

## DEMOCRATIC LEADERS SHY AT PROPOSAL

John J. Raskob Begins Conference on Prohibition Referendum Plan.

## MANY REGARD IT NO "PARTY ISSUE"

Dill and Sheppard Outspoken in Declaring Matter Should Be Left to the States.

By Robert S. Pickens  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—John J. Raskob, Democratic national chairman, began a series of conferences with party leaders today on his proposal that the Democrats declare decisively for a prohibition referendum and avoid being classified as either wet or dry.

On his list were Senator Robinson, floor leader of the party, and Speaker Garner.  
First reactions on Capitol Hill to Mr. Raskob's latest prohibition expression was to the effect prohibition is not a party question.  
There was some satisfaction that Raskob did not intend to attempt to commit the national committee at its coming meeting to his proposed constitutional amendment giving states control over liquor.

"Not a Party Question," Senator Dill of Washington, a supporter of Gov. Roosevelt, of New York, for president, issued the warning "prohibition is not a party question" but he did applaud the move of Raskob, "to sit down and talk over the controversy."  
"Prohibition was put into the constitution without party action. If it is ever taken out it will be done without party action," said Dill.

This proposal of Mr. Raskob to tie up all Democratic members of congress to a certain prohibition plank is undemocratic. It is up to members of congress to follow the will of their people and it is not impossible.

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## SNOWFALL IN MOUNTAINOUS REGION HEAVY

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 6 (Special)—The snowfall in the mountains up to Dec. 31 was declared by Whitman forest officials here to be the heaviest since 1916.

Although records are not available on the measurements taken at some points in the county except at intervals the increase in the depth of snow over the last few years is believed to be general.

The measurements at five snow stakes stand as follows: Sawtooth, near Medical Springs, 61 inches; Dixie, 35 inches; Tipton, 33 inches; Olive lake, 58 inches; and Imperial mine, north of Sumpter, 72 inches. On Dixie mountain December 31, 1930, there was 18 1/2 inches of snow, in 1929, 19 inches at Tipton and in 1929, 19 inches at Olive lake.

Records of snow depth at Olive lake Dec. 31 are available for a period of several years. The measurements were as follows: 1929, 17 inches; 1928, 16 1/2 inches; 1927, 35 inches; 1926, 20 inches; 1925, 10 inches; 1924, 14 inches; 1923, 23 inches.

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At the time of his arraignment an effort was made to allow Pierce to pay off the debt. He paid \$225.50. The last payment was made in 1927. Pierce may pay the \$500 fine any time within the two years and clear his record.

## Julius Rosenwald Passes In Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (AP)—Julius Rosenwald, 69, who built a fortune in retail merchandising and gave more than \$25,000,000 to benefit humanity, died late today at his suburban home in Highland Park of kidney and heart diseases.

## 222 Prisoners In County Jail During the Year

Forty-One Different Charges Placed Against Offenders, 30 of Whom Were Born in Missouri.

The names of 222 men and women went on the prison record as "guests" of the Union county jail during 1931, the records show, and of the total, 203 were men and 19 were women. Cases involving the sale, possession or transportation of intoxicating liquor held the highest place among the offenses.

All offenders are not recorded in the prison record, since many are taken directly before the justice of the peace for trial and are not occupants of the county jail, Sheriff Jesse Breshears explained, in making the report.

Forty-one charges have been pressed against the 222 persons in the county jail. One person which has been held for fraud, failure to keep the peace under bond, insanity, immorality, contempt of court, as a witness, on a felony warrant from Portland, for the United States marshal, vagrancy, unlawfully operating a barber shop, leaving a camp fire unattended, obtaining money falsely, not stopping after an accident, possession of a stolen car, for a theft investigation, trapping out of season, for the penitentiary.

Two each have been arrested and held for arson, rape, hunting during closed season, another state, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, narcotics, hunting without a license.

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## Normal School Five Will Play Baker Tonight

Although fans do not expect to see the team performing as yet in seasoned condition, La Grands will get their first glimpse of the 1932 Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball team tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the L. D. S. Recreational hall with the Baker Antlers, independent five, as the opponent.

The Normal school cagers put in some practice near the end of the fall quarter, but additions to the squad Monday resulted in several changes and the team tonight will take the floor with only two practices behind it in reality.

Couch Bob Quinn is reported to have fair material this year, but it is doubtful that the team will begin clicking before a couple of weeks of intensive work at the least. If the squad has settled down to regular work within fortnight's time, it will be just in time for the opening of the collegiate schedule here against Lewiston Normal school on Jan. 15 and 16. The Normal school conference season does not begin until Feb. 1 as far as the E. O. N. is concerned.

