

CROSSWHITE, OWENS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Separate Trials Demanded at Hearing in Circuit Court Today.

CHANGE OF VENUE WILL BE SOUGHT

Large Crowd in Court Room This Morning—Defendants Appear Less Nervous.

John Owens, 28, and Keith Crosswhite, 19, who in October confessed they fired the shots that wounded Amos "Spud" Helms and caused his death Dec. 30, entered pleas of not guilty in circuit court this morning to indictments charging murder. The pleas were heard by Circuit Judge J. V. Knowles and a crowd of La Grande people who filled the court room to capacity. The crowd was quiet and orderly throughout the procedure.

The defendants were represented by George Cochran, appointed by the law court, and after the judge set plea 1 as the time for trial, the defense attorney filed demands for separate trials for the two men. He also served notice that a change of venue would be sought on the grounds that a fair trial was impossible in Union county. Judge

TEMPERATURES LOWER TODAY OVER OREGON

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—Light flurries of snow fell in several sections of Western Oregon last night, and temperatures ranged a bit lower than on Tuesday when many western points received the first snow of the season.

Roseburg today had four inches of snow on the ground, the weather bureau reported. A fresh fall over night added to Tuesday's fall. Benn had one inch with a minimum temperature of 12 degrees.

The mid-Columbia region had a little fresh snow today. This morning snow was falling at only one place, Crown Point.

Between Medford, Portland and Seattle skies were overcast. Temperatures ranged from 25 at Chehalis and 27 at Eugene to 33 at Portland. Temperatures along the gorge airway included Pasco 18, Umatilla 19, The Dalles 22, Hood River 27. On the Pasco-Boise airway temperatures ranged from 9 at Baker to 10 at La Grande.

Planes were getting through with little difficulty.

The United States weather bureau held little promise that warmer temperatures would reappear soon on the coast.

In interior California snow fell in quantities yesterday. Tahoe city reporting a fall of eight inches during the day.

Washington was relieved with colder temperatures and hoped flood waters would be checked.

Lumber Position Gaining Strength

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13 (AP)—H. C. Hendee, editor of the Pacific coast edition of the Wall Street Journal, said editorially today in forecasting brighter days for Pacific coast lumbermen:

"Without attempting to be fatuously optimistic in the face of the very depressed condition of one of the coast's largest primary industries, lumber, it is worth observing that orders for that commodity have now exceeded production for a record period in the Pacific Northwest and that the West Coast Lumbermen's association believes that the situation may be described as in a strengthening position."

Industry was described as having more than held its own in 1931 with other basic industries. Better volume and values were looked for this year.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, becoming unsettled in northwest portion Thursday; continued cold; moderate north winds offshore becoming changeable.

Annual Meeting Of Chamber Set For March First

Nomination and Election of New Directors Provided For at Session Held Tuesday.

The annual chamber of commerce meeting and banquet will be held on the evening of Tuesday, Mar. 1, it was announced today following a meeting of the chamber of commerce directors yesterday. No announcement has been made as yet as to who will deliver the main address at the dinner.

Arrangements also were made at the meeting Tuesday for annual election of officers. The secretary will mail to members on Jan. 30 a ballot for use in making nominations for the board of directors, and on Feb. 13, with the nominations determined, an election ballot will be mailed. After the election of the directors by the membership, the directors will elect officers.

Present officers and directors are: Harry McKinlay, president; Ernest DeLong, vice president; R. J. Green, secretary.

Normal School Five to Invade Baker Tonight

The second of four pre-college season exhibition games to be played by the Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball quintet will be disposed of tonight at Baker, with the Mountaineers taking on the Antlers, a team they defeated here a week ago.

Coach Bob Quinn probably will take two squads to Baker, hopeful of giving every man as much actual experience as possible.

The third exhibition game will be played in the recreational hall in La Grande, Friday evening, with the Pendleton Elks on deck. The Elks

Owls Out-Score Baker Bluejays Tuesday, 65-45

In an unusually fast game for indoor basketball, the Jack Allen Owls defeated the Baker Bluejays at the D. S. Recreational hall last night 65 to 45.

