

# LOCAL BRIEFS

**Nurses to Meet**—District No. 8 is inviting all graduate nurses to attend a meeting at the Grande Ronde hospital tonight at 7:45 o'clock. The main topics for discussion are: registration, hourly nursing and private duty.

**Meeting is Postponed**—Because of illness, the meeting of the Allice Ladies Aid society which was to have been held tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Everett Wallinger, has been postponed for one week.

**From Hillsboro**—Mrs. Esther Turner, of Hillsboro, Ore., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Scott, of 1007 Lake street. Mrs. Ada Cunniff, of Meridian, Idaho, is also visiting at the Scott home. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

**Drum Corps Banquet**—To elect officers for the ensuing year, the American Legion drum corps will gather at a banquet Friday evening at 8:45 at the Scajawa Inn. Roy Curry is president of the corps and the drum corps committee includes C. P. Holbrook, Fred B. Read, O. B. Maxam, H. T. Smith, Andrew Loney Jr., Raymond O. Williams and H. H. Richardson. John Garity, drum major, has been elected for an indeterminate term and will not be up for re-election.

**Attend Funeral**—Mrs. Moses Garren, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Criswell, of Oregon City, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kohl, of Medford, are in Olympia to attend funeral services for their brother, the late Harry Criswell, of Tumwater. Mrs. Garren arrived in Oregon City Saturday.

**Elks to Meet**—Fifty members of the Elks lodge have been appointed on the George Washington presentation class committee, and will make plans for presenting the class of candidates during February when they meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the temple, preceding the regular meeting of the lodge at 8 o'clock. Exalted Ruler Sherwood Williams announced this morning.

**Stag Party**—A short business meeting will precede the stag party at which the Eagles will be entertained tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the Eagles hall. Charles Andrews is in charge of the event which includes a feed and other entertainment. During the business meeting, C. E. Happersett is expected to report on the recent officers convention he attended in Cottage Grove, Ore.

**Return**—C. E. Happersett, accompanied by Mrs. Happersett, returned yesterday to La Grande after attending a state convention of the officers of the Eagles lodge in Cottage Grove. Mr. Happersett is state treasurer, and also serves as secretary of the local organization.

**Plaintiff Wins**—In the case of C. A. Nicholson vs. L. S. Wilcox, Lee Stusher and Charles Runyan which was tried this morning in the court of the justice of the peace, the plaintiff was upheld by the jury. Mr. Nicholson filed suit to receive payment on a promissory note. Judge L. Denham, justice of the peace, officiated at the trial.

**Attend Meeting**—Among the La Grande people who attended a program and entertainment given by the Moose lodge in Baker Monday evening, were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cass. At 10 o'clock, following the business meeting, the dance was converted into a leap year affair with Mrs. Cass, of La Grande acting as floor manager, according to word received here. The next Moose gathering will be held in La Grande, Jan. 20.

**Visits Sons**—Mrs. America Magee, who is attending the Eastern Oregon Normal school, spent the past weekend at Helix visiting her sons. She has returned to La Grande.

**Assembly**—Miss Madeline Larson, who is a member of the faculty at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, discussed contemporary Swedish literature at the Normal school assembly this morning at 10 o'clock. The men's glee club sang "My Heart's in the Highland" and "Vive L'Amour", under the direction of Miss Jennie Peterson.

**Marriage License**—A marriage license was issued today in Tacoma, Wash., to Nola Godfrey Nelson, of Newberg, Ore. and Frances Phillips, of La Grande, Ore.

**From Portland**—Mrs. J. P. Corbett and Mrs. John Gardner, both of Portland and former La Granderes, arrived in La Grande yesterday for a brief visit. They are staying at the Scajawa Inn.

**Chicken Dinner**—The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church has planned a benefit chicken dinner, which will be served at the church on Jan. 22, with Mrs. Will Adler in charge.

**From Pendleton**—Mr. and Mrs. John Greulich and

**Improving**—Spencer D. Birch, who underwent a major operation at the Grande Ronde hospital Monday, is reported to be improving and soon will be able to return to his home.

**Returns to Portland**—Mrs. Frances Edmonson, who has been visiting at the Scajawa Inn during the holidays, returned to Portland to the University of Oregon medical school, where she is studying X-ray work. She is a former resident of the city.

**Annual Meeting of Chamber Set for March First** (Continued From Page One)

second vice president; H. E. Coolidge, treasurer; Harold C. Boone, executive secretary; H. E. Brady, Mr. Coolidge, George Curry, Mr. DeLong, P. R. Finlay, Mr. Green, J. T. Longfield, Mr. McKinlay, Dr. E. P. Murphy, A. W. Nelson, C. H. Reynolds, Gene Walker and Mr. Boone, directors.

