

FISH PLANT SITE RUMORS DISQUIETING

Fears Felt Locally That Hatchery at Union Might Be Removed.

GUN CLUB MAKES FORMAL PROTEST

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting of Organization Held in City Hall Last Night.

SURVEY TO BE MADE

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—The state game commission said today a survey of all fish hatcheries in the state is being conducted with a view of determining the desirability of location and efficiency of operation. This survey probably will require another three months' time. The commission, in commenting upon the La Grande rumors that the Union fish hatchery may be removed, said no definite plans have been made for the Union hatchery or for any others in the state, pending completion of the survey. It was said, however, that depending upon the report of the investigation, those hatcheries found to be not advantageously located or to be inefficiently operated, will be removed.

Fear that rumors heard the last day or so may have some basis, led to united action by the members of the La Grande Gun club in annual meeting here last night to pass a resolution vigorously protesting any removal of the Union fish hatchery from its present location. Reports from Portland and other sources have led Eastern Oregon sportsmen to fear that a movement may develop at the game commission.

Dentists Planning For Annual Clinic

A nationally known specialist on children's dentistry, Dr. Sweet, of San Francisco, will attend the annual clinic to be held by the Eastern Oregon Dental society in La Grande on Feb. 8 and 9 according to an announcement made at a meeting of the local society yesterday noon at the Sacajawea Inn. Plans were discussed for the clinic to which all the dentists in Eastern Oregon will be invited. Under the direction of Dr. Sweet, the clinic will be especially interested in children's dentistry, local dentists say, and plans are being made to arrange for a public lecture by the specialist.

WALT LANSING PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANCY

SALEM, Dec. 29 (AP)—Captain George Alexander, formerly in charge of the state prohibition department and who has recently been in charge of the record bureau of the state police, was appointed deputy superintendent of the police organization, it was announced today by Charles Pray, superintendent. His new duties will become effective January 1. Alexander will succeed Captain Harry Niles, who was obtained from the Portland police department for six months to assist Pray in organization work. Niles will return to Portland after his leave of absence period expires January 15. Lieutenant H. W. McCain of the Salem headquarters division was promoted to captain in charge of the division, Pray announced. Sergeant Walter Lansing of the same division was promoted to lieutenant to succeed McCain while Powell Clayton, patrolman, was promoted to sergeant to replace Lansing.

County Medical Men Will Meet

Medical men of Union county will meet tonight to hear three of their number discuss unusual cases and conditions with which they have come in contact among their clientele. Dr. W. K. Ross, president of the Union County Medical society, stated this morning. In the absence of Dr. Lewa Wilkes Ager, who is spending his honeymoon in Western Oregon, Dr. Casfield Beattie will act in the capacity of secretary. They will meet at the La Grande hotel at 6:30. Dr. C. L. Gilstrap will present a paper on certain types of exophthalmic goiters. Dr. G. L. Biggers will give a case report of an interesting and unusual condition in a hip fracture, and Dr. James J. D. Hahn has prepared a report of a case of primary carcinoma of the pancreas, which he states is a rare condition. Dr. Ross will preside at the meeting.

McNary Expects Senate to Pass Relief Measure

Expects Action Monday on Giving 40,000,000 Bushels of Wheat to Aid Unemployed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Chairman McNary, of the senate agricultural committee, expects the senate to vote Monday to give 40,000,000 bushels of farm bond wheat for relief, by passing the Copper-Wheeler bill authorizing the gift. The board has no objections to using the grain for relief, but has suggested it should be repaid the \$16,000,000 the wheat is worth. Senator McNary also said the tariff commission had promised him to speed its investigation of the effect of depreciated foreign currencies upon wheat imports. The Oregon Republican sponsored a resolution calling for the inquiry. He said he expected the investigation to indicate what effect the lowered value of foreign money was having upon all imports.