At halftime the Owls were far out in front, 30 to 16, but in the last half they had to put on steam to maintain their margin with Landreth and Howard of Baker snatching the ball through the hoop eight times from the floor.

Moore, who started at forward and wound up at center, was high scorer of the game with an even 20 points.

Patman Aims Dart At Justice Dept.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—A charge the justice department has let Secretary Mellon "run rough shod" over federal laws was made before the house judiciary committee today by Representative Patman, Texas Democrat, but was stricken out of the record on the suggestion of Chairman Summers.

Patman was testifying on his resolution seeking impeachment of the veteran treasury head for "high crimes and misdemeanors." Representative Michigan, Michigan Republican, asked at one point why he had not taken his charges to the justice department.

The Texan replied that since the department "has let him run rough shod over law as I believe, what reason would I have to expect if would make a criminal prosecution?"

Sheepmen Urged To Adopt New Policy

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 13 (AP)—Sheepmen must make a number of adjustments if they expect to place their industry back on a profitable basis, C. A. Brunelster, senior economist of the bureau of agricultural economics, Washington, D. C., told the convention of the national wool growers' association here today.

"The years of prosperity which marked the sheep industry from 1922 to 1929 are now history," he declared. "Entirely different conditions are at hand and necessitate sheepmen making a number of adjustments to put their industry back on a profitable basis. The solution can be reached best after analyzing the factors which brought about present conditions and determine those which will cause changes."

MEYERS NEW PRESIDENT OF LOCAL BANK

Began Service With La Grande National 41 Years Ago as Office Boy

CHANGES MADE IN THE DIRECTORATE

A. T. Hill Retires From Presidency—Board Expresses Appreciation of His Long Service.

After 41 years of service with the La Grande National bank, first as office boy and later climbing to higher positions, F. L. Meyers was elected president of the organization last night at a board of directors meeting at the bank. Mr. Meyers replaces A. T. Hill who has retired from business and the presidency following a period of eight years in that office, during which time he was actively engaged in many enterprises to build up the bank and the city of La Grande.

The entire board of directors expressed their appreciation of Mr. Hill's unceasing labor and attention to duty while president of the bank. Eakin Vice President Robert Eakin was elected to the vice presidency, formerly held by Mr. Meyers. H. E. Coolidge is cashier, and Harry Zurbrick is assistant cashier.

At a meeting of the stockholders

MUSIC TOURNEY TO BE SPONSORED

E. O. N. Event of 1931 Will Be Repeated—Many Entries Are Expected.

Enthusiastic over the success of the Eastern Oregon Music tournament held at the school in April, 1931, W. W. Nussbaum, chairman, and Miss Jennie Peterson, secretary of the tournament committee are arranging for the 1932 event, the date of which has not been set. Questionnaires have been sent out to the high schools of Eastern Oregon and a sufficient number have signified their intention of entering musicians if the opportunity is offered.

U. S. LAND BANK BILL AMENDED IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The senate today amended the federal land bank bill to allocate \$25,000,000 of the \$125,000,000 it would provide to the specific purpose of extending the time within which hard pressed farmers may pay their installments to the land banks.

The measure now goes to conference for agreement of differences in its provisions as passed by the house. As approved by the latter, it carried \$100,000,000. The \$25,000,000 added by the senate was earmarked for granting extensions of farm mortgage installments at the discretion of the banks.

HITS AT HOOVER AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Representative McFadden, Pennsylvania Republican, who bitterly assailed President Hoover's debt moratorium, today said the president's \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction bill was "unfit" for consideration.

Favorable Report On Norris Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—A favorable report on the Norris resolution calling for an investigation into activities of the farm board was sent to the senate today by the agriculture committee.

