

ACTIVE YEAR IN POLITICS LIKELY HERE

Terms of All Officers
Excepting Kiddle and
Ledbetter Expire.

PIERCE SEEKING SEAT IN HOUSE

Rumor Heard That Sen-
cerbox, of North Pow-
der, May Oppose Judge
Couch in Primaries.

Although nearly three months re-
main before the time for filing nomi-
nations for the May primaries comes
to a close, political discussions are be-
ginning to make their appearance.
It is not to be doubted that this is a
practical year and that the Demo-
crats are looking forward to
great gains.

Locally, most of the political gossip
so far has centered around Walter
M. Pierce, former governor, who last
week announced his candidacy for
nomination for congressman from the
second district. Up around North
Powder, there also is talk that Jus-
tice of Peace Senecerbox will enter
the primaries opposed to Judge U. G.
Couch for the position of county
judge. North Powder residents, it is
said, feel that that district has been
without direct representation on the
county court for too long a time.

Outside of those two developments,
there is little of a new nature at
present.

Two Democrats in Office
All present officials are expected to
seek re-election, and these include
two Democrats—Representative Victor
Eckley, of Union county, and County
Superintendent of Schools E. A. Stry-
ker. Two officials, however, are expect-
ed because of hold-over terms. State
Senator Fred E. Kiddle's term does
not expire until 1934 and County
Commissioner W. R. Pendleton's term
remains in office until then, also.

More activity is anticipated in the
Democratic primaries than the Demo-
cratic, although indications are that
the minority party will be strong.
The complete slate for presenta-
tion in the November elections. One
county official ventures the opinion
that there will be more office seek-
ers this year in the primaries than
usual because of present business
conditions.

Announces Platform
Probably the most important re-
cent development was Mr. Pierce's
decision to seek a seat in the lower
house in Washington, D. C. His an-
nouncement was made last Friday and
given statewide publicity following
the Jackson Day dinner in Portland.
In brief, Mr. Pierce's platform fol-
lows:

He favors a revision of the tariff
to prevent trade for the financial
benefit of a few, and believes that

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OWLS TO PLAY RED DEVILS AT HELIX TONIGHT

With three victories and no defeats
so far this season the Jack Allen
Owls will leave late today for Helix
to play the Red Devils in a contest
that will have distinct bearing on
the Eastern Oregon Independent
championship this winter. For the
last several years La Grande and
Helix teams have alternated in win-
ning the championship, and the Owls
hope to make this La Grande's year.
Lineup will include: Owls—Moore
and Lloyd, forwards; Crawford, cen-
ter; Poney and Baxter, guards; Dev-
lin, Graham and Carter, sub-
stitutes; Helix—King, Gemmill, La-
Course, Karstens, Dale, Nelson, Baker
and Tucker.

Currey Re-elected Drum Corps Chief

Roy Currey was re-elected presi-
dent of the American Legion drum
and bugle corps at a business meet-
ing and banquet attended by 28
members of the organization last
night at 8:45 at the Sacajawea Inn.
Mr. Currey will serve his second term,
as will the drum corps committee,
all members of which were re-elected.
The drum corps committee in-
cludes C. P. Holbrook, Fred B. Reed,
C. B. Maasam, H. T. Smith, Andrew
Loney Jr., Raymond O. Williams and
H. H. Richardson. John Garity re-
tains the position of drum major.

Practise has been held every week,
with only one week's vacation since
the state convention last summer.
Practise is held on Tuesday evenings
at the high school, under the direc-
tion of Mr. Loney, co-director of the
drum corps and the La Grande band.

Retail Prices Of Food Show Decline

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—In-
vestigations by the bureau of labor
statistics showed today that retail
prices dropped 16 to 23 per cent
last year.

The drops in food costs ranged
over the period of a year from 10 per
cent in Portland, Ore., to 23 per cent
in Springfield, Ill.

The figures included the following
declines: San Francisco, 16 per cent;
Salt Lake City, 14 per cent; Denver
and Los Angeles, 13 per cent; Seattle,
13 per cent; and Butte, Mont., and
Portland, Ore., 10 per cent.

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One of Regional Conferences To Be Staged Here

Agricultural Committee of
Oregon Bankers Asso-
ciation Plans For Meet-
ing in February.

The agricultural committee of the
Oregon Bankers association will hold
three regional conferences this year,
one of which will be in La Grande,
the latter part of February, accord-
ing to a report received by H. S. Avery,
county farm agent. It has been the
custom in the past to hold a two-
day banker-farmer short course at
the Oregon State college.

Tenative dates have been set on
Feb. 26 and 27, although they are
subject to change, Mr. Avery states.
The Blue mountain conference will
concentrate on agricultural problems
in this section, another conference
will deal with the turkey and dairy
phases of Southern Oregon agricul-
ture, and in Corvallis they will con-
centrate themselves with the small fruit
and seed industries of Western Ore-
gon.