Pacific Northwest pulp producers have told their congressional delegates foreign pulp is driving them from domestic markets because of the cheaper dollar value of their currencies. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Chairman Thomas made tentative plans today for calling the senate reclamation committee together next week to seek compromise relief plan for western irrigation districts. Thomas is sponsoring a bill prepared by the irrigation districts seeking a blanket year's moratorium on their debts to the government. (Continued on Page Eight)

Three Children Identify Man In Cincinnati Case

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 29 (AP)—Identification of a suspect held in the kidnapping and slaying of six-year-old Marian McLean as a man who molested small girls last June spurred investigators today in their efforts to solve the crime. Three little sisters, the oldest of whom is 12, went before a lineup of five men and unhesitatingly pointed out the suspect as the man who molested them. The man who was sought to lure the youngest, seven years old, away last summer. The suspect next will be taken before Russell C. Clump, 28, who told police he saw a man, carrying a clothes basket covered with his own cloth, standing in front of his home early Dec. 22—the same day Marian's body was found in a tenement basement. Clump said the man appeared nervous when observed, but he gave the incident no further thought until the child's body was found.

Police did not file charges after the suspect's identification by the girls, but indicated they would if he also is the man seen by Clump. One other suspect still being held was taken to a hospital for observation by alienists. La Grande High School musicians will play in Portland. Several La Grande high school musicians, accompanied by W. W. Nussbaum, musical director, have gone to Portland where they will take part in the chorus and orchestra which will be featured at the meeting of the state music supervisors on Dec. 31. Mr. Nussbaum, in recognition of his ability as a director, has been asked to direct the orchestra ensemble in three of four numbers which will be played. Robert Long and Bernard Powell will play in the orchestra, while those taking part in the choruses are Robert Ward, Ralph Geibel, Aileen Waldrorf, Doris Williams, Katharine Wissler, Ella Engel, Arda Berry and Mildred Thompson. The chorus will sing "Bridal Chorus" from "Rose Maiden"; "Pillgrim's Chorus" from "Tannhauser"; by Wagner; "A Day in the Country" by Lennox; "Day Spring of Eternity" by Christiansen; "Monte Carlo" by Loomis; and "The Lee Shore" by Coleridge-Taylor. Mr. Nussbaum will direct the orchestra in playing "Maritana Selection" by Wallace; "La Traviata" by Verdi; "March Militaire" by Schubert. They will also play "Talisman Overture" by Brockton, under other direction.

PLANES SOAR ABOVE CITY OF CHINCHOW

Japanese Drop No Bombs But People Expect Attack Momentarily.

MARSHAL CHANG MAY QUIT CITY

Japanese Troops Capture Panshanhsien, Near Chinchow; Chinese Resist Stubbornly.

PEIPING, Dec. 29 (AP)—Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang tonight ordered his troops at Chinchow, Manchuria, to withdraw inside the great wall of China.

CHINCHOW, Manchuria, Dec. 29 (AP)—Japanese airplanes flew back and forth over this city tonight and although they dropped no bombs the frightened people expected an attack any moment.

EVACUATE CHINCHOW?

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 29 (AP)—Reports from Tientsin today said it was widely believed Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang had decided to evacuate Chinchow. The Chinese general, these reports said, had decided to withdraw to a point south of the great wall. This would take the last considerable Chinese force out of Manchuria, and would be in compliance with the Japanese demand.

JAPANESE ENTER PANSHANHSIEN. TOKYO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Japanese reports received here today said a Japanese detachment entered Panshanhsien, a town on a branch line near Chinchow, after their airplanes bombed a large body of Chinese troops, forcing them to retreat. The Chinese forces employed machine guns, rifles and artillery in a

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EUROPEAN ACCORD EXPECTED SOON

London and Paris Expected to Reach Agreement on Reparations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Despite the differences of opinion between London and Paris on reparations and allied debts, leading bankers here today predicted an accord within two months. Europe is too sensible, one authority said, to let internal differences stand in the way of measures vital to world recovery. England and France, in this presentation of viewpoint, seem certain to get together on essential points now at issue prior to the forthcoming reparations conference next month. Present European disputes, one high authority said, resemble a family quarrel and this country, he added, will do well to keep out. Solidifying U. S. Sentiment. Continued European criticism of the refusal of the United States to consider debt cancellation, has had the effect of solidifying American

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They Got The Job And Their Dog Got His 1932 License

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 29 (AP)—Bobby Hardy, 5, and his younger brother walked into the city hall yesterday. "Have you any floors we can scrub?" he asked Police Clerk Jack Pottle. "Why?" asked the clerk. "Well, said the boy, "it's like this. We got a dog, but no dollar for a license." They got the job, and the dog got the license.