Governor Meier Reports Saving In Last Year of \$301,258 Under Budget

SALEM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier reported to the state board of control today a saving the past year of \$301,258 over the budget appropriations for the 12 institutions under supervision of the board of control. The savings made by the institutions were for the first year under the 1931-1932 program.

Prior to issuance of the detailed report Governor Meier complimented the heads of the state institutions for their co-operation, and urged at the same time that the economy program be continued as rigidly as in the past. Institution heads were present at the regular monthly session today. All institutions reported a saving. The two state hospitals for the insane led the list in the amounts saved. The Oregon state hospital at Salem reported a saving of \$70,217, the governor's statement

APPOINTMENT PROBLEM IS BEFORE CHIEF

President Sets Out Upon Major Manhunt With Ten Vacancies.

VACANCY IN HIGH COURT TOPS LIST

Many Are Mentioned to Succeed Associate Justice Holmes and Ambassador Dawes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Two judicial nominations by President Hoover—James H. Wilkerson, of Illinois, and Kenneth L. Mackintosh, of Washington, both to be members of the circuit court—are facing protests before the senate judiciary committee.

By John F. Chester
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—President Hoover today set out upon a major manhunt, seeking to round out a list of ten diplomats, financiers and men of legal mind to fill as many existing and probable vacancies.

Faced with a suddenly swelling number of high posts already unattended or about to become vacant the president has dozens of names before him. Others today were placed upon his desk. Their sifting will require weeks and perhaps months.

Talk centered principally in the capital upon a successor to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the supreme court, who resigned yesterday. It formed an undertone for the continuing praise of him as the grand old man of American jurisprudence.

Much discussion within the White House there was much discussion of a successor to Ambassador Dawes in London and at the Geneva arms conference; of someone to take Ambassador Forbes' place in Tokyo; of a follower for Governor Theodore Roosevelt in Porto Rico; of a new member of the radio commission.

There was search, too, for men to fill at least four prospective directorships in the proposed \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction corporation. The president hopes to have them chosen by the time congress approves the plan.

New names constantly entered the talk today of a successor to Justice Holmes. One was that of Federal Judge Curtis Dwight Wilbur, former secretary of the navy, brother of Secretary Wilbur of the interior department.

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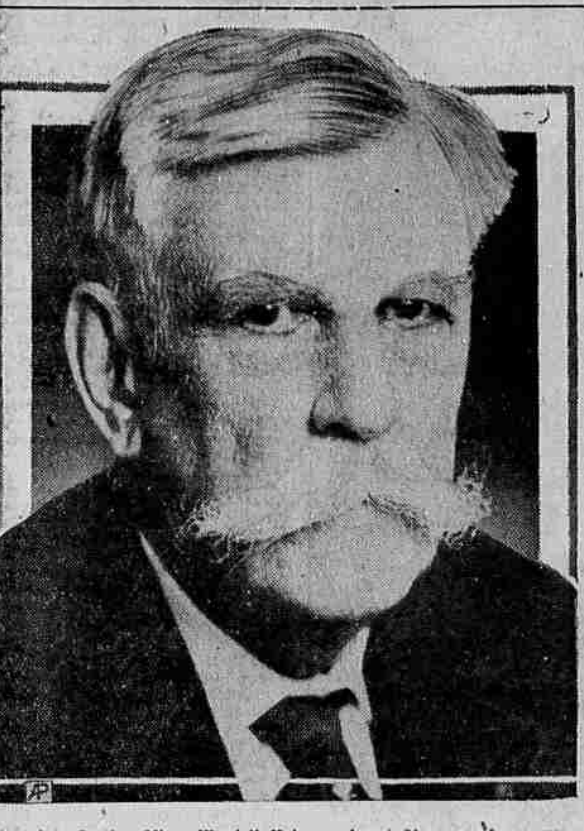
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CHINA WILL CO-OPERATE
NANKING, China, Jan. 13 (AP)—China is ready to co-operate with the United States in upholding the nine-power treaty, it is declared in the Chinese reply to the recent American note invoking that treaty in the foreign minister handed the government's answer to the United States.