Quinn has three veterans this season—Melvick and Baker, forwards, of 1931, and Gaden, guard, of 1930—and several promising candidates for every position on the squad.  
The game tonight will begin at 8:30 o'clock, following a contest between two gym classes beginning at 7:30.

## Savings Report Reveals Little Drop During '31

In answer to the call of the comptroller of currency, both the La Grande and United States national banks reported their condition as of Dec. 31, 1931 yesterday, and the two reports were published in the Observer.

Loans and discounts amounted to \$1,486,249.36 as compared with \$1,849,578.77 a year ago.  
Demand deposits amounted to \$1,013,924.13 a year ago and the figure was \$672,957.53 this year.

Time deposits for this year amounted to \$1,162,492.65 compared with \$1,351,206.20 a year ago, a reduction of \$188,713.55, or about 14 per cent.

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## SPECULATION IN TOKYO ON U. S. ACTION

Surprise Expressed That Mr. Stimson Not Entirely Satisfied.

## JAPAN READY TO DO ALL POSSIBLE

Apology Not Yet Accepted—Important Statement is Expected Soon From Secretary.

TOKYO, Jan. 6 (AP)—Today's newspapers commented extensively on reports from Washington that Secretary Stimson had conferred with the French and British ambassadors, presumably with reference to the Manchurian embargo. Several of them speculated on the possibility of a joint note by the three powers calling Japan's attention to the nine-power pact.

There was a surprise in official circles at reports from the American capital that Mr. Stimson was not entirely satisfied with Japan's expression of regret for the attack on Consul Culver B. Chamberlain at Mukden.

Japanese Willing  
It was said that the Japanese government is willing to take any further action which any self-respecting government would take under the circumstances, but it was not clear here whether Washington wanted a written apology.

It was emphasized that Mr. Chamberlain was not recognized as the American consul when he was attacked and that no Japanese soldier

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## OREGON ARTISTS' WORK EXHIBITED

Canvases of Six Leading Painters Exhibited By Neighborhood Club.

The paintings of six of Oregon's leading artists were on exhibit yesterday in connection with the program which the Neighborhood Art club presented, under the chairmanship of Mrs. L. Denham, at the meeting of the Neighborhood club at 2 o'clock at the La Grande hotel. The exhibit was presented through the courtesy of the Oregon Association of Artists, which loaned the pictures for the occasion.

Two phases of art were considered, painting and commercial art, with Dean Pollock, formerly of Joseph but now of Chicago, as an exponent of the latter phase, and Percy L. Manser, of Hood River, Herman Dowling, Clyde Leon Keller, Gertrude Bohman, Bird LeFever, of Portland, and Nowland B. Zone, of Eugene, represented the former.

The canvases exhibited proved to many good judges who attended the outstanding Neighborhood club program of the year, that the Northwest possesses many artists of first rank, with Manser ranking foremost, perhaps.

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## ORDER SURVEY OF ALL STATE INSTITUTIONS

SALEM, Jan. 6 (AP)—Survey of all state institutions as provided by the 1931 legislature and ordered by the state board of control late yesterday, will be started as soon as possible, it was announced today by Governor Julius L. Meier. The selection of the committee to make this survey was left with the governor, but as yet he has had no time to consider the matter, his office stated.

Request for the survey was made by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss following the receipt of an opinion from the attorney general's office that expenses for such a survey were available from state funds, not to exceed \$500. The sum was appropriated by a house concurrent resolution of the legislature.

## Justice of Peace 1932 Jury List Of 237 Persons Announced Today

The jury list for the La Grande justice of the peace and constable district, for 1932, has been announced by Judge L. Denham with the names of 237 persons listed. The jury list, when printed last year, caused a furor in the office of the justice of the peace, Judge Denham states, with numerous telephone calls coming from those chosen telling why they could not serve on the jury.

John Speckhart and Sherwood Williams are the freholders of the district was assisted Judge Denham in drawing up the list.

The roll includes R. E. Wolfe, Gustav Wissler, W. M. Winn, Andrew E. Windsor, Charles Wilson, Lowell Williams, Ernest Williams, Raymond Williams, Edgar F. Wilcock, Elmer Wilhelm, L. W. Whelan, Cressa Wells, L. W. Weeks, Clyde W. Webb, Clark Webb, S. A. Weasel, Frank Washburn, A. J. Warren, O. W. War-

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## ROOSEVELT SEES NEED OF CHANGES

New York Governor Declares Today For a New Social Order

## "REMODELING" OF MACHINE FAVORED

Asks For Holiday on Politics and For Complete "Unity of Leadership and Action."