Republican Independents Consider Third Party If Nominee Unsuitable

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Republican Independents are seriously considering a third party movement in 1932 in the event the Republican and Democratic conventions fail to nominate a man to their liking. The group comprises the senate independents. It is opposed to renomination of President Hoover. Conferences have been going on among the members looking to a contest against Hoover's renomination but no single candidate has been agreed upon. Norris Mentioned. The veteran Senator Norris, of Nebraska, has been asked to make a contest against Hoover's renomination, but he has declined to enter the nomination race. Norris, however, is definitely understood to be ready to support any

STORM TURNS INLAND FROM CALIFORNIA

Train and Ship Service Interrupted—Hundreds of Homes Damaged.

4 DEATHS OCCUR, HUNDREDS INJURED

Noted New York Painter Killed When His Automobile Plunges From Mountain Road.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP)—The most severe December storm in ten years passed inland today leaving in its wake badly interrupted train and ship service, gushing mountain streams, hundreds of damaged homes in the lowlands, mud-filled streets and snows five or more feet deep in the higher mountains. Four deaths, three of them in traffic, were attributed to the storm. In Los Angeles city limits alone more than 200 persons were treated for injuries suffered in traffic accidents caused by slippery streets.

Gardner Hale, noted New York painter, was killed when his automobile plunged from a mountain road near Santa Maria. Mrs. Grace Wright, 60, was drowned in a creek near Redlands when she fell from a bus that became stalled in the creek. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ylaja were killed in San Pedro when their automobile overturned.

Long Beach was the hardest hit of any community, more than 600 families having to be removed from their homes due to the menace of rising waters. Water stood three to four feet deep in some of the houses. Many of the residences were damaged. Snow Melting. River and creek beds, ordinarily dry washes at this time of year, were running full today as the water came down from the mountains and the snows began to melt.

Shipping between the local harbor and other points was delayed several hours on an average, while train service between Los Angeles and San Francisco was routed over the inland route by way of the San Joaquin valley, the coast line being thought too dangerous for operation.

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FEDERAL AID RECOMMENDED TO COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Federal appropriations to supplement local unemployment relief was recommended today by a senate committee headed by Paul W. Kellogg, editor of the welfare magazine Survey. Attacks on federal aid as a "dole," he said, "are merely echoes of propaganda put out in high places, resulting from a combination of dope, emotion and class interest." Linton B. Swift, executive secretary of the family welfare association of America testified relief needs have grown by leaps and bounds. "There was a 215 per cent increase in relief extended by member agencies from 1916 to 1925, he said, and this increase continued up to 1929.

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WOMEN IN THE NEWS



Mary Emma Woolley (left), of South Hadley, Mass., is the first woman to be chosen as a delegate to an international disarmament conference. She was selected by President Hoover to take part in the party at Geneva in February. She is 68. Mrs. Cornelia Bryce Pinchot (right), wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, has announced her candidacy for congress from the 15th district, opposing Representative Louis McFadden, arch foe of President Hoover's debt moratorium program.

Convict Killed, Seven Injured In Attempted Break

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Dec. 29 (AP)—One convict was killed, seven others wounded, and a guard shot in the foot yesterday when Hughes Adams, 28, a negro, attempted to escape from the prison. Adams was shot down by guards as he ran down the alleyway between two buildings. Flying bullets hit seven other convicts, inflicting minor injuries. All of the wounded were released from the prison hospital after treatment. L. E. Jones, guard, was hit in the foot by a bullet. Hospital attendants said his wound was not serious. Adams attempted to escape when he was being taken to the prison court. He had lighted a cigarette in the mess hall, which guards said was an infraction of the rules. The Warden James B. Holohan said Adams had been sullen and morose for about ten days. Guards took a knife from him a short time ago.