The federal and state outlook re-
ports will be issued shortly before the
conference, and advantage will be
taken of the opportunity to confer
on the day following the bankers
program relative to various phases of
the outlook. Paul V. Maris, director
of extension at O. S. C. informs Mr.
Avery. Bankers will be invited to
attend the outlook sessions.

A tentative program has been in-
sued by Mr. Maris. During the morn-
ing session on the first day E. R.
Jackson, farm crops extension spe-
cialist of the State College, will dis-
cuss "Forage Resources of Blue
Mountain Area." E. C. Johnson, Jr.,
Grant county agent will speak on
"Grant County's Program to In-
crease Feed Supply." John Kuhns,
forest supervisor of the United States
department of agriculture, of Baker,
will present a study of "Food Re-
sources and Conservation on Forest
Reserves."

Mr. Avery will be the first speaker
on the afternoon program, discuss-
ing "Marketing of Livestock From
Farm Flock and Herd Standpoint."
"Economic Wintering of Sheep and
Cattle," will be discussed by H. A.
Lindgren, animal husbandman, Ore-
gon State Agricultural college exten-
sion agent, and H. S. Stansfield, county
agent leader, will speak on "Dairy
Program for the Blue Mountain Dis-
trict" and R. G. Larson, Malheur
county agent, will speak on "Cash
Crops of Malheur County."

Day H. O. Pendleton, director of the agri-
cultural commission of the Ameri-
can Bankers association, will deliver
the principal address at the banquet
to be held in the evening, at which
Eugene Courtney will act as toast-
master.

E. O. N. Defeats Elks, 34 to 19; 2 Games Tonight

The Eastern Oregon Normal school
basketball quintet made it three vic-
tories in a row last night when they
slipped the Elks in Pendleton, 34
to 19 at the L. D. S. Recreational
hall. Score at halftime was 9 to 7
in favor of the Mountaineers, but
they hit their stride in the last half
scoring 25 points in the victory.

Tonight the Normal school will
play the Enterprise All-Stars, who
are substituting for the Peninsula
team of Portland who cancelled their
game here because of highway condi-
tions. The E. O. N. seconds will
start the doublesheader, playing Cove
High at 7:30 with the main game
starting an hour later.

Baxter High Scorer
Floyd Baxter, La Grande forward
on the Mountaineer five, was high
scorer with 17 points and Medical E.
C. N. forward and Stroble, Pendle-
ton forward, tied for second with nine
each. The Mountaineers played their
best game of the season, with the
passing much smoother and more
tutted. Helix—King, Gemmill, La-
Course, Karstens, Dale, Nelson, Baker
and Tucker.

Prof. Shelley, Of New Zealand, Here on Monday

Prof. James Shelley, of Canterbury
University, New Zealand, will speak
at an assembly at 10 o'clock Monday
morning at the Eastern Oregon Nor-
mal school, it was announced today.
Professor Shelley comes under the
auspices of the Institute for Inter-
national Education and is scheduled
to speak at a number of colleges in
the United States. His subject in
La Grande will be "Art in Relation
to Life."

The public is invited to attend and
listen to the address.

Liquor Control By Government Asked

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Jan. 16
(AP)—Government control of impor-
tation, manufacture and sale of in-
termediate company in which the
government would hold the control-
ling interest is provided for in the
ministry's prohibition repeal bill to
be considered at a special session of
the diet Tuesday.

WINTER GRIP WILL LOOSEN IS PRECISION

Definite Break in Cold
Weather in Northwest
is Promised.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN SOME SECTIONS

Warm Spring Weather
Continues in the East
While California Strug-
gles in Slush, Snow.

By the Associated Press
Bureau experts in all sections con-
tinued to scratch heads in puzzle-
ment today and delve into yellowed
records seeking a precedent for the
ducks and drakes caperings of
frankish weather.

A complete reversal of conditions
gave the west coast almost freezing
temperatures while the Atlantic sea-
board was enjoying premature spring
with temperatures up to 77.

In some parts of California six
inches of snow and cold weather were
recorded, threatening citrus fruits,
but in New York spring apparel was
in order. Even the oldest can't re-
member anything to compare with it.
All records have gone by the board.

In Arizona there was heavy snow-
fall and government planes dropped
food to marooned Indians. In the
south rains swelled rivers and threat-
ened river ports. The Tallahassee
was on a rampage.

Colder temperatures in the east
were predicted for later today with
the mercury scheduled to drop as
much as 30 degrees. In the west it
was expected relief would be in sight
by the early part of next week.

RELIEF IS PREDICTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16 (AP)—A
definite break in winter's grasp was
forecast by a study of "Food Re-
sources and Conservation on Forest
Reserves" today as reports were received from
Pacific Northwest ports.

Partial relief was experienced this
morning in notches of Oregon, but
the south and east had not felt the
warmer temperatures.

"We look for squally weather today
and tonight," said Edward L. Wells,
weatherman, "with showers probably
now and then mixed with a snow
flurry. No real cold weather is in
sight." He predicted higher tempera-
tures ranging through the Columbia
gorge in 48 hours.