186th Infantry Band is Winner
PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—Directed by Warrant Officer Leon Handzik, the 186th Infantry band won the military band championship of Oregon here last night in competition before 5,000 persons in the Multnomah county armory. Three army bands competed.

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ASSOCIATE JUSTICE RESIGNS



Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, almost 91 years of age, yesterday resigned. "I must bow to the inevitable," he said in sending his resignation to President Hoover, who regrettably accepted it. The resignation of Justice Holmes was the third of importance the last few days. Ambassador Dawes and Governor-General Davis were the other two.

Tsingtao Riots Cause Chinese To Seek Flight

TSINGTAO, China, Jan. 13 (AP)—Japanese marines from the warships in the harbor patrolled the streets today and thousands of Chinese sought means of leaving the city following a riot yesterday in which Japanese residents attacked and wrecked a Chinese newspaper office and burned the headquarters of the Kuomintang.

The crowds of Chinese who sought a means of escape to avoid further clashes included many officials. Yesterday's clash occurred after the Chinese newspaper Ming Kuo Jih Pao had said that the recent attempt by a Korean to assassinate the Japanese emperor revealed Kogon's desire for independence.

Japanese residents, incensed at the reference to the emperor, stormed the building, tried to burn it but failed and attacked a number of Chinese newspaper men. They fired revolvers as they thronged into the building and the Chinese fled.

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The negro assaulted Miss Hickok in the bathroom of her home. Then he nearly castrated her with a large butcher knife.

Collins walked a half mile to the prison and surrendered. Members of the Hickok family, in the house at the time of the killing did not know of it until informed by officials announced Collins would be taken to Western penitentiary at Pittsburgh late today.

Mrs. Caraway Is Elected to Take Seat In Senate

Wins Overwhelmingly in Special Election Held Yesterday—Women Support Her.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 13 (AP)—A mother whose life largely was concerned with domestic affairs until two months ago will serve as the first woman ever elected to the United States senate.

Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway, widow of Arkansas' junior senator, Theodorus H. Caraway, yesterday defeated two "independent" candidates in a special election to achieve the distinction.

She will fill out her husband's unexpired term.

Returns from more than two-thirds of the counties gave her 14,131 votes against 436 for Sam D. Carson, self styled "dirt farmer," and 925 for Rex R. Floyd, son of a former congressman.

Mrs. Caraway made no campaign. She remained in Washington, serving in the senate under a temporary appointment from Governor Harvey Parnell, while women's clubs and Democratic leaders worked in her behalf.

Vote Small
The vote was small because of rain that fell over the state throughout the day and the fact Mrs. Caraway's election was regarded as certain. Her nomination by the Democratic state central committee was equivalent to election.

The election was largely a women's affair. They served without pay as election officials in almost all counties because depleted finances threatened.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 13 (AP)—A tornado that dipped into five counties in West Central Alabama and Central Mississippi last night brought death to 11 persons, 10 of them negroes, injured more than 150 others and wrought untold property damage.

The greatest loss of life was reported at Moundville, Ala., where nine persons were killed, all negroes. More than a score of others were hurt and more than 40 homes razed by the wind.

Mrs. Frank Simmons was killed when the storm demolished her home at New Hamilton, Miss. More than 125 persons were hurt at New Hamilton.

One negro was killed and 12 hurt at Faunsdale, Ala. Several homes were damaged at Forest, Miss. At Jasper, Ala., the county courthouse burned with a loss of \$200,000.

NINE NEGROES KILLED
MOUNDSVILLE, Ala., Jan. 13 (AP)—Nine negroes were killed, more than a score of persons including a number of white persons were injured and between 30 and 40 homes were destroyed by a tornado which struck in the vicinity of Moundsville last night.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Jan. 13 (AP)—The body of Rev. Alexander Crzeszayowski, 60, Catholic priest here for ten years, was found yesterday in the snow three miles from his automobile, which had stalled on the highway to Grand Island.

