

LOCAL BRIEFS

Returns from California—

After spending the past few weeks with her son, Franklin, in Oakland, Cal., Mrs. Eberhard returned to La Grande yesterday accompanied by Mr. Eberhard. Since the state legislature adjourned Mrs. Eberhard has been visiting with Franklin, who was forced to discontinue his studies at Stanford University for a few weeks. However, young Eberhard was able to reenter Stanford university for the term which started this week. He and Mrs. Eberhard went from Oakland to Palo Alto last week where they were joined by Mr. Eberhard. Senator and Mrs. Eberhard returned to Salem for their car which they used during the legislature and drove to La Grande from Portland Monday. The drive through rain on the way to La Grande. The roads, reconstructed last summer, between here and Meacham were in a rough condition, they stated, but otherwise the roads were satisfactory.

Father Dead—

Frank G. Sullivan, Pendleton insurance man, whose death was reported in yesterday's Observer in an Associated Press dispatch, was the father of Francis Sullivan, Eastern Oregon Normal school student. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Eagles in charge.

House Robbed—

Mrs. Mose Elledge, who spent the weekend visiting with the Will McClure family, returned yesterday to find her home had been entered. A silver jewel box and some fruit were reported missing.

Sweepstakes—

The sweepstakes tournament at the country club golf course Sunday resulted in Dr. R. F. Murphy and Sherwood Williams tying for first place. Dr. Murphy shot an 82 and had a handicap of 32, giving him a net of 70. Mr. Williams carded a 92 and his handicap was 22. John Thiesen, with an 87 and a handicap of 16 for a net of 71 took third. Landis Crump, professional, announces that handicap cards on the ladies will be taken down and new handicaps posted. There will be no tournaments on Easter Sunday.

Correction—

An announcement Saturday of the change in the location of the Colonial Beauty shop should have read that Loren Carver will be the barber at the new quarters.

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New Position—

Miss Bertha Walsinger, formerly of Putnam's Ready-to-Wear, has accepted a position with the Little Shop on Depot street.

In Baker—

Miss Barbara Hatt left this morning to spend the day in Baker visiting with friends.

Visits—

Mrs. F. G. Stroebel, of Joseph, is visiting with a relative, W. C. Bly, in La Grande and receiving medical treatment at the Bouvy hospital.

Fractures Ankle—

Old Johnson fractured her ankle in a fall yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Johnson lives on Portland avenue.

Quarantined—

On March 30, the J. E. Hilary family home was quarantined because of small pox. It is reported.

Railroad Man Here—

W. T. East, of the inspection department of the U. P. railroad, of Portland, was in La Grande last night on business, and left this morning on No. 19.

Visits—

Miss Jean Carpenter, of Baker, arrived in La Grande last night for a visit of a few days. She is registered at a local hotel.

Legion to Meet—

The American Legion will meet tomorrow evening at the Sacajawea Inn for initiation of about 80 members. Following the initiation ceremony the regular business meeting will be held. The meeting starts at 8 o'clock. The Legion is inaugurating an intensive membership drive.

Receive Books—

The library has received several volumes on all types of cathedrals from the state library. Miss Mabel Dwyer, librarian, states. They will be used actively by the Art Research club during the series of studies which they are having at present.

Leave for Albany—

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bussard left Sunday for Albany, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Fogler, of California. They have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bussard's daughter, Mrs. C. L. Mackey.

Visiting—

Miss Selma Adams and Glen McRoberts, of Huntington, are visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Simmons.

Recovering—

Miss Louise Wetzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wetzel, who underwent an operation at the Grande Ronde hospital Saturday is reported to be improving satisfactorily. She

is a senior at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

To Imbler—

Members of the American Legion auxiliary have been invited to attend a meeting of the Imbler group tomorrow afternoon, at which Mrs. Callie Heider, Sheridan, department president, will be present. Mrs. Heider will attend the meeting in La Grande tomorrow evening.

Marriage License—

A marriage license was issued yesterday by the county clerk to Rollie Owens and Juanita Conklin, both of Imbler.

Judge Knowles Returns—

Judge J. W. Knowles returned last night from Enterprise. The grand jury will continue its session tomorrow morning. Three civil action cases are scheduled for trial in the circuit court here next week.

Improving—

Harrison Davis, of Harrison and Division streets, who underwent a major surgical operation at the Wonderlick hospital recently, is improving satisfactorily.

