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W. H. GUILD TO RECEIVE PROMOTION

Will Become Superintendent of Oregon Division on June 1.

12 WILL GO FROM HERE TO PORTLAND

Most of O.-W. Officials Now Located Here Will Remain —Terminal Status Will Not Be Changed.

Announcement is made today that effective June 1, the first and second divisions of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company will be consolidated and will be known as the Oregon division.

W. H. Guild, president superintendent of the second division with headquarters in La Grande, is to be superintendent of the entire new division and will be located in Portland.

L. V. Chausse will be division engineer and will be located in Portland also.

The new division will extend from Huntington to Seattle.

Others to Remain Here

This change will not affect La Grande as a terminal point as Assistant Superintendent C. F. Roberts, Master Mechanic L. W. Shirley, Chief Dispatcher T. A. McKinstry, Night Chief Dispatcher A. McAllister, Roadmaster A. Harlow, Bridge Supervisor E. Larkin and Signal Supervisor C. B. Johnson and their staffs will remain here.

The position of the O.-W. shops here will be unchanged, and in fact Union Pacific officials are of the opinion that it will be strengthened in the future.

Expect Payroll to Gain

In an interview with Mr. Guild this morning, he called attention to the fact that during April there were 444 employes on the La Grande railroad payroll and that the prospects are that this number will be steadily augmented with the increasing business.

With Mr. Guild and Mr. Chausse in Portland, there will be 10 others from the La Grande offices. The total of 12 men going to Portland includes seven who are heads of families.

ELGIN LUMBER MILL TO OPEN FIRST OF JUNE

ELGIN, Ore., May 22 — The H. P. Reed Lumber Co. mill in Elgin will start sawing Monday, June 1. This welcome announcement comes from H. F. Reed. The mill has lain idle since shutting down last fall and its operation will add considerably to Elgin's payrolls, says the Recorder.

It is the hope of Mr. Reed to keep the mill running for quite a while, but lumber conditions are not at their best and the run depends on market conditions.

The machinery is being gone over and put into good order so as to start the run right. Quite a few logs are on hand and others have been contracted for delivery.

The mill, when running at capacity, employs close to 60 men.

Infant Daughter Is Buried Today

Gilberta Ann Miller, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Miller, passed away at the family home in Lower Cove Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock. She is survived by her parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel. The funeral was held this morning at 11 o'clock at the grave in Summerville with Rev. Howard Smith in charge of the services. Burial took place in the family plot in Summerville cemetery. Walkers Funeral Service had charge of the arrangements.

Wants Reciprocity Tariff Agreements

TOPEKA, Kas., May 22 (AP)—Exercise by President Hoover of the flexible provisions of the tariff law to work out a reciprocity agreement with foreign countries under which a 50 per cent cut would be made in their tariffs on American wheat was advocated yesterday by Gov. Harry H. Woodring before the Kansas Bankers' association.

The Kansas executive suggested the reciprocity agreement include a 50 per cent reduction in the United States tariff on imports from the foreign countries.

"This solution," Governor Woodring said, "can be worked out without awaiting a session of congress. It will be a step in the gradual removal of restrictions upon the free flow of commerce. By making such an effort the administration may at least convince the west of a desire to be of assistance."

Scalding Water Is Fatal to Tot

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 22 (AP)—Two-year-old Martha Jane Snell died here late yesterday shortly after a tub of scalding water tipped from a stove and fell upon her. Fred Flick, her uncle, was badly burned when he leaped between the baby and the falling tub.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Saturday, local showers; cooler in the east and central portions. Moderate changeable winds.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—60 above.
Minimum: 45 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 64, minimum 31 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER MAY 22, 1930

Maximum 63, minimum 35 above.
Condition: clear, light frost.

Wallowa Lodge Member Elected Deputy Master

R. H. Jonas Given Honor at Odd Fellows Convention — Pendleton to Ask for 1933 Meeting.

CORVALLIS, May 22 (AP) — With the election of Homer D. Angell of Portland as grand master of the grand lodge, and selection of Eugene as the 1932 convention city, the annual state convention of Oregon Odd Fellows concluded its five-day session here yesterday.

The delegation from Pendleton announced it would ask for the 1933 meeting of the lodge.