He apparently was seeking help when he fell and died of exposure.

DAKOTA FALLS HEAVY
ST. PAUL, Jan. 13 (AP)—The heaviest snow fall in Northwestern North Dakota in three years was followed by sub-zero temperatures today.

SOCIETY WOMAN AND MAID ARE MURDERED
MIDDLEBURG, Va., Jan. 13 (AP)—Mrs. Agnes B. Hisey, about 40, prominent society and sports woman, and her maid, about 25, were found dead today. Their skulls crushed in the Hisey home, near here.

The bodies were found in separate rooms. The house was in disorder. Investigating officers said the women were evidently slain by blows from some heavy weapon. There was evidence the assailant washed his hands in the maid's room.

BALANCING OF U. S. BUDGET IN '34 GOAL

Secretary Mellon Speaks Today Before Ways and Means Committee.

VOICES HOPE OF BORROWING HALT

Plan Submitted Generally a Return to Taxation Existing Under 1924 Revenue Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—A balanced budget at the end of the fiscal year 1934 is the goal of the administration's tax increase program submitted today by Secretary Mellon to the house ways and means committee.

Appearing as the principal witness at the opening of hearings before the Democratic-controlled group that will formulate broader revenue raising legislation, the veteran cabinet member of three Republican administrations said:

"We are in the midst of a grave emergency. It is essential to raise additional revenue, not just to cover current expenditures but to maintain unimpaired the credit of the United States government.

Indispensable Step
"This last objective is of paramount importance to every citizen in the land. It is an indispensable step in our progress toward recovery.

"The losses that will be suffered by every individual and every industry through a continuation of the depression will exceed many times over the amounts to be contributed in additional taxes.

"It is not only the patriotic duty of all to insure the financial stability of the government in times such as these, but the sacrifice demanded—if we desire to put the justification on a lower plane—is amply warranted by considerations of individual self-interest."

Like 1924 Revenue Act
Mellon said the plan he submitted was generally a return to the taxation existing under the 1924 revenue act, twice amended since. He estimated it would return \$390,000,000.

TWO MORE ARE AUTO VICTIMS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—The death of a woman last night and a man today brought traffic fatalities in Portland to 15 since Dec. 1.

Mrs. Lillian M. Dumdi, 60, was killed almost instantly last night when struck by a car driven by E. E. Cumpston as she was hurrying across an intersection.

J. C. Robinson, 85, died in a hospital this morning from injuries he received Jan. 9 when an automobile operated by Margaret Proctor hit him. Miss Proctor was convicted on a reckless driving charge and her license taken for 60 days.

Cumpston said Mrs. Dumdi was trying to avoid being hit by other machines, became confused and jumped in front of his car. Dark clothing worn by the woman, Cumpston said, made it impossible for him to see her until the machine was upon her.

Bones in Bischoff Cellar Not Human

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 13 (AP)—Bones taken from the basement of the Cincinnati tennement where the body of six-year-old Marian McLean was found, are not those of a human being.

This was announced today by Dr. W. M. Krogman, anthropologist at the Western Reserve university medical school, who examined them.

Dr. Krogman said he was able to identify some of them as parts of a dog's skeleton.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (AP)—Responsive to stock market advances, grain values showed improved backbone during late dealings today as compared with a dropping trend earlier.

On the other hand, export business in North American wheat was continued to scattered loads from Canada. Kansas reports of snowfalls were construed as bearish, and so too were advices that drought in northwestern states had been broken.

What closed firm, $\frac{1}{4}$ @ $\frac{1}{2}$ above yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher, oats at $\frac{1}{4}$ decline to a shade advance, and provisions showing a rise of 12 to 17 cents.

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—May wheat advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ bu. during the last few minutes of the Wednesday session of the Portland grain exchange. The advance was bid, there being no sellers in sight. July was unchanged.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat was also unchanged as were other grains. There were no sales of futures for the day.