

STOCK SHOW PLANS MADE AT MEETING

Directors for 1931 Elected
at Session Held in
Union City Hall.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT, SPEAKERS STATE

Show Will be Held During
the Second Week of
June—Elected Officers
Wednesday Night.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
UNION, Ore., Mar. 24 (Special)—With more enthusiasm exhibited than for many years, the 23rd annual Eastern Oregon Livestock show got off to a running start last night with the holding of the first meeting of the association.

The largest crowd in several years gathered at such a meeting met at the city hall, discussed the 1931 show from every angle, and elected directors for the year. Directors followed: C. I. Hesa, Union; P. B. Conner, La Grande; Robert Withycombe, M. S. Levy, T. T. Cook and C. L. Cadwell, Union; H. E. Bidwell, North Lowell; Herbert Chandler, Baker, and T. B. Johnson, Cove. The directors will meet Wednesday night of this week at the Union hotel and elect officers. Mr. Cadwell is the retiring president.

All sections of the county were represented at the session last night.

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THOMPSON IS GIVEN YEAR IN STATE PRISON

Sheriff Breshears left late this morning to take Thompson and Sinclair to the penitentiary and training school, respectively.

Seventeen hours after two youths, Lamont Thompson, 20, and George Sinclair, 17, were arrested near the Pay 'n' Takt store on Adams avenue, Thompson had been sentenced to a year in the state penitentiary, and officers were planning to take Sinclair to the state reformatory, to remain there until he is 21 years of age.

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Sheriff Jesse Breshears was expected to take the two to the penal institutions within a day or so.

MEN ORGANIZE CHURCH CLUB MONDAY NIGHT

About 50 men gathered around the banquet table at the Christian church at 8:30 o'clock last night and organized a Men's Brotherhood club. Permanent officers of the club were elected as follows: J. H. Blunt, president; Dr. McPherson, vice president, and Dr. Smuts, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Blunt and Dr. McPherson have charge of the program and Rev. Mr. Trimble, pastor of the Baker Christian church, was the speaker, talking along lines of men's opportunity for active, progressive work in the world today. A men's quartet, Mr. Williams, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Rogers, sang two numbers and talks were made by several.

Regular meetings with banquet and program will be held each month. The program will consist of special music, readings, addresses, etc. Outside speakers as well as local talent will be used on the program. Dr. McPherson is head of the program committee.

The banquet was served by the women of the church.

Negro In Jail On Open Charge Today

A negro, whose name was not mentioned in the police records this morning but who was held in jail on an open charge, was arrested by the night police last night and will be charged with disorderly conduct, according to Police Chief A. C. Haynes.

The officers state that the negro, known to them as "Peg-Leg," was drunk, disorderly and using obscene language.

According to police records, the man was arrested at Fourth and Adams. He is alleged to have pulled another negro from his bed and chased him from Fourth and Jefferson to the postoffice, where he overtook him. When arrested he was leading him home, and officers declare he was threatening the other man—attired only in his nightclothes—with a knife.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Generally fair but with some cloudiness tonight and Wednesday.

Warmer in the east portion tonight.

Moderate west and northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—34 above.
Minimum: 30 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 34, minimum 26 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER MAR. 24, 1930
Maximum 58, minimum 35 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .04 of an inch.

Unit Celebrates 7th Anniversary At Banquet Meet

Company E, 186th Infantry
Dines at Sacajawea
—Men Will go to Camp
on June 8.

Company E of the 186th Infantry, Oregon national guard, celebrated its seventh anniversary last night with a banquet and program at the Sacajawea Inn.

Nearly all members of the company, consisting of 60 men and three officers, and about a score invited guests, also Headquarters company of Union, were in attendance. Besides the Union and La Grande companies, the officers of the La Grande companies, headed by Captain Baker, were present.

Lieutenant Jesse Andrews, second in command of the company, presided as toastmaster and called on Vincent and Paul Newlin, first class privates, for a piano duet. The two were applauded vigorously and responded with a encore number.

Norman Desler gave a humorous talk entitled "How I Won the War," but afterwards there was some argument as to whether his explanation was satisfactory. Company E's quarters, consisting of the Newlin twins, Bob Ward and Kermit Raglan, sang two numbers, and Corporal Raglan and Alvin M. True, private first class, played an instrumental duet.