By Walter T. Brown  
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 6 (AP)—Addressing the New York legislature at the opening of its annual session here today, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt declared for a new social order in which he proposed business and industry "be given a new leadership which will help them and at the same time give definite recognition to a new balance based on the right of every individual to make a living out of life."

While the governor devoted most of his 6000-word address to recommendations for legislation applicable to the Empire state he also used it as a vehicle for expressing his own opinion of the present-day social order and for the outlining of his program for stabilizing the nation.

Referring to the depression Mr. Roosevelt said: "More than two years have gone by and the leaders in government and business have shown us here few plans for the reconstruction of a better ordered civilization in which the economic freedom of the individual will be restored."

Discussion Significant  
Mr. Roosevelt's discussion of the business situation and his recom-

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## ROGERS WINS CONGRESSIONAL SEAT TUESDAY

MANCHESTER, N. H., Jan. 6 (AP)—William N. Rogers, of Wakefield, a wet Democrat, today stood as the choice of the first New Hampshire congressional district, nominally Republican and represented by a dry since 1925.

He is the first Democrat to represent the state in congress in 10 years and was the last of his party to serve in the national house.

Former Governor John H. Bartlett, Rogers' Republican opponent for the seat made vacant by the death of Fletcher Hale, of Laconia, received 24,505 votes to Rogers' 27,453 at yesterday's special election.

Republicans and Democrats alike saw in Bartlett's defeat a rebuff to the administration.

## Two Burned Badly At Camas Valley

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—Critically burned, Mrs. Lonnie Denna, 20, and her brother, Arthur White, 13, were brought to a hospital here today from their Camas Valley home, following the boy's attempt to start a fire with kerosene. Mrs. Denna was burned so badly in the resulting explosion it was feared she might die.

The boy was expected to die today, following a slow burning fire in the kitchen range by pouring in the low-grade gasoline.

## Searching Parties Seek Women Fliers

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 6 (AP)—Searching parties, mounted and afoot, struggled over the rugged, rain-soaked slopes of the Blue Ridge mountains southwest of here today, seeking some trace of two young women aviators, Mrs. Ruth Stewart and Mrs. Debbie Stanford, who disappeared yesterday.

Two airplanes took off this afternoon despite dangerous weather. Deputy sheriffs led small groups of searchers on foot. The governor's troop of the national guard sent one detail and Carlisle furnished another band of cavalrymen. Five other planes were ready to take up the search.

## Portland Buying 15-Cent Lettuce

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—In the face of all the talk about hard times, Portland still feels able to afford an occasional modest luxury.

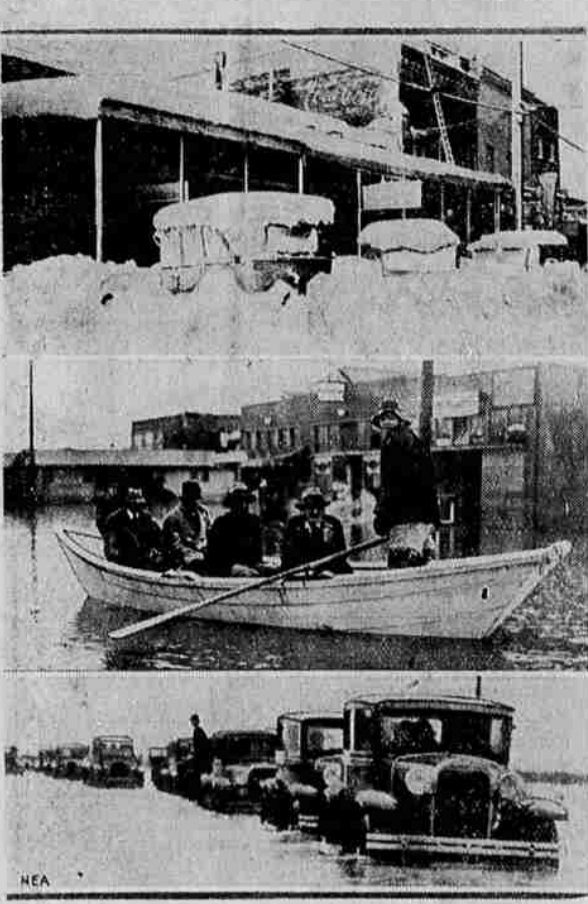
A wholesale house reported today that residents of the city are paying about \$2000 a day alone for head lettuce from the Imperial valley, at 15 cents a head.