Baby Born—

A nine-pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hunt, of Imbler, at the Wonderlick hospital yesterday. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Leaves Hospital—

Mrs. Al Surby, of Cove, left the Wonderlick hospital Sunday for her home.

Enters Hospital—

Mrs. A. C. Lockett, of Kamela, entered the Wonderlick hospital yesterday for medical treatment.

Episcopal Church Increases Pensions

NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—The church pension fund announced today that minimum pensions for retired clergymen of the Episcopal church have been increased from \$600 to \$1000 a year. The increase is to take effect immediately and will benefit approximately 1200 clergymen, widows and dependents of clergymen now on the pension rolls of the fund. This increase is to be paid in minimum pension allowances will increase the fund's payments this year to an aggregate of one million dollars.

QUAKE RUINS CAPITAL OF NICARAGUA

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MANY DEATHS REPORTED

PANAMA CITY, Mar. 31.—Forty persons were reported to have been killed in a terrific earthquake which devastated the city of Managua, capital of Nicaragua, today.

Tropical radio advice said that the city was under martial law. The quake which began at 10:10 a. m., was of short duration. It was followed by a series of aftershocks. The quake started in the center of the town and traveled westward threatening to sweep the entire city.

Cable Office in Ruins.

The tropical radio operator in Managua reported that the cable office there was in ruins and that the tropical cable was operating from a plant five miles outside the city. The seismograph at the Canal Zone registered the quake which appeared of unusual intensity centering in Central America. A complete reading of the record had not been made, but officials said that it was very distinct.

Managua is the capital of Nicaragua and has a population of about 60,000. It is located on Lake Managua, 87 miles from the port of Corinto and 36 miles from Granada. It is an important commercial center and the second largest city in the republic. The houses are mostly one-story, roofed with red tiles and enjoying inner gardens or patios. Among the principal buildings are the cathedral, the national palace, ancient structures of red sandstone, and the presidential palace, a recent handsome addition.

United States marines have occupied the Campo de Marte, at the southern edge of the city, almost continuously since 1912 but were recently ordered withdrawn.

The city is situated on the Pacific railway. Its importance dates from 1855 when it was chosen as the capital of the province as the result of continuous rivalry between the older cities of Leon and Granada.

Big Distributing Point. It is an important distributing point for towns on or near the east shore of Lake Managua and Matagalpa. A number of important firms have offices there.

Approximately 1,500 marines are stationed in Nicaragua, on March 7, the navy department ordered gradual withdrawal of forces. The plan was to move 500 marines out by June 1 and the remainder by January 1, 1933.

ter the inauguration of the new Nicaraguan government. Part of the detachment was quartered in rebel areas in the interior and part in Managua and other central points. The revolutionary activities of Augustine Sandino led to the dispatching of United States forces to his native land. The troops were withdrawn for a short time but were sent back in 1927 when disorders against the government again broke out.

Lieuallen, Gurdane To Receive Reward

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 31.—Three years and three months after the capture of William Edward Hickman, kidnapping slayer of children, two peace officers today won a legal battle for a \$10,000 reward offered by the city of Los Angeles. The victory for R. B. Gurdane and C. L. Lieuallen, Umatilla county, Oregon, officers, came in the United States district court when Judge William H. James granted judgment against the city.

FRED J. TOOZE GETS POST

SALEM, Mar. 31.—Fred J. Tooze, prominent grange worker and former legislator, was appointed publicity agent of the state market agent, Seymour Jones, Monday to succeed Frank Davey. The change will be effective April 1. Davey's headquarters were in Portland, while Tooze's will be in Salem.

CASTLE APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—President Hoover announced today the appointment of Wm. B. Castle Jr., of Washington, D. C., as under secretary of state, succeeding the late Joseph P. Cotton, of New York.

REV. GODWIN IS SPEAKER MONDAY

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held, led the opening exercises. Rev. H. I. Hansen read the scripture lesson and Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore offered the prayer. The choir of the church sang an Easter anthem according to the custom of asking the entertaining church to supply the music.

The service tonight will be at the Central Church of Christ, Seventh and Pennsylvania. Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the Presbyterian church will be the speaker, his subject to be "Now is My Soul Troubled." The choir of the Church of Christ will sing a chorus from the Easter cantata which they will present Sunday evening.

Above yesterday's story concerning Holy Week services a verse of poetry, above the body of the story, conveyed the wrong meaning due to two errors.

The verse should have read: "Let me keep Lent, Let me not riot and pray, Forego some trifle every day, Fast—and take Sacrament— And then Lend tongue to slander, hold ancient grudge, deny The very Lord whom I would glorify."—Elizabeth Badley Read.