R. H. Jonas of Wallowa was elected deputy grand master. Other officers are: George P. Winslow, Tillamook, grand warden; E. E. Sharon, Portland, grand secretary; J. H. Nelson, McMinnville, grand treasurer; George Hall, Portland, trustee Odd Fellows' home; Forest L. Hubbard, Baker, trustee; W. A. Carter, Portland, and William A. Morand, Boring, held over as trustees for another year.

The new grand master announced the following appointments: Charles Poole, Eugene, grand marshal; A. E. Foster, Portland, grand conductor; T. L. Martin, Burns, grand chaplain.

Clara Bow May Visit Wallowa Lake, Is Report

ENTERPRISE, Ore., May 22 (Special)—Clara Bow, movie actress of national fame may come to Wallowa Lake to recuperate from the nervous strain of her recent lawsuit in Los Angeles. She is now in a sanatarium in California.

Arrangements have been made whereby she can have the use of the Ward Fowler cottage, which is considered the finest at the head of the lake, states the Record-Chieftain.

R. L. (Rube) Harris, personal representative of the United Artists, was here yesterday with Jacob Dobrin and Mr. Fowler to look at the cottage and he was very favorably impressed and intimated that he would recommend it to Miss Bow. He got full information regarding boats and other entertainment facilities.

Mr. Dobrin said he had bought the Fowler property and would lease it to tenants during the season. It was through him that the cottage was located and made available for use of Mr. Harris' clients.

As representative of the United Artists, Mr. Harris looks after certain business for many stars, including Douglas Fairbanks and Charles Chaplin. From Enterprise Mr. Harris went on to Spokane.

Librarians Will Meet Here May 29

Librarians from Union, Wallowa, Umatilla and Malheur counties will attend the Eastern Oregon Library meeting on May 29 in La Grande, to be held for the purpose of discussing and comparing library work and problems, Miss Mabel Doty, local librarian, states. The Eastern Oregon Library association was organized last year in Baker and Miss Doty was elected president; Miss Elizabeth Olson, Pendleton, vice president; and Miss Pearl Jennings, first assistant at Baker, secretary.

Librarians and board members are invited to attend the meetings and the luncheon.

Miss Harriet Long, of Salem, state library, will be one of the speakers on the program.

Junior Leaguers Practice Nightly

The American Legion junior baseball candidates are out on the field every night, and every one of the 25 boys who are consistently practicing is trying for a place on the team which will be picked from among the best players of Union and Wallowa counties on June 5, according to J. F. Garity legionnaire in charge.

Several practice games will be played before the final selection in order that the best material in the county will go toward making up the strongest team possible.

Judges who will pick the players will be Gib Stokke, former professional player; Bob Quinn, Eastern Oregon Normal school coach; and Jimmy King, coach at Imbler High school.

Fifteen will be picked for the team and two games, the dates to be announced later, will be scheduled with Baker after the team is selected.

Aubrey Hedener Funeral Sunday

Aubrey Smith Hedener, a resident of Indian creek, passed away at his home yesterday afternoon after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church at Elgin, with Rev. H. H. Hubbell, of Tacoma, Wash., a brother-in-law of the deceased, to preach the sermon. Interment will be in the Elgin cemetery in charge of Snodgrass and Zimmerman.

Mr. Hedener was born Jan. 23, 1883 and was 48 years, three months and 28 days of age. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Belle Hedener, three children, Mildred, Aubrey Jr., and Truman; a sister, Mrs. Bailey, of Portland, his mother, Mrs. William Hedener, of Portland, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Hubbell.

NEW PROCESS TURNS WOOL INTO ARTIFICIAL LEATHER

LEEDS, England (AP) (AP) — Artificial leather has been made of wool after a year's guarded work by the British Wool Industries Research association.

The product is said to look much like real leather and have durable qualities and be capable of being substituted for leather in many places.

PLAN FRONTIER CELEBRATION

GRAND PORTAGE, Minn. (AP) —A celebration marking the 200th anniversary of the landing of La Verendrye, French explorer, is planned here at "America's Frontier port." Fur trading flourished at Grand Portage for more than 100 years.

BUSY BUTLER

Map. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, now in Oregon to act as "consultant" for the newly organized state police.

Check Received From Easterner

Bert Oakman, of Detroit, Contributes $5 to Mt. Emily Road Fund Here.