Coolidge Telle of 188.

H. E. Coolidge gave an interesting, reminiscent talk entitled "Incidents of Army Life of '98," and he also expressed the wish that he has in the company. Captain W. A. Bean spoke briefly, mentioning the coming encampment at Camp Clatsop and also praising the personnel of the company for its character. He also called attention to the number of cups won by the company for marksmanship, etc.

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Huron spoke on "National Defense," saying that the national guard would, in times of war, be of the first line of defense. He also commented on previous military records of the unit.

The program closed with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." The menu consisted of oyster cocktail, Swiss steak, cream gravy, French fried potatoes, peas, fruit salad, hot rolls, ice cream and cake, and coffee.

Camp Dates

Camp dates this year are from June 8 to 24, which means that Company E will entrain Monday evening, June 9, arriving in Portland for the summer camp.

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Cattle Quarrel Ends In Death Of Montgomery

ENTERPRISE, Ore., March 24 (Special)—A cattle quarrel between two young men today resulted in the death of one of the men.

Clevo Montgomery, young cattle man of the Joseph creek country, was shot to death Sunday night in an argument over cattle.

The region, 40 or 50 miles north of here, is practically isolated, and the only means of communication is by telephone.

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Grange Favors Ag. Course For La Grande High

By Mrs. Charles Spencer
(Observer Correspondent)

GRANGE HALL (Special)—At the regular meeting held Saturday, Blue Mountain grange voted in favor of backing a movement to add to the curriculum of La Grande high school. Several important resolutions submitted by the committee of the grange made up of Frank Wright, Mrs. Walter Pierce and Mrs. W. F. Geikeler were adopted and will be introduced at Pomona grange which will be held Saturday at Pleasant Grove.

Two committee chairmen who will head the departments of the Blue Mountain grange exhibit at the fair to be held in La Grande this fall, were appointed. A. E. Hug was asked to be general supervisor and Mrs. Charles Spencer was appointed to head the committee of the fancy work department.

The following St. Patrick's program was presented by Mrs. B. B. Baker: "Roll call. 'My favorite Irish joke,' two violin numbers by Fern Dunbar and Muriel."

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Deer Numerous, Peterson States

Deer are so numerous in the breaks of the North Fork of the John Day river that they are eating the grass as fast as it grows, reports J. L. Peterson, associate range examiner of the Whitman forest.

On the section he counted 400 deer in two and a half days, as well as the carcasses of nine yearling fawns, apparently killed by coyotes. The Petersons are considering the land between the Whitman and Umatilla forests for additional winter and spring range for deer. The area contains about 60,000 acres.

Lions Consider Membership Plans

Routine business and membership were considered at last night's meeting of the Lions club held in the Sacajawea Inn. Jack Ferris, district governor, read a letter from international headquarters, stating that April 19 to 25 would be observed as membership week.

This was followed by a round-table discussion of plans to increase the membership of the club.

Both President L. L. Snodgrass and Secretary Harold Boone were absent.

President E. D. Towler presided.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO GO TO CORVALLIS

Musicians to Compete
Again in State Contest
on Saturday, Apr. 4.

THIRTY MEMBERS WILL MAKE TRIP

La Grande to Play During
Afternoon—Keen Competition
is Expected in
All Classes.

Thirty members of the La Grande high school band have been selected to participate in the state band contest to be held at Corvallis on Saturday, April 4, and W. Nuabum, the local director, stated today that a special U. P. bus will be chartered for the trip.

The group will leave here early Friday morning, April 3, and arrive in Corvallis in the evening. Entertainment will be provided in fraternities and sorority houses on the O. S. U. campus. A meeting of all band directors will be held Friday night, for the purpose of discussing various problems of local and state musical activities.

Competition Saturday

Saturday morning the class B and C bands will compete. At noon a banquet will be served to all bands competing, and at 1:30 the contest for class A bands will begin, drawings having previously been made to determine the order of playing.

The winning band is to play for a radio broadcast in the evening.