Gale and Storm Cause Life Loss In Great Britain

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A seventy-mile gale whipped up high tides in the Thames today and left dwellers along its shores fearful of a repetition of the disastrous floods of 1928. The storm also was charged with partial responsibility for the loss of several seamen's lives in a collision between the steamer American Trader and a tug. Nine men were believed to have drowned as a result of the collision, which occurred in the lower river, in what is known as "Galleon's Reach." The tug sank immediately. The Warden James B. Holohan said Adams had been sullen and morose for about ten days. Guards took a knife from him a short time ago. A northwest gale lashed Mersey estuary, rolling up tremendous waves which prevented a number of ships.

New Cut In Egg Price Announced

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—An announcement made by E. J. Dixon, general manager of the Pacific co-ops, of a cut of 10c, all around in the egg price list, effective Wednesday morning. The new list will be extra 25c, standards 24c and mediums 23c do. The cut is in answer to secret shading of values here as well as general cutting elsewhere.

Teachers Continue Sessions Today

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—Departmental meetings, sectional conference and inspirational addresses all were part of the second day session of the Oregon State Teachers' association in annual convention here today. During the afternoon 21 departmental sessions were on the program. The convention, which has drawn educators from all sections of the state, will close Wednesday. In addition to the business of the convention, many alumni luncheons were on today's program. G. W. Boettcher, city school superintendent of The Dalles, vice president of the Teachers' association last year, automatically becomes president this year. Miss Jane Barnett, primary teacher at Gladstone, was elected vice president, the chief elective honor of the association. DRAGGING RIVER. SEATTLE, Dec. 29 (AP)—Edwin Scott, displaying three gold nuggets he found in the gizzard of his Christmas turkey, was informed by the market where he bought the bird that it came from "a gold mining region in Oregon."

NO DECISIONS TODAY. SALEM, Dec. 29 (AP)—The Oregon supreme court today did not hand down opinions. The court customarily hands down its week's opinions on Tuesdays. The next opinions will be announced on January 5.

Eleven Leaders Predict Better Business In '32

Views Based on Belief That Better Management Will Result From Past Experiences.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Better business in general for 1932 was predicted today by eleven leaders in various lines. Their views, published today in the January issue of Commerce, official publication of the Chicago Association of Commerce, were based on the belief that better management will result from the experiences of the past. "Organizations and individuals who have grown soft during the easy years are now trained down to lean, hard business fighting trim," said C. W. Nash, president of the Nash Motor company. "Mistakes that were made are providing them valuable lessons for the future."

"Experience has decisively proved that we cannot shape or mould or change the natural economic forces of supply and demand with artificial expedients." Among the other opinions were the following: Morale Improved. Milan V. Ayers, analyst of the National Association of Finance companies: "It is evident the general morale is not nearly as low an ebb as it was in some former depression periods."

F. A. Selberling, president Selberling Rubber company: "I have recently completed a tour of the country and have found more signs of business improvement than at any other time in the last two years. Sentiment in the west is good and in the east is improving."

Jacoby Resigns As Partner For Sidney S. Lenz

By Tom O'Neill. NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Oswald Jacoby resigned as partner of Sidney S. Lenz early today after much mutual criticism in a session during which they cut 250 points off the lead of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson in the prolonged test of rival systems of contract bridge. "Psychic bids by Jacoby toward the end of the session touched off the fireworks. Prior to that Jacoby accused Lenz of making misplays which enabled the Culbertsons to fulfill contracts. Referring to "rotten" bids by his partner, Lenz at first said there was no possibility of Jacoby returning to the match and Jacoby said he could not go on being publicly criticized by Lenz, "especially when his criticisms are to cover up errors of his own."

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Woman Killed By Car; Driver Held

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—Traffic fatalities here this month were brought to nine last night by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Gruber, 33, who was struck by a car driven by E. H. Craver as she stepped from a curb. Craver was arrested on an involuntary manslaughter charge and on liquor charges. Police said they found 30 cases of whisky, wines, alcohol and gin at his home, and a complete bottle of whisky. The officers said Craver drove to his home without waiting to learn how seriously the woman had been injured. She died an hour after the accident.