Chicagoan Slain By Two Gangsters

CHICAGO, March 31.—While the thought of a homebound show-goer from the Riviera and uptown theaters were passing, two men walked up behind Max Tendler, 42, as he stood buying a newspaper and shot him to death late last night. The killers escaped in an automobile after firing five shots into the victim's body.

FREIGHT YARDS CLOGGED

LONDON, March 31.—Two of London's largest freight yards, that at Broad street and that at King's cross, are rapidly becoming clogged with unhandicapped trucks as a consequence of institution of a "go slow" move among yard workers. Other yards are affected to a minor degree by the movement which has been begun as a protest over a wage reduction accepted by the National Union of Railway Men.

Mt. Riga, a Texas Holstein, produced 16,984 pounds of milk and 640.5 pounds of butterfat in a 365-day period.

OIL SURVEY MAY BE MADE LOCALLY

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and asked the support of the chamber of commerce in the way of information to the Bureau of Land Management. The request was granted.

Charles Reynolds spoke briefly on the situation as it now stands in regard to the Bureau of Land Management. He and Mr. Kinzel, of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, visited forestry officials in Portland last week, and they brought back the feeling that the road project will re-

MURDER IN BAFFLING MYSTERY CLOAK LAWYER'S SHADOWS OF 'BIG MONEY' DEALS



Out for a Sunday canter, Judge Sam Hodgson's horse shied suddenly, disclosing beside the road the body of Clifford M. Hicks (above) promising young St. Louis attorney. Glenn Hicks (below), a brother, was held for a time but later released. The widow is shown below.

Honors Awarded To Many Girls At Recent Meet

The success of the Camp Fire day, held last Saturday at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, was in part due to Miss Iris Marshall who assisted the girls of the different circles with their international dances. The annual Camp Fire day was devoted to international relations and international friendship. Miss Elizabeth Hesse was awarded the rank of firemaker.

Birthday honors were awarded to many of the girls. In the Dorian group, Miss Irene Petros, guardian, those who received honors were Betty Burns, Marian Christensen, Eloise Lee, Laverne Puckett, Fern Hungerford, Phyllis Douglas, Tatopachan, Miss Berline Hoff, guardian, Mildred Green, Winifred Scott, Patricia Jesse, Justine Cade, Ruth Byers, Annie Breckner, Elizabeth Gleason, Nadine Zweifel, Freda Adams, Arlene West.

FOUR BODIES IDENTIFIED COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAN.

31.—Four of the eight bodies removed from a burned and wrecked Transcontinental and Western Air mail and passenger plane were identified at the scene of the crash on a farm near Bazaar, Kan.

The bodies were being brought here in ambulances. The bodies identified from cards, billboards and other personal belongings were those of H. J. Christensen, Chicago; Spencer Goldthwaite, Alhambra, Cal.; Pilot R. G. Fry and co-pilot H. J. Mathias. The body of Knute Rockne could not be identified at the place where the flaming plane plunged to earth. However, the luggage of one of the passengers had contained sports and football equipment.

1.24 INCHES OF RAINFALL HERE MONDAY

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point not reached by the river for several years and was sweeping over fields and doing some damage in that section.

"This rain is getting my goat!" More than one La Grande person had that or some similar remark to say this morning, although the agricultural districts were doing no complaining.

During the 24-hour period ending at 7:30 o'clock this morning, La Grande experienced one of the heaviest rainfalls in history, with 1.24 inches of precipitation measured. Rain, that started falling Sunday night, added 12 of an inch to the 1.24 giving the city a rainfall of 1.36 inches during about a 36-hour period.

Streams Rising While the record for this city is a little more than two inches, a 1.24 inch rainfall is lots of moisture for any point in Eastern Oregon. It was enough, in fact, to cause ditches and storm sewers in both the business and residential districts to overflow, and over the valley, rivers and streams are running unusually high. Even in the mountains, much rain is falling instead of the usual snow, and making heavy inroads into the snow remaining in the higher spots.

In the residential districts last night several complained of water backing up in their basements, but there was nothing that could be done, with over-burdened sewers striving heroically to handle the flood load.

Moderate Temperature

The temperature has been moderate during the rainy period, and the

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Editor's Note: This is the fourth of a series of stories by Associated Press writers dealing with celebrated murder mysteries of recent years.