A welcome surprise in the way of a contribution to the $2000 Mt. Emily road fund was received in the mail at the Observer office this morning. It was a letter from Bert Oakman, former La Grande man but now located in Detroit, Mich., where he is a national deputy of the Modern Woodmen of America. The letter contained a check for $5.00 and the following statement:

"La Grande and her people have been good to me and mine, and in the spirit of loyalty to all that is dear to them I contribute my mite of five dollars to that road fund. I am always interested in what helps La Grande as a city and her people. My wish is that my little contribution may possibly prompt some others to come across with theirs so that the road may be assured . . . I resided in your city for years, hence my interest in this . . . with kindest regards and best wishes, I am very truly yours, (signed) Bert Oakman."

This contribution, members of the road committee of the chamber of commerce in charge of the campaign believe, should stimulate local interest in the campaign to a marked degree. If a man who no longer

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King Home Fire Loss Estimated At About $1500

The two-story residence place at the corner of Third and N, formerly belonging to Giles Harnden of 807 N avenue, but now the property of Mrs. Martin King, was badly damaged by fire late last night. Estimates today placed the loss at approximately $1500. The house was insured for $4000.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed it started on the second floor, and smouldered for some time before bursting into flames about the time the fire alarm was turned in. Neighbors recall smelling smoke half an hour before the fire was discovered.

Two lines of hose were laid by the firemen and it required half an hour or more to control the blaze. The second floor and roof are badly burned and the first floor is also damaged. No one was living in the house and there was no furniture.

The alarm was turned in at 11:10 p. m.

4000 POPPIES WILL BE SOLD IN LA GRANDE

Four thousand poppies will make their appearance on the streets of La Grande tomorrow, and will be sold by the American Legion auxiliary in the business district, and by the Camp Fire Girls in the residential district, Mrs. Victor Eckley, chairman of the sale, stated this morning. Mrs. Eckley urges that everyone respond to the solicitation of the auxiliary since the poppies are made by the veterans of the world war in the veteran's hospital in Portland.

the white label attached to each of the memorial poppies is the public's protection, she adds. The label is the guarantee that the poppy has been made by a needy disabled veteran in Oregon's own U. S. veterans' hospital and that every penny paid for the flower will go to the relief of disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

The label, which is secured to the stem of every poppy, bears these words: "Made by patient of U. S. Veteran's Hospital, Portland" on one side and on the other "American Legion and American Legion auxiliary."

No poppy which does not bear this label is the official poppy of the American Legion and auxiliary, Mrs. Eckley adds. Every auxiliary worker is a volunteer and every penny given them goes directly into the legion and auxiliary funds for the relief of the needy, the disabled and their dependents.

Largest Still In America Is Seized

NEW YORK, May 22 (AP) — A 103,000 gallon still, the largest, federal men said, ever seized in America was confiscated today in the heart of the socially distinguished section.

VETS' HOME SITE IS STILL UNDECIDED

Action of U. S. Board Yesterday Indicates Eugene Also Considered.

EARLY SELECTION DESIRED, REPORT

Question of Train Service Considered — Medford Also Looms as an Active Bidder For the Home.

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP) — Beyond the statement that the site of the $2,000,000 national soldiers' home in Oregon will be selected "at the earliest possible date," which observers believed indicated a definite announcement would be made next week, little information was available today as to why the hospital board of the veterans' bureau decided yesterday to delay action pending receipt of "further information."

The board personnel refused flatly to state why further information was wanted and what trend this information would take.

McNary Comments.

Senator Charles H. McNary of Oregon, however, commented on the situation in these words:

"The board had the question of location up for consideration and adjourned without reaching a conclusion.

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Zion Lutheran Pastor Will Be Here on Sunday

The newly elected pastor of the Zion Lutheran church in La Grande, Rev. Edwin William Bracher, will preach his initial sermon here Sunday. Next week Mr. Bracher and a lay delegate from the local church will attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Synod of the United Lutheran church in America. At this meeting, which is to be held in the University Lutheran church in Seattle, the new pastor will be ordained to the Lutheran ministry, which will complete his preparation for the work he is to begin in La Grande.

Mr. Bracher lives in Portland and was educated in the public schools there. He attended Washington High school, went to Oregon State college at Corvallis for two years, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and then transferred to Wittenberg college, a Lutheran school, in Springfield, O. He graduated from Wittenberg, receiving the degree of B. A. in 1928. After three years of study at Hamma Divinity school in Springfield, he graduated May 3, 1931 with the degree of bachelor of divinity.

On May 6 he was married to Miss Marjory Louise Scholl, of Connersville, Ind., at the bride's home. They drove to La Grande and Portland for their honeymoon. They are now visiting the pastor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Bracher, in Portland before making their home here. The bride is also a graduate of Wittenberg college in the class of 1928, and has taught school since that time.