The local band members who will make the trip are: Everett Reynolds, Russell Nelson, Robert Eakin, Grace Scully, Wilford Zaugg, William Cook, Jean Devine, Robert Long, Ed Jones, Donald Powell, Marvin Mackey, George Denney, Milton Smith, Earl Ashman, George Wilcox, Roscoe Hurley, Alvin Bork, Dorsey Powell, Ned Jones, Donald Culp, Dale Standley, Jack Denney, Arlo Jones, Paul Finlay, Donald Poirch, Ralph Geibel, Nick Hughes, Packey McFarland, Cecil Black, Lawrence Fillmore. More than half of these students have made the trip to Corvallis before.

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E. O. N. DEBATORS WIN FROM ALBANY

Miss Herr and Miss Hudson Given Decision—
Start Tour Today.

The Eastern Oregon Normal school debate team, consisting of Miss Grace Herr and Miss Lucille Hudson, won a decision here last night over the Albany college affirmative.

Denies Railroads' Extension Request

SALEM, March 24 (AP)—C. M. Thomas, commissioner of public utilities today denied the request of railroads operating in Oregon to extend the time until June for the effectiveness of the new intra-state grain rates.

Representatives of carriers at a hearing held here yesterday.

Thomas last week issued an order in which he refused to extend the time from April 1. Railroad representatives at the hearing urged he reconsider the order on the plea that the companies had not yet been able to prepare the new grain rates, and on the basis that the interstate commerce commission had granted the extension until June. This Thomas refused to do, he announced today.

The records show that extensions have already been granted.

Chief of Police Indicted by Jury

DALLAS, March 24 (AP)—Chief of Police Tany Neufeldt, Dallas, was indicted by the Polk county grand jury on charges of possession of liquor, late yesterday. His bond was placed at \$500. He has served as chief of police of Dallas for the past two years, appointed by the city council.

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EQUALIZATION FEE FAVORED BY LEADERS

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FOLLOWS ACTION OF FARM BOARD

Export Debuture Proponent
Senator Borah,
Promises Agitation For
Next Session.

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—That political oldster — the equalization fee — was back on the doorstep of congress today along with power, unemployment relief measures and demands for a social session.

In the trail of the farm board's announcement that it would not attempt to stabilize the 1931 wheat crop came renewed calls for enactment of the equalization fee. At the same time a special committee inaugurated a campaign for an extra session and representative Laguardia, Republican, New York, presented a program he said must be accepted by the party which organizes the next closely-divided house.

Hardly had the farm board decided not to buy 1931 wheat than two of its advocates, the equalization fee and the export debuture, were polished up and put forward as solutions.

Mexary for Plan

Two Republican leaders in the senate, Watson, of Indiana, and McNary, of Oregon, introduced the equalization fee bill today. McNary was co-author of the fee bill voted by President Coolidge.

An export debuture proponent, Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, who is chairman of a farm relief committee named by the recent Progressive conference, omitted agitation for both plans, but he increased at the next session. Simultaneously, Chester H. Gray, legislative representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, without

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IDE RETIRES; MAY RECEIVE APPOINTMENT

PORTLAND, March 24 (AP)—With the announcement that he planned to retire and "enjoy life," W. G. Ide, manager of the Oregon State chamber of commerce, has submitted his resignation to the board of directors. The resignation will come up for consideration at the annual meeting Thursday.

Ide, active in land settlement in the state, is credited with leadership in the movement that brought 1,003 new families to Oregon. These included 10,000 acres of land, and invested nearly \$4,000,000.

On the heels of Ide's resignation came the resignation of S. E. Seiden, who was being prominently mentioned as being in line for director of the new state agricultural department created by the recent legislature. He reported Governor Meier in the campaign.

Will Investigate Blood-Stained Hoe

HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 24 (AP)—A posse of sheriff's deputies left here today to investigate a report that a blood-stained grubbing hoe upon which human hair was discovered in a shack there.

A hat with a bullet hole through it was found beside the hoe. The shack is on the farm of Edmund Gehrig.

The sheriff expected a report from officers during the afternoon. The men were ordered to search the wooded hills surrounding the farm. The corner said he was positive the blood and hair was from a human being.

Former Oregonian Held In L. A. Jail

LOS ANGELES, March 24 (AP)—George Pierce Tucker, former Oregon auto racer, was being held in jail here today although he had repudiated earlier statements that he intended to him by police in which he was quoted as having confessed he killed Mrs. Emma Kirk, 70-year-old umbrella maker in Washington, D. C., five years ago.