By Sherman J. McNally ST. LOUIS (AP)—Out for a Sunday morning canter on May 1, 1927, Judge Sam Hodgson of St. Louis county pulled up his horse, which had shied suddenly at something along the lonely road.

The "something" proved to be the body of a man, half propped against a clay bank and pierced by six bullets.

Thus was the curtain raised on one of the most baffling murder mysteries this community has ever encountered—the slaying of Clifford M. Hicks, promising young attorney, law partner of former Gov. Elliott Major, Sunday school superintendent, one-time Methodist minister and director in a bank.

The investigation which followed covered a period of months, bringing in and out of the city many walks of life to police headquarters.

First and most sensational of the disclosures was the revelation that Hicks, only 28 years old, had become financially involved in business and had taken out life insurance policies totaling \$385,000.

A finance company operated by Hicks had been credited with bank deposits of nearly \$3,000,000 in the two months before his death, yet his actual estate—aside from the insurance—was found to be less than \$25,000.

He had told his wife that his life had been threatened and that he intended to leave town. He is known to have been in his last day desperately attempting to raise money.

Partly because of a trip they made to Clifford Hicks' office early on the morning of May 1, before the body had been discovered, Glenn Hicks and William Davis, a burglar convict, were taken into custody.

Glenn admitted removing papers from his brother's office and destroying them, but claimed they were of a personal nature and that Clifford had asked that they be burned in case "anything happened."

A few days after Hicks' death, the bank in which he had been a director closed its doors.

To resolve doubts of the victim's identity, arising from rumors that the killing was a gigantic insurance fraud, Hicks' body was exhumed. Glenn Hicks and Davis, after questioning, were released.

This, coupled with the marked reluctance of several business associates, creditors and members of the family to testify, brought matters to an impasse.

Chief of Detectives Robert Kaiser believes not only that several of the witnesses could still clear up the mystery if they would.

"But there was too much money involved," that's his explanation. "Did Hicks take a fancy life? Was he killed by gangsters for 'holding out' the proceeds of spoils he had marketed? Or did supposedly respectable associates, learning of his plan to 'run out' on them instead of committing suicide, take matters into their own hands? Except by chance, the law may never find out.

County Contest To Be Held At Enterprise, Ore.

By Mrs. M. F. Raymond (Observer Correspondent) MAXVILLE, Ore., (Special)—Mrs. Ida B. Gordon, who teaches the Maxville school, has been appointed one of the county teachers to judge the county spelling contest at Enterprise April 11. The fifth and eighth grades of the local school are participating in the contest, there being no seventh and eighth grades here at present.

Palmer method writing plans have been awarded the following pupils: Arlath Gordon, Mary Ann Huffman, Evelyn and Hazel Trump, Doris Raymond and Frederick Jennison. With the exception of one pupil, all who sent in penmanship exercises from the school were awarded pins.

Mr. Charles Huffman, who entertained the girls and boys Wednesday evening from 8:30 until 8:30 with a birthday party in honor of the sixth birthday anniversary of her son, Robert. The children played various games and were then served refreshments, the prominent feature of which was a large candle-decorated birthday cake.

Mrs. Robert Bailey is up and about again after a weeks illness of influenza.

Mrs. Lacy Trump has had an extremely sore index finger on her left hand. While helping a neighbor quilt last week, she ran a needle into the

finger at the side of the nail. It seemed infected for a while but is better now. Fred Jennison, who spent most of the winter here with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Huffman, went to Island City Saturday to visit his sister Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, and her family. The road to the highway is nearly impassable at present. The first in leaving and in its place is several inches of mud. A light spring wagon is being used to carry the mail, sleds having been taken off two weeks ago. Several inches of new snow fell during the last few days causing more mud than there was a week ago. F. Raymond, who has been employed in Wallawa for the last few weeks, returned to his home Friday on the stage.

ACCUSED OF "BUNCO" GAME

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—While police accused him of promoting a new variety of the "bunco game," Earl E. Blevins, 21, was in jail here today contemplating charges of vagrancy and gambling that were filed against him. Blevins was set at \$1,000. He was arrested on complaint of A. N. Brevik, La Center, Wash., garage man.

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MONEY RECEIVED FROM WATER RENT ARE THE FINANCES BY WHICH THE CITY PARTLY FUNCTIONS. IF THE RENT IS NOT PAID PROMPTLY THE CITY CANNOT HOPE TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS AND CARRY ON DELINQUENCIES NECESSITATE ADDITIONAL WORK AND WELL, ALL AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAXPAYER. THIS WE WANT TO AVOID.

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