PLANE IS WRECKED. ORAN, Algeria, Dec. 29 (AP)—An attempt by the noted French flier Jean Mermoz and Capt. Rene Remilloux to establish a new distance record for a closed circuit flight failed today when their plane was wrecked in taking off. Neither of the fliers was injured.

Abe Denies Death And Stops His Own Funeral Services

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (AP)—One of the last persons to hear that Abe Cohen was dead was Abe himself. The mourners had grouped themselves about the coffin and everything was ready for the obsequies. "Doesn't he look lifelike," one of them said. "No, he doesn't," spoke a new voice from the rim of the crowd. "Who is he?" "That's Abe," said a third cousin, without looking up. "No it's not," said the newcomer, "I'm Abe." And so it was, and now that Abe is alive the coroner will have to look elsewhere to solve the mystery of the body, which was taken from Lake Michigan a few days ago.

WOULD CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN TAX PAYMENT

Garner, Speaker of House, Expects \$200,000,000 in Revenue.

ONE METHOD FOR MEETING DEFICIT

Democratic Organization Has Not Formulated its Tax Program as Yet, Garner Says.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Speaker Garner said today the Democrats expect to raise \$200,000,000 in revenue without additional levies of taxes, as one method of meeting the treasury deficit.

The increased revenue, as outlined by him, would be obtained by the enactment of amendments to existing laws to stop loopholes through which taxes are evaded. This is one phase of the study the Texas representative conducted last summer into present revenue legislation, with a view to perfecting the revenue law. Some "Holes" Intentional? Garner said some of the holes in the law were left intentionally, while others had not been. He declined to divulge what they were but it is known he has made an exhaustive study of many court decisions on tax appeal cases. Asked directly whether the Democrats had formulated their program, Garner replied: "If you are talking about the organization, we have not. Some different individuals have compiled their own programs and have even gone so far as to put them down on paper. "No one can tell what the 25 men on the ways and means committee will report to the house a month away, because no one knows," he said. Reminded that Chairman Collier, of the ways and means committee, and Representative Rainey, of Illinois, the party leader, had differed on several proposals to increase federal revenue, the Texan reiterated they were voting their own opinion.

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ASHURST QUILTS 'WET' ATTEMPT, AS RIDICULOUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Describing attempts to change the prohibition laws as "a ridiculous waste of effort," Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, today withdrew from a senate judiciary subcommittee named to hold hearings on the subject. "I voted for the 18th amendment, for the Volstead law, for the anti-beer bill and for all the appropriations necessary to enforce the same. "I do not believe I made any mistake in so voting. "I have no time to waste in aiding those who are attempting to weaken or relax that amendment or those laws. It is a ridiculous waste of effort to attempt to relax or modify the prohibition laws. The people are looking for jobs, not jags." Another friend of prohibition, Senator Black, Democrat, Alabama, was appointed to fill Senator Ashurst's place by Chairman Norris of the judiciary committee.

White Salmon Boy Is Nearing Death

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Dec. 29 (AP)—Physicians today despaired of the life of Earl Mosher, 14, who continued in an unconscious condition brought about last Friday when death by freezing nearly overtook him. The boy was in the wild snow-covered country north of Husum.

15 FREEZE TO DEATH

LISBON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Fifteen persons have been frozen to death in the past few days of bitter cold in the vicinity of this city.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Increased activity and much higher prices in grains today quickly accompanied a new upward trend of the New York stock market. Crop damage reports from Hessian fly in winter wheat districts of Indiana and Illinois were a contributing bullish influence. Wheat closed unsettled 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c above yesterday's finish corn 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c up, oats 1/4 @ 1 1/2c advanced, and provisions 5 to 15c down. PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—There were almost general advances in the domestic wheat markets during the day. On the Portland futures market there was considerable activity in May with sales of 12,000 bu. Closing on December was up 1/4c, May 1/2c and July 3/4c bu. On the merchants exchange cash wheat gained 1c all around.