**MEYERS NEW PRESIDENT OF LOCAL BANK** (Continued From Page One)

yesterday morning at the bank William Siegrist, Dr. Lee B. Bouvy and Mrs. Julia Holmes were elected to the board of directors, other members of which are W. G. Sawyer, J. F. Conley, of Cove, Fred E. Kiddle, John C. Macpherson, Robert S. Eakin and Fred L. Meyers.

Mr. Meyers' steady rise from office boy to presidency during the last two years stands as a shining example of the opportunities offered in this country. He was born in Toronto, Canada, on Aug. 9, 1889, the son of George F. L. and Ellen Meyers.

Mr. Meyers owes to the schools of his native city his early education and in due time he entered the University of Ottawa and there completed his course. For seven years after putting his textbooks aside he was employed in Canadian civil service but at the termination of that time, in 1890, he came to La Grande. Here he was employed by the Grande Ronde Lumber company until Sept. 14, 1890. He then entered the service of the bank in the capacity of office boy, determined to work himself up to a position of importance and trust. As a result of his laudable ambition he was eventually made cashier, then vice president and today he stands as president of the institution.

The bank was organized in 1887 by Dr. M. F. Honan, E. J. Rogers, Henry Anson, Henry Wilsey and R. M. Steel, with a capital of sixty thousand dollars. The bank seemed assured of success from the very start and it has lived up to its initial promise.

Mayor For Years

Outside of his banking duties, Mr. Meyers was elected mayor of La Grande, serving also for a number of years as councilman before the days of the commission form of government.

Mr. Meyers also served as president of the Oregon State Bankers' association during 1916, and is prominently affiliated with several fraternal organizations.

**CROSSWHITE, OWENS PLEAD NOT GUILTY** (Continued From Page One)

Knowles gave him a week in which to file a motion.

In the event the motion is filed, it is expected that the trials will be removed to some adjacent district, possibly Baker or Umatilla county.

Owens and Crosswhite did not appear very nervous, in fact court officials found them less nervous today than when they appeared Monday evening for arraignment on the indictments returned by the county grand jury.

General talk around town is that the two hope through taking the case to trial to escape the death penalty, believing there is a chance for either one or both to receive life imprisonment.

**TSINGTAO RIOTS CAUSE CHINESE TO SEEK FLIGHT** (Continued From Page One)

States consul general yesterday evening.

It dwells at length on the points raised by Secretary Stimson and asserts the Manchurian issue will have a far-reaching effect on future international relations.

Unless the signatories to the nine-power pact intend to uphold China's territorial integrity, the note asserts the peace of the world unquestionably will be endangered.

It expresses the hope that all the signatories will translate the treaty into substantial fact and that the United States will take further steps to uphold it.

The note was signed by Eugene Chen, the foreign minister.

**MUSIC TOURNEY TO BE SPONSORED** (Continued From Page One)

an enrollment between 100 and 300, and class C, schools with under 100 enrollment. Indications are that three classes will be represented. Mr. Nussbaum said this morning.

# BANK ROBBERS



Sheriff Ira Barton, above, of Portland, Ind., is held on charges that he served as "tip-off" man for a gang of bank robbers following confessions of two members of the gang who accused him. Barton denies the charge. He is a wealthy landowner and had only two more days to serve as sheriff at the time of his arrest. Four banks in Blackford county have been robbed recently. A woman is sought as leader of the gang.

Music directors of Eastern Oregon high schools have been called to attend a meeting at the Normal school Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when the dates will be set and the music for each of the solo and group events will be selected. They have been delayed in choosing the music for the tournament because the high schools have been slow in expressing their intention to enter. More schools are expected to enter later.

**Canadians Deny Wheat Sale Rumor**

PARIS, Jan. 13 (AP)—Canadian officials here have denied a published report that France had agreed to buy 20,000,000 bushels of wheat from Canada.

In other quarters it was said that France is buying foreign wheat in small amounts monthly but that extensive orders are not likely to be placed before spring when the French crop will be used up.

Average monthly purchases from Canada in 1931 were 2,000,000 bushels.

**Compensations**

We compensate for the loss of any of our senses by developing special alertness and sensitivity in other senses. Dr. Morris Fishbein, the editor of Hygeia Magazine, points out in an editorial. Audiences of blind persons seem to be better informed concerning general literature than are audiences of college graduates. He observes. The sensitivity associated with the realization of the disability keeps the mind keyed to a high point of alertness.

**Ultra-Modern And Tricky Bathing Suits Parade The Sands At Southern Resorts**

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Novelty and tricks mark the new day in bathing suit costumes for southern beach wear this winter.

From square "derogating" backs to highly abbreviated "bloomer" trunks, this year's tank suits for the resort style seeker carry a further departure from the styles of the past.