The grand jury of the District of Columbia has taken no action in his case, although police there declare they can identify him.

Last week Tucker voluntarily surrendered to a traffic policeman after telling him his conscience troubled him so much he "couldn't stand it."

Home Consumption Plan Is Presented

ROME, March 24 (AP)—A project to have the United States produce wheat solely for domestic consumption, eliminating wheat exporting, was presented to a preliminary executive meeting of the international grain conference today by John A. Simpson of Oklahoma City, president of the National Farmers' Union.

The conference, which begins Thursday, seeks to solve the world's wheat overproduction crisis.

BODY RECOVERED

WOODBURN, March 24 (AP)—The body of Earl Lare, 32, who was drowned early yesterday in the Willamette river near Barlow, was found in which he and Jesse Rigdon were crossing the river captured, was recovered last night. Rigdon was able to swim ashore but Lare went down, apparently with cramps. The two were repairing a cable at the Rigdon gravel works.

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GODDESS OF CHANCE RUNS WILD



Here is a corner of a gambling hall in Nevada, showing an all-day crowd which congregated while legal at that state. On this particular game the dealer limited bets to \$50 each. Mayor E. K. Roberts, of Reno, approved the new order of things.

Irma Loucks On Stand; Denies Slaying Woman

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 24 (AP)—So overcome she could not continue, Irma Loucks, co-defendant in the Bowles murder trial, sank her head in her hands as she sat at the witness chair here today and told of the death of Mrs. Leone Bowles, Portland society matron, who died in Miss Loucks' apartment with a knife blade in her heart.

Loucks called it a short recess. When the session was resumed and the girl returned to the stand she seemed more composed. Her cheeks were pink with rouge and her face freely powdered.

Miss Loucks, with Nelson C. Bowles, capitalist, and her former employer, charged with murdering Mrs. Bowles.

"Miss Loucks, did you kill Mrs. Bowles?" The tense courtroom thrilled as Wallace McCannatt, defense attorney, rose dramatically and put the question.

In the same monotone used in every one of her replies, the 28-year-old secretary answered slowly "I did not."

"Did Mr. Bowles kill her?" again the dramatic, impressive intonation, her composure, as requested by Prosecutor George Mowry, stormed to his feet with an objection. But before he could explain his intention, Miss Loucks answered louder—"No."

These declarations of innocence brought to an end the direct examination in which McCannatt had led the witness through all events of her association with Bowles, and climaxed by the tragedy in her apartment.

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SURVIVORS TELL OF SEA TRAGEDY

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 24 (AP)—The sealer Sagona, with survivors of the Viking aboard, some sick, one dead, steamed into St. John's harbor early today.

There were no shouts of greeting, no bustle as the ship berthed. A silent crowd watched with its prime minister and the minister of marine and fisheries.

Stretcher bearers worked swiftly, silently. Loaded ambulances began to depart as soon as the gang plank was down.

Stories Come Reluctantly

Eager ears listened for first hand stories of the Viking's fate, how she exploded on Sunday night, March 15, eight miles off Horse Island, White Bay. The stories came reluctantly.

At 8 o'clock that fatal Sunday the crew of the Viking were below singing hymns. The sealer, making slow progress, hit a pan of heavy ice and lurched.

"burst loose!" said one survivor.

George Day of Placentia was the only man aft of the amoketank who survived. He said he was flung into the air and pitched onto the deck. When he regained consciousness the whole stern of the ship was gone and flames were licking at him. He jumped over the side to loose ice pads and had a hard time of it to hold his footing. The men were scattered in all directions.

Explosion Cause Unknown

Captain Abram Kean Jr., master of the barkentine, picked himself up from the ice where he had been flung from the bridge, barked quick orders to keep his men together. It saved many from death between the pans. Together they staggered to the bow and hours later reached Horse Island.

On the cause of the explosion near-

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VIRGIL EARL NEW OREGON DEAN OF MEN

EUGENE, Ore., March 24 (AP)—Virgil E. Earl, director of athletics at the University of Oregon, has been appointed dean of men, succeeding Hugh Biggs whose term expires this year.