Mr. Bacher spent the past two summers in the west, preaching in Portland and Vancouver, Wash. He is a member of a class of 19 students, most of whom fill pulpits at present in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

NORTHWEST IS READY FOR BIG PRODUCE YEAR

PORTLAND, May 22 (AP) — Prefacing its remarks with the statement that "California is getting out of the picture in many lines owing to the driest weather there for nearly half a century," the Journal said today "the Pacific Northwest is all set for one of the busiest fruit and produce shipping seasons known at least for many years."

The Pacific Northwest season, it is said, is coming on with not only greatly increased production in sight in many lines, but with an unusually wide demand.

Oregon and Washington pea and lettuce seasons are opening with excellent crops and unusual quality, the trade reports. The lettuce acreage in the northwest is said to be the greatest known.

Multi-Millionaire Dead In England

NEWMARKET, England, May 22 (AP) —Sol B. Joel, widely known financier and race horse owner, died today.

From a boyhood in one of London's poorest districts he climbed to a place among the world's richest men, building his fortune in the South African diamond fields. His sensational success made him one of the most romantic figures in the history of British finance.

U. S. A., RUSSIA CAN'T AGREE ABOUT GRAIN

Two Nations Fail to Agree on Solution of World Wheat Crisis.

CONFERENCE WILL NOT CLOSE SOON

American Stand Denounced In Moscow Today by the Newspaper Izvestia, Soviet Organ.

LONDON, May 22 (AP) — The international wheat conference committee seeking a decision on a plan for presentation to the pleanary session tomorrow recessed at 7 p. m., with its work unfinished and a spirit of hopelessness pervading the conference. Observers expressed the belief that only major concessions on the part of opposing factions would prevent a sine die adjournment with little or nothing accomplished.

LONDON, May 22 (AP)—The world wheat conference was forced to postpone today's plenary session until tomorrow due to the inability of its sub-committee to complete work on the proposals for solution of the international grain crisis.

While no official word was permitted to leak from the committee rooms, the general impression among obserbers was that the committee was deadlocked on the divergent plans suggested by Russia and the United States.

The postponement emphasizes the diversity of opinion regarding export quotas and how they shall be calculated.

Russia's Proposal

Russia's proposals were based on pre-war figures as a starting point in fixing the scale of new quotas. The American delegation opposes such a plan and the Russian insistence upon the pre-war basis is said to have found little suppot from the Argentine, Canadian and Australian delegations.

M. W. Thatcher, of the Farmers' National Grain corporation, was to sit in the plenary session as an accredited delegate of the United States. He has been acting in an advisory capacity but the conference decided he should come in as a delegate.

Official announcements continued to speak of a spirit "of optimism and co-operation among the conferees" but observers on the outside are wondering what is causing the prolonged committee discussions.

Americans Firm

The delegations thought the supposters of each plan would give ground but in view of the determined stand by Samuel R. McKelvie, head of the American delegation, it is now regarded as virtually impossible to induce the Americans to retreat from their position.

At the outset of the conference it had been hoped that an agreement might be reached before Sunday but now that appars highly improbable and it is expected the sessions will continue into next week.

DENOUNCES U. S. A.

MOSCOW, May 22 (AP) — The newspaper Izvestia, official government organ, commenting today on the London wheat conference, denounces the United States as not only refusing to agree to a "scheme" for solving the world's grain surplus problem but actually preparing plans for huge dumping operations on the world wheat market is to decrease

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IMBLER HIGH WINS BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

IMBLER, Ore., May 22 (Special)—Imbler High school's baseball team won its third consecutive championship under the coaching of Jimmy King, former Pacific university player, by defeating Wallowa High at Imbler yesterday 10 to 2. At Wallowa Tuesday, Imbler took the first of the series 10 to 3. A third game will not be played.

Imbler's victory came with a freshman in the box, Keith McKinnis, who let down the opposing batters with three hits. Ralph Fowler and Howard Potrach made some nice running catches in the outfield. Hitting stars were Melvin Woodell and Fowler, with two bingles each; Wagner, who hit a three-bagger; and Hansen, of Wallowa, who connected for two bases.

Imbler scored four runs in the first inning and was never in danger of defeat. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Imbler	10	7	2
Wallowa	2	3	8

Batteries: McKinnis and Masters; Posey, Johnson and Smith.