One fashionable garment is of white wool, with shoulder straps giving accent through bright colors—red, yellow and brown.

Another "water frock" has a smart cross-back with narrow supporting straps and a high waist line, with a crystal ring belt buckle as a novelty. Then there is the nubby-like nobby-bathing suit. The creation of sponge, is in wool with intermingling colors. It fits the body closely but is of elastic nature.

France Offers New Suit

From the beaches of France comes the "maillot"—pronounced "ma-ly"—a tank suit for the discerning miss. Style displays show the maillot of new wide waist rib bordered in white.

One of the latest, and also the scantiest, of fashionable suits is the full-fledged brassiere model. While last winter's styles included a suggested brassiere-and-trunk effect, with a thin strip connecting

**STUDENTS CURRENT NEWS QUIZ**

SEATTLE (AP)—How much does the average university student know concerning persons in the public eye? The University of Washington Daily prepared a list of questions which were presented to 90 students, every one of whom. The Daily said, flunked, with an average of 48 per cent correct for the group.

The questions were: Who are Grand and Gandhi? Who is the outstanding democratic candidate for president? Who is vice president of the United States? When is the next presidential election? Who is the prime minister of England? Who is Pierre Laval? Who is the political leader of Russia? Where is Manchuria? Who is mayor of Chicago? Who is mayor of Seattle?

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**Peculiar Poison**

The insect poison rotenone, which is harmless to human beings, was discovered when scientists heard that natives of the tropics used plants containing poison to help them in catching fish.

South African fields yielded their first gold in 1855.

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# Down Elgin In Fast Game, 33-10

(By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill (Observer Correspondent))

UNION (Special) The Union Bobcats added another game to their string of victories last night when they defeated the Elgin quintet 33 to 10 on the latter's floor. So far the Union team has been undefeated and has six games to its credit. The game last night was fast although rather one-sided. Until the last quarter Elgin had scored but two points but after Ferris Baker, guard and high point man, was fouled out the Elgin team found themselves and added eight points to the score. The next game will be played with Enterprise here on Friday night and the local team will go to North Powder on Saturday night.

The Elgin girls' team is exceptionally strong and the Union girls met with much stronger opposition, going down to defeat by a score of 32 to 8. The girls' line-up was as follows: forwards, Fawn Geertsen and Jean Baum; center, Ethel Conklin; side center, Gladys Wortman; guards, Fredricka Spain and Frieda Brown; and substitute, Josephine Bassett.

Installation of officers of the Eastern Star will be held at the Masonic hall this evening.

Rex Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Baxter, who returned Friday from a two year's mission for the L. D. B. church in the Southern states, gave a very interesting talk Sunday afternoon at the church. He told of his experiences and of conditions in general in the south. In the evening he accompanied a party to North Powder and spoke there to a large audience. Will Baxter conducted the meeting and a double mixed quartet furnished the music for the services. A welcome home party is being planned for Rex Baxter at the church on Friday night.

Mrs. J. W. Wilde assisted by Mrs. George Baxter, gave a miscellaneous shower at her home Monday afternoon for Mrs. Ernest Gehlhar whose home was burned several weeks ago. About 35 women were present and Mrs. Kohler received many useful articles that will help in refurbishing her home. The afternoon was spent in playing games after which refreshments were served.

Surrounded by a few friends, Mrs. Bell Wright passed her 62nd milestone in serene happiness and good health on Saturday. In honor of her birthday anniversary her daughter, Mrs. Edith Pye gave a very lovely one o'clock luncheon with Mrs. Louise Burwell, Mrs. Alice Slater, Mrs. Dick Benson, Miss Alice Cadwell and Mrs. L. Z. Terrill, as guests. The following day Mrs. Wright voiced her pleasure at being able to attend Sunday school and church services after an absence of several weeks.

**APPOINTMENT PROBLEM IS BEFORE CHIEF** (Continued From Page One)

partment, and now upon the circuit bench in California.

Other Mentioned

There was equally prominent speculation upon Attorney General Mitchell, the Democratic member of the president's cabinet; Newton D. Baker, of Ohio, possible Democratic presidential candidate; Chief Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo, of the New York state court of appeals, often mentioned as of supreme court timber; and Federal Judge William S. Kenyon, of Iowa, a member of the Wick-gram commission.

In the senate cloakroom conversation the names of Senators Walsh, of Montana, and Bratton, of New Mexico, both Democrats, recurred.

Henry P. Fletcher, former chairman of the tariff commission and before that Ambassador to Italy, often mentioned as a successor to Dawes at the court of St. James. Others suggested are Frederick W. Peck, Republican national committeeman from Rhode Island, and William Butler of Massachusetts, former chairman of the Republican national committee.

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