The announcement was made by Dr. Arnold Bennett, Hall, president of the university, today.

Biggs will leave the university this year to practice law. The appointment is subject to final confirmation of the board of higher education.

Mr. Earl comes to this position with splendid record of achievement in dealing with the type of problem with which the dean of men's office is primarily concerned. Mr. Hall said.

Ask Bankruptcy Of Bond, Mortgage Co.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24 (AP)—A petition of stockholders of the Western Bond & Mortgage company that the company be placed in the hands of a receiver, was denied in federal court here yesterday and the court ordered the company to show cause why it should not be placed in the hands of a receiver on its merits.

The receivership was asked by John Brookie, Rupert, Idaho, ranchman and stockholder of the company, who charged that C. H. Farrington, former president and director, had hypothecated more than \$300,000 worth of assets of the company.

Other stockholders joined in the petition.

The complaint charged that the company has been insolvent for years but that Farrington had concealed its condition from stockholders and creditors.

Explosion Fatal To Road Worker

EUGENE, Ore., March 24 (AP)—Henry Carlson, 55, highway employee, was instantly killed yesterday when a charge of dynamite exploded as he leaned over it to investigate delayed action of the fuse. He was employed by the Ackerson Contracting company engaged in clearing the right of way for the new McKenzie highway.

Hoover Praises Progress Made By Porto Rico

"I Know of no Finer
Achievement," Chief
Executive Tells Crowd
at Capitol Building.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 24 (AP)—The rise of Porto Rico, in a single generation, "from stagnation to a high place in the march of progress," President Hoover told a large crowd in front of the island's new \$3,000,000 capitol building today, constituting "a magnificent example of what a capable and intelligent people may accomplish under free institutions."

"I know of no finer achievement," he added, "than that of the people of this island."

He joined the praise of the island's progress with an acknowledgment of "the grave problems" confronting it. One of these, he said, was the danger of the population increasing more rapidly than the means of livelihood furnished by available industry.

On his arrival the president was taken to the senate chamber in the capitol.

Chamber Crowded

Long before the president arrived the crowd had filled every available inch of sitting and standing room in the chamber. When the president entered the chamber the crowd gave a tremendous ovation. After a speech of welcome by Luis Morones, president of the senate, a testimonial of affection was presented to Mr. Hoover by the speaker of the house of representatives.

President Hoover, accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretaries Hurley and Wilbur and Private Secretary Ritchie, then adjourned to a platform outside the building to reply to the speeches.

Before he left the chamber, however, the president thanked the senate briefly. "I cannot tell you how grateful I am," he said, "and how grateful my fellow countrymen on the mainland are, for this reception."

Praises Island's Progress

Outside on the platform, facing the great throng and standing under a bright sun, the president praised the island's progress.

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Affairs Of New York Are To Be Investigated

ALBANY, N. Y., March 24 (AP)—The affairs of the city of New York are to be investigated by a legislative committee.

A resolution calling for a "thorough going" investigation was adopted today by a majority vote in both houses of the legislature, after a prolonged debate in which the Democratic minority vigorously assailed the proposal, while the Republicans, for the most part, sat quietly by, secure in the knowledge that they had enough votes.

The action of the legislature followed closely upon the announcement of Governor Roosevelt that he had forwarded to Mayor Walker of New York, now visiting at Palm Springs, Cal., a copy of the charges preferred against him by the legislative affairs committee, headed by John Haynes Holmes and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, with a request that any reply the mayor desired to make be transmitted to the governor as soon as possible after the mayor's return to New York.

Taken by Surprise

The Democratic legislators were taken by surprise.

The Republican leaders had assured

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Governor Hartley Vetoes Tax Bills

OLYMPIA, Wash., Mar. 24 (AP)—Governor Roland H. Hartley today vetoed senate bill 26, the personal income tax measure, and senate bill 27, the corporation income tax bill. He signed senate bill 60, providing for a flat \$3 automobile license fee and a two-cent increase in the gasoline tax, making the total tax five cents.

Golf Ball Plant Wrecked by Blast

DETROIT, March 24 (AP)—Persons in adjoining buildings were thrown from their beds and windows were shattered for blocks around as an explosion and fire wrecked the factory of the Bon Dee Golf Ball company on the west side, late last night.