NOBILITY'S SILVER SOLD

LONDON (AP) — A 66-piece silver dinner service engraved with the arms of the Mecklenburg-Schwerin family brought 490 pounds at auction.

Highway Executives Will Go Over Little Sheep Creek Route Soon

JOSEPH, Ore., May 22—State Highway Commissioner Lynch and engineers from the state highway commission and the federal bureau of public roads will go over the route of the proposed road down Little Sheep creek to the Imnaha river, it was decided at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Thursday. This action was the result of requests from County Judge Edgar Marvin, Commissioner E. F. Johnson, Senator Colon R. Eberhard and County Engineer J. D. Walker, who attended the meeting, according to the Herald.

At the same time George S. Craig, of Enterprise, appeared before the commission with the request that the present road down Trail creek canyon be improved instead of constructing a new road over a different route. Mr. Craig represented himself as a heavy taxpayer in Wallowa county and said he represented several hundred other taxpayers who entertained the same view of the matter. He further said that the old route was the best location for the people of the Imnaha and that the Little Sheep creek route was visited by cloudbursts frequently and that sheep and cattle grazing along the road would keep it continually filled with rocks.

People of the Imnaha have signed petitions endorsing the proposed Sheep creek road almost to a single man and all civic organizations and physicians in the county have also sent letters endorsing the project to the state highway commission. The present road down Trail creek canyon is passable by automobile only about six months of the year and at times during the winter necessitates sleds from the mouth of the canyon to Lower Prairie creek and thence by truck to Enterprise. The Sheep creek road would give an all-year outlet to the Wallowa valley.

Wallowa county will probably not have to put up any money as its share of the road for two or three

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FIGHTS BULL

Fairest of all who have ever fought a bull in Old Mexico is Celia Montalvan, who recently tackled "El Toro" during a festival in Monterey. She came out second best when the bull, apparently without aesthetic appreciation, gored her.

James A. Farrell Indicts Leaders

Big Standard Steel Companies Not Maintaining Wage Scales, He Claims.

NEW YORK, May 22 (AP) — James A Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, before fellow-executives of the steel industry, today charged that "the big standard companies are not maintaining wage scales."

"It think," he said, "it's a pretty cheap sort of business."

Mr. Farrell's indictment of the companies was made at a general meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

"You say wages have been stabilized in the steel industry," Mr. Farrell began. "They have not. We are living in a fool's paradise. Honeycombing and pinching of all sorts of things have gone on. The so-called big standard companies, the companies in the headlines, are not maintaining the standard of wages. It's a shame that when some of the large companies are trying to maintain wages others are cutting them even when they were affording only three-day-a-week employment.

'Pretty Cheap" He Claims

"I am not going to give the names of all the companies represented in this room that have cut wages, because I don't want to embarrass you, but I think its a pretty cheap sort of business."

Expectations that the steel business would improve later in the year were expressed at today's meeting.

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GANDHI WILL NOT ATTEND LONDON MEET

SIMLA, India, May 22 (AP) — Mahatma Gandhi declined today to go to London for the meeting of the federal structures committee on June 29 because the Moslem-Hindu communal problem had not been solved and the Delhi pact had not been fully carried out.

The Hindu-Moslem issue is one of the most important at stake in the complicated Indian situation. Gandhi himself regards it as of such importance that he has said on several occasions that his presence at the conferences in London depend upon its settlement before he leaves India.

Only last week it was said that prospects for solving the problem looked better than at any time since Ahaukert Ali and other Mohammedan leaders, split with Gandhi.

Woman Succumbs; Man, 23, Confesses

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 22 (AP) — Mrs. Carmen Mazon, 45, one of five persons shot by Ralph Sinohui, 23, when he ran amuck with a gun in Escondido, near here, Wednesday night, died early today. Eddie Gallardo, 19, was killed and three of his sisters wounded.

Police who trailed Sinohui 50 miles and arrested him near Julian, said the young laborer confessed the shootings, saying that Gallardo was responsible for his estrangement from his wife, Mrs. Mazon's daughter.

Al G. Barnes Is Dangerously Ill

INDIO, Cal., May 22 (AP) — Al G. Barnes, veteran circus owner, lies dangerously ill in the community hospital here today following a severe attack of pleural pneumonia. Dr. Russell M. Grey said Barnes' lungs would be tapped this afternoon in an effort to save his life.