## Discuss Plans For Legion Convention

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—Preliminary plans for the 1932 national convention of the American Legion to be held in Portland Sept. 12 to 15, were discussed today by James F. Barton, national adjutant, and Bissell Cook, national director of Americanism, who arrived from Indianapolis this morning.

The two met with the Oregon leaders: Ben Dorris, executive vice president of the convention committee; A. E. Peebler, H. W. Peebler, Lester G. Peach, Della E. Parkinson, Herbert

## MORE ABOUT CALIFORNIA



Here are some views of California points as a result of the recent rain and snowstorms sweeping the west—storms much welcomed as harbingers of better water supply next summer. Above, the snowed-in main street at Truckee; center, police ferry residents ashore near Los Angeles; below, part of a Pacific Highway inundation south of San Jose.

## Juror's Illness Brings Mistrial In Murder Case

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—For the second time the murder trial of Cecil Beckley has ended without a verdict.

Late Tuesday, after the jury had deliberated 23 hours, R. O. Lehman, Oakland farmer-juror, collapsed and was taken to a hospital. His collapse was attributed by physicians to the strain of the past week.

The court declared a mistrial. Beckley, charged with shooting to death his wife, Alma Beckley, and his step-daughter, Margaret Clutter, last July, went on trial the first time in November. The jury deliberated 73 hours before finally announcing its complete disagreement.

The district attorney announced he will try the case a third time.

## Hugh E. Brady Speaker Today At Rotary Club

At the Rotary luncheon today at the La Grande hotel, Judge Hugh E. Brady gave a very interesting talk on the Manchurian situation.

Because of his former residence in that country he has kept fully informed on developments there.

He said in part, "Manchuria is the northernmost province of China, and the residents are not strictly Chinese people. The real Chinese residents are a peaceful race. Manchuria is about four times the size of Oregon and has a population of about 25,000,000.

"Many nations have contrived to get a foothold there, but because Japan must have territory to which to expand, the latter has been and now is aggressive in a movement which will permit her to place her people in that part of the country."

"Because of the restricted area of Japan it is necessary for 1-20th of an acre of land to support a family, therefore with the increasing population it is necessary that they have more land. It is their procedure to send in certain of their people to

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## Three Skeletons Found Near Spring

REDMOND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—The skeletons of a man, a woman and a child, probable victims of marauding redmen during the days of Indian massacres, were found Tuesday in an old spring on the Flowers ranch 12 miles northeast of here.

The spring, used for watering stock, was being cleaned out when workmen came upon the first skeleton, that of a man. The other two were present by uncovering.

The ranch is an old donation land claim on the pioneer stage road between Shaniko and Prineville, Indiana used to travel the route regularly.

Murder theories are discounted as no report of three missing persons ever has been made.

## AGRICULTURE TO AGREE ON NEEDS

Heads of Organizations Meet to Present a United Front to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Organized agriculture came to the capital today to agree on what it wants from congress.

The presidents of three big groups—the American Farm Bureau Federation, national grange and the Farmers union—and their legislative committees met to present a united front on many proposals for agricultural aid, foremost among them being the equalization fee and the export duty.

These farm relief plans, designed to remove crop surpluses so troubling last fall, are expected to be presented and pressed in congress soon after the board is completed.

The farm organizations have tentatively agreed to support both plans, amending the agriculture marketing act so the farm board may use either or both at its discretion.

Among questions to be decided was whether the groups should press for repeal of the farm board's authority for stabilization operations. Under this the board bought up \$27,000,000

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## GAME LEADERS TO MEET WITH LOCAL CLUBS

SALEM, Jan. 6 (AP)—The state game commission will meet in Salem tonight with local sportsmen and citizens of Yamhill, Polk and Marion counties to promote a specific program for this section.

The meeting here is one of a series being held by the commission over the state in an effort to develop better fishing and hunting in every part of Oregon. It was announced.

The commission will hold a similar meeting in Eugene tomorrow night. Meetings have already been held in Pendleton, McMinville, Albany and The Dalles. Other meetings have been arranged at Medford Jan. 20, Coquille Jan. 21 and Roseburg Jan. 22. Meetings for which definite dates have not yet been set include Klamath Falls, probably Jan. 19, Baker, Bend, Newport, Astoria and Portland.

The 1932 program will be announced by the commission as soon as the hearings are complete.

## Liquor Is Squeezed From Her Clothing

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 6 (AP)—Liquor wrung from Mrs. Louise Brandthorpe's clothing may send her to jail.

When her place was raided, she poured the contents of a bottle down her neck. A police matron in the raiding party took the woman to another room, disrobed her and passed the clothing out the door to officers who wrung several ounces of liquor into a hat and then poured it into a bottle.