The explosion was caused by ignition of a 40-gallon tank of naphtha, which was used in the manufacture of golf balls. Stanley B. Nichols, treasurer of the company, estimated damage at \$100,000 and said that 75 men would be thrown out of work temporarily through destruction of the plant.

The blast was felt as far west as Coolidge highway in Dearborn.

Only two men were injured. Albee Aspin and Richard H. Brown, employees in the plant, were blown into the street. Cyraux, was in a serious condition.

College Men Read Newspapers Daily

ST. LOUIS, March 24 (AP)—College men in 63 Catholic colleges average 49 minutes of daily newspaper reading, while college men in Protestant colleges average 31 minutes, according to a study made by the National Catholic Educational Association.

This was revealed in a questionnaire sent out by the Queen's Work, official organ of the Society of Our Lady, which has headquarters here.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, March 24 (AP)—Bullies in grain prices failed to hold well today, and in the late dealings wheat and corn broke lower prices. The market was unsettled and volume broadened, and some operators expressed belief that within a week they would be doing business again. The market was unsettled and volume broadened, and some operators expressed belief that within a week they would be doing business again.

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A. R. HUNTER IS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

Replaces E. E. Bragg, of
La Grande, on Industrial
Accident Group.

FITZGERALD AND LAUGHLIN OUSTED

Lawrence and Early Replace Them—Mott Corporation Commissioner
—Averill Appointed.

SALEM, March 24 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today appointed Alva H. Averill, Portland, insurance commissioner to succeed Clare A. Lee, who will leave that office April 1. The governor also appointed A. R. Hunter, La Grande; Arthur W. Lawrence, Corvallis, and Charles T. Early, Portland as new members of the industrial accident commission to succeed the present three members, E. E. Bragg, W. H. Fitzgerald and Sam Laughlin, respectively.

These four appointments follow on the heels of the naming last night of James W. Mott, Salem attorney, as corporation commissioner, succeeding Mark D. McAllister, resigned. All five appointments are effective April 1, this year. The governor announced these appointments virtually clear his desk of major replacements at this time.

Resident Since 1889

Averill, now insurance commissioner, is a native of Michigan and has been a resident of Oregon since 1889. He has been a member of the commission of public docks of Portland for twelve years. He served as vice president of the Rose Mill Furnishing company and as a director of the American Exchange bank and also of the Oregon and Washington Joint Stock Land bank, commencing in 1892. He was also president of the Oregon Securities corporation.

Averill was one of the early directors of the Pacific States Fire Insurance company, which was organized and was later president of that company for two years until it was sold to the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company. He was also president of the American National bank for two years.

Hunter Succeeds Bragg

A. R. Hunter, of La Grande, will succeed E. E. Bragg, Democratic member of the industrial accident commission.

During several sessions in the lower house of the legislature from Union county, Hunter served a term in the state senate, being a member of the 1925 and 1927 sessions.

Until 1907 Hunter was in the merc-

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DEATH TAKES STAGE, SCREEN ACTOR TODAY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 24 (AP)—Robert Edeson, veteran character actor of the stage and screen, died at his home early today of heart disease.

The actor had been in ill health for some time. Edeson had been a close friend of Edna Bruce, a close friend of Edna Bruce, a close friend of Edna Bruce.

His first outstanding success was opposite Maude Adams in "The Little Minister."

His first motion picture appearance was in "Call of the North." Others included "Classmates," "King of Kings," Dr. Brodie in "The Doctor's Secret," and "The Sign of the Cross" of the Rio Grande, and Colonel Randall in "Cameo Kirby."

Mr. Edeson was a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Authors' League of America and the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Girl Slain; Seek Rejected Suitor

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (AP)—David Pinkes, 46, salesman, was accused by authorities today of questioning connection with the death of Miss Florine Bennett, 28, who died in a hospital two hours after she was found with a bullet wound in the head in the apartment of a girl friend.

Police sought Pinkes on information furnished them by Miss Bennett's father, who found Miss Bennett in her apartment, unconscious and bearing signs of being brutally beaten. Authorities said Miss Foster named Pinkes as a rejected suitor of Miss Bennett.

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