad and affiliated lumber interests until 1918, since then for the public.

Mr. Soule said he was called into the case to examine the city books and that by such examination he found no money received by Mrs. Fowler that were not accounted for and no disbursements, and he said he examined many checks, which were not for bona fide city obligations.

Mr. Soule testified, however, that the books were in a bad jumble and were "about the worst set of books I have looked into in many years." In contrast with Auditor Ham employed by the city who previously testified that he had never seen a better kept set of books.

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