## Schmeling, Walker To Fight on Feb. 25

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Max Schmeling, heavyweight champion, and Mickey Walker will sign articles tomorrow for a 15-round title match in Miami, Fla., Feb. 25, Jimmy Johnston, boxing director at Madison Square Garden announced today.

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (AP)—Late estimates that almost 5,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat had been bought in the last 48 hours for export hoisted all grain prices today.

Giving further impetus to the rise were rumors that France and England had tentatively agreed on a three-year moratorium for Germany. Assertions that the reconstruction finance bill would be rushed through congress were likewise an aid to bulls.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/2 cent higher than yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 cent up, oats 1/4 cent advanced, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 5 cents.

PORTLAND, Jan. 6 (AP)—Wheat prices were generally 1/2 cent higher for the day on the Portland market. This applied to both cash and futures. The latter were strongly bid at the closing with sellers out of sight. There was no trading.

## Outburst of New Buying in Stock Market Featured

Enthusiasm Sends Many Leading Issues Up From \$2 to \$10 a Share—Outlook Brightening.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—There was an enthusiastic outburst of new buying in the New York stock market today and prices of many leaders soared \$2 to as much as \$10 a share.

Steel stocks brushed aside trade reports from that industry indicating December buying had proved somewhat more hesitant than expected. Investment attention was said by market analysts to be turned more on the prospects of early financial and business improvement than on the past.

Reports congress would take up legislation bearing on formation of the proposed reconstruction corporation attracted widespread interest.

United States Steel advanced more than \$2 a share to around \$30 in early trading. A gain of \$6 a share was recorded in Allied Chemical, while American Telephone ran up \$3 to a price above \$112. American Tobacco B advanced over \$4 a share.

More encouraging railroad reports prompted buying in Union Pacific, Santa Fe, New York Central, New Haven and Baltimore & Ohio which

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## Army of 12,000 Is Marching On Capital Today

By L. R. Lindgren  
HUNTINGTON, Pa., Jan. 6 (AP)—Their bivouac with hunger ending in a rainy dawn, the jobless army marching to Washington, broke camp today to move southward.

Huddled about a hundred camp fires, the 12,000 men following a priest to the capital to plead for aid, inhaled all the sandwiches and drank all the coffee Huntington could produce.

Last night they tossed on carpets, shreds of worn out tents and stones and boards at the fairgrounds just outside of town.

Some found a haven in the pavilions, some slept in cars and trucks, others, weary from the long trek, were satisfied to seek sleep beneath a string of freight cars or in cattle stalls and sheds on the grounds.

But there were thousands who were unable to crowd into the building or to find shelter from the rain.

Rev. James R. Cox, pastor of old St. Patrick's church, of Pittsburgh, leading the march "to prove it is not a resture of radicals," issued an appeal for food. His plea was answered by Rev. O. B. Poulson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Huntington.

Congregation Responds  
Mr. Poulson called together members of his congregation and they made the sandwiches and the coffee which the marchers ate so ravenously this morning.

The morale of the army was not dampened by the rain or the lack of food, Father Cox said as he prepared for the resumption of the trip.

Last night most of his army sat about the camp fires—some playing harmonicas; others singing, others talking of the trip.

Meanwhile, word came in of misfortunes that befell the army's "rear guard" after it left Pittsburgh. There were not enough machines to take the entire army and many attempted the trip on foot.

Thousands Stranded  
Thousands of these are stranded today in towns as far east as Altoona. The Salvation Army in Johnstown estimated it fed 4000 men last night. Hundreds of others sought food in

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## Coast Guardsmen Sink Rum Runner

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—The speedy launch Patricia, loaded high with Canadian whiskey, sank with its cargo off Rockaway beach early today after being fired upon by a coast guard boat. The crew of three was rescued by the coast guard.

When the Patricia sighted the coast guard it attempted to outdistance its pursuer but a one-pound shell disabled its motor and caused one of its gasoline tanks to explode. It was believed the launch got its cargo from a mother ship anchored some miles out in the ocean.

## PATMAN ASKS IMPEACHMENT OF MR. MELLON

Texas Democrat Introduces Resolution in the House Today.

## SENATE VOTE ON LEADER UNCHANGED

Blaine Blocks Immediate Consideration of \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—A resolution seeking the impeachment of Secretary Mellon was introduced in the house by Representative Patman, Democrat, Texas.

"On my own responsibility," Patman told the house, "I impeach Andrew W. Mellon of high crimes and misdemeanors."

The house sat tense and still as Patman spoke, facing the chamber with representatives who had just answered a roll call.