Baseball Today

National League

FIRST GAME:	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	3	7	1
Philadelphia	2	7	1

Batteries: Vance, Quinn and Lopez; Benge, Watt and Davis.

SECOND GAME:	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	5	10	1
Philadelphia	2	6	2

Batteries: Shaute and Lombardi; Collins and Davis.

American League

Chicago at Cleveland postponed, rain.

Detroit at St. Louis, postponed, wet grounds. Double header tomorrow.

Former Deputy Prosecutor Is Under Suspicion

David H. Clark Booked Today By Officers in Crawford-Spencer Murder Case in Hollywood.

LOS ANGELES, May 22 (AP) —David H. Clark, candidate for municipal judge and former deputy district attorney, held on suspicion of double murder, today was transferred to the county jail hospital for an examination into his sanity.

LOS ANGELES, May 22 (AP) — David H. Clark, former deputy district attorney, was booked today on suspicion of murder in connection with the killings of Charles Crawford, erstwhile political dictator, and Herbert F. Spencer, editor of a crime "expose" magazine, in Crawford's Hollywood office Wednesday.

Clark's candidacy for a Los Angeles municipal judgeship had been opposed by Crawford and Spencer. Clark surrendered late last night and refused to make a statement to District Attorney Buron Fitts, who said he recently had requested Clark's resignation.

Clark, Fitts said, was identified as the man who fled Crawford's office after the slayings, by office attaches, as the man who had been closeted with Crawford and Spencer for an hour before the shooting.

Purchased Pistol Tuesday.

Fitts said he had evidence that Clark purchased a .38 caliber pistol Tuesday. Police experts asserted that .38 caliber bullets had killed Spencer,

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21 Mayors Are Greeted Today By Frenchmen

HAVRE, France, May 22 (AP) — Twenty-one American mayors, in France for the colonial exposition, were received today at the city hall under the first warm sun they had seen since they sailed from New York.

"We are impressed, happy and grateful," Mayor George Baker, of Portland, Ore., told Mayor Leon Meyer, of Havre, as spokesman for the delegation.

"We're proud of our city hall back home," said Mayor John Porter, of Los Angeles, "but we'll have to admit that yours is pretty handsome, too."

There was a luncheon at an oceanfront hotel, the first of a series of banquets which probably will test the powers of the most inveterate diners-out among the delegation. Tomorrow the visitors were to begin a tour of Normandy, just now fragrant with apple blossoms.

Mayor Meyer, at the suggestion of Mayor William F. Broening of Baltimore, performed a mock wedding uniting "Miss France" and "Uncle Sam" in the persons of Mayor Baker and Mrs. Baker.

"We were originally married in Medford, Ore., in 1911," said Mrs. Baker, "but we're glad to have it ratified in France."

158 Students Take Eighth Grade Exams

One hundred fifty-eight pupils of county schools took the state eight grade examinations last week, and the committee of four judges completed the grading of the papers last Wednesday, although the names of those who will receive diplomas has not yet been published.

Examinations cover eight subjects, but for doing certain special work it is possible to earn exemption from examination in reading, spelling, writing and agriculture. This year 120 pupils were exempted from the reading, 101 from the spelling, 51 from the agriculture, and 25 from the writing examinations. County Superintendent E. A. Sayre states that the exemption system has proven very successful, in that the general quality of the year's work is improved, and the work of grading the examination papers is greatly reduced.

Believe Death Of Huber Was Suicide

HILLSBORO, Ore., May 22 (AP) — Although Washington county officials decline to comment on the case pending an investigation by the grand jury, experts from the Portland police department said here today they believe John Huber, 8, who was killed by a small bomb, committed suicide.

Robert H. Craddock, handwriting and ballistics expert, said that the two notes, one found in Huber's sock, and the other on the wall of the garage where he died, apparently were written by him.

Grand Jury Probe Requested by Mott

SALEM, May 22 (AP) — A grand jury investigation into alleged "scuttling" of the assets of the Municipal Reserve & Bond company of Portland by W. A. Hattram and W. A. Tyler, has been requested by James W. Mott, state corporation commissioner, it was announced today. Mott said he requested District Attorney Langley of Multnomah county to institute the investigation.

Mott stated virtually all the liquid assest of the bond house, amounting to about $180,000, were taken out of the company in a series of "fictitious" transactions between Hattram and Tyler in 1929 and 1930. Hattram at this time was president of the company.

Spend $3,000,000 In Three-Year Period

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP) —Major improvements at the mouth of the Columbia river estimated at $3,000,000 over a period of three years were approved yesterday by Secretary of War Hurley. Work was to start immediately on the south jetty entrance.

The sum of $600,000 was allotted for this project and wa sto include railroad, trestle and rock work.

OREGONIAN SCHEDULED TO GET JOB

Meier Will Not Pick Outside Man to Head State Policemen.

GENERAL BUTLER, OTHERS IN PARLEY

Marine to Spend Tomorrow At Grants Pass in Connection With Bridge Dedication.

PORTLAND, May 22 (AP) — Further discussion of the problems of organization of a state constabulary were carried on here today by General Smedley D. Butler, Governor Julius L. Meier, and other state officials as they met at the governor's home on the Columbia river highway.

Tonight at 10:05 o'clock General Butler and the governor's party will entrain for Grants Pass where they will take part in the dedication tomorrow of the $125,000 Rogue river bridge. In addition to the executive party, more than 25 prominent Portland men will make the trip in special coaches.

General Butler left his hotel at 10 o'clock this morning and went at once to Menucha, the governor's country home. He intended to spend the entire day there.

Butler to Speak.

The marine general will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the span. After the ceremony he will drive to Medford where he will take a tri-motor plane for Portland. He will leave Portland at 9:30 p. m. for Chicago.

Much speculation was heard here today as to who would become head of the consolidated police force. While rumors said certain men had been given favorable consideration, Governor Meier declared no one had the 'inside track" on the position. All candidates, he said, will be judged on their merits. The governor said he had 150 applications for the post.

To Name Chief Soon.

Governor Meier said he probably will name the chief within two weeks. There is, he declared, but little time to complete the organization and train the force as the law authorizing the constabulary becomes effective August 1.

The committee appointed to make preliminary plans for the organization, acting with the governor, will consider applications for the post of commander of the state police. This committee is composed of Major General George A. White, Brigadier-General Thomas E. Rilea, Luke S. May, Seattle criminologist, Col. A. E. Clark, Portland attorney, and R. R. Hewitt, dean of Willamette university law school.

Chief To Be Oregon Man.

The chief of the department will be an Oregon man, Governor Meier said and will not be a member of the regular army.

The governor was asked whether the chief would be selected from the Oregon national guard or from any present police force. He said he could not answer the question because he did not know.

"We have all these applications on hand," the governor said, "and it is

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500 PERSONS DEAD; BURMESE FIGHT BRITISH

SIMLA, India, May 22 (AP) —Nearly 500 persons are reported to have been killed and thousands wounded or captured in the current insurrection in Burma against British authority.

American missionaries returning here say that the rebellion is in danger of spreading from Southern Burma, its starting point, throughout the country and that colonial officials are rushing fresh troops from India into the upper section.

The trouble is much more serious than earlier reports indicated, it was said, although martial law has not yet been declared. Business is nearing a standstill and rice, the national staple, is selling at half its normal price. The interior was described as unsafe for foreigners.

Burmese nationalists have been agitating for some years for a dominion status, separate from India.

Army of The Air Reaches New York

NEW YORK, May 22 (AP) — The vanguard of the army of the air, winging from Dayton, O., to defend New York against a mythical attack, landed at Roosevelt field this afternoon.

One of 30 planes of the seventh army squadron taxied too far in landing, and went over into a gully. The plane was damaged but the pilot, Lieut. W. C. Pyle of March Field, Cal., and his mechanic, Sergeant F. I. Kurtz, escaped injury.

Siskiyou National Forest Gets Work

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 22 (AP)—J. H. Billingslea, forest supervisor, announced today that the government has authorized expenditure of $100,000 in the Siskiyou national forest during 1931. Approximately $95,000 of this will be used in building new trails and bridges. The largest item is a bridge over the Rogue river at Agness which will be reconstructed at a cost of $25,000. The structure was destroyed by a flood in 1927.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 22 (AP) — Wheat averaged higher and corn lower today with all deliveries of corn reaching a new low price record for the season. The first export sales of United States 1931 new crop wheat were made today for July shipment, and New Orleans cleared some domestic wheat. Greece was reported to have bought 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat yesterday and today. Stop loss selling dominated corn.

Wheat closed irregular, ⅛ cent off to ⅜c up, corn at ⅜c decline to ¼c advance, oats unchanged to ⅛c higher, and provisions 7 to 17 cents down.