Snow General Friday Night

In the eastern section snow was
general last night from Portland to
Faschender, with moderate rain and
drizzle were reported from the Mid-Co-

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TWO BILLION DOLLAR BILL IS DELAYED

Meets Stumbling Block in
Senate En Route to
Conference.

PASSED BY HOUSE FRIDAY 335 TO 55

Congress Must Approve
Revised Version After
Which Measure Will Go
to Mr. Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The
two billion dollar reconstruction bill
met a stumbling block in the senate
today when Senator Blaine, Republi-
can, Wisconsin, prevented it from be-
ing sent to an immediate conference
with the house.

The reconstruction corporation pro-
ject bore today a vigorous stamp of
approval from the house of representa-
tives, and sped on through the
technicalities which remain to be
settled before it can become law.

This presidential plan to keep two
billion dollars worth of new life into
business was approved 335 to 55 in
the vote by which the house passed
it last evening, a support which
matched the overwhelming approval
afforded it by the senate.

House Bill Different
For unexplained reasons, however,
the house failed to act on the same
bill the senate passed. The parliament-
ary requirement is that both
branches shall approve one bill, even
though amended to read quite dif-
ferently. Normally the house would
have taken up the senate bill amend-
ed by cutting out everything un-
der its title and inserting their own
measure. Now the senate apparently
will have to go through that process
before a conference can be held to
adjust the differences.

After that, senate and house must
approve the revised version, and then
the bill will be sent to the White
House. President Hoover's signa-
ture will be required.

Because of the enormous support in
both branches, credited to the gen-
eral principles of the measure, they
are not expected to haggle long over
a settlement.

House Takes Recess
Its big job done, the house recessed
until 12:30 today. The senate got
the reconstruction bill approved in the
middle of debate today
on the first of the appropriation bills.
Committee work meantime is proceed-
ing on other items of the Hoover
program for economic recovery and
on the tax increase plan.

Just as a matter of record, the senate
adopted a declaration for strict
retrenchment in federal expenditures
for the next fiscal year. It approved
a resolution to that effect sponsored
by Senators Harrison of Mississippi,
and Pittman of Nevada. Thirty Re-
publicans, 20 Democrats voted for it,
while Senator Hoover's joined
eight Democrats in opposition.

She did it, she said, because for
one thing she believed "defying the
eighteenth amendment is stupid."
Mrs. Rushmore Patterson, promi-
nent in Washington and New York,
dislikes the spotlight of the news
columns, but she will be right under
it next June, among the dry leaders
at the political conventions. She is
chairman of the Allied Women, a new
group which she said now has 175,
000 members on its roster.

"We're campaigning to arouse pub-
lic opinion against the destructive
means now being employed (by or-
ganized wets) to obtain a destructive
end. They are using the atom bomb
in a phase of lawlessness likely to stifle
those who encourage it."
She will visit a number of cities in
the east and the south, but her itin-
ery is not yet complete.

Boy's Mouth Taped To Keep It Shut

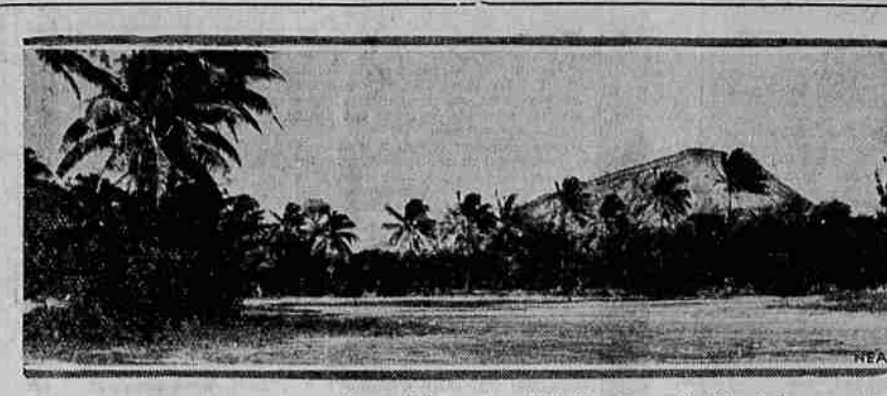
EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 16 (AP)—The
business of taping a small boy's
mouth shut to keep him quiet in
school has turned out to be a school
in a tangle so far as school authori-
ties are concerned.

"I see no reason for all this fuss,"
said Fred Nichols, 85-year-old su-
perintendent of the school district, in
commenting on the complaint of
Mrs. Ralph Watts, who protested that
Miss Vivian Helms, second grade
teacher, used adhesive tape to hold
the mouth of her small son Willard.

At daybreak a new crevasse 40 feet
wide was torn in the dyke at Shaz-
key. Another break occurred in the
Tallahassee river levee near Glen-
dora and still another was reported
in the Pattison Bayou embankment.
Refugees are being brought into
the town in great numbers from Tip-
po basin. Many are camped on the
high railroad tracks with few clothes
and nothing to eat. There is a short-
age of box cars to house them.

E. P. Krick, Red Cross national
disaster relief chairman, estimated
that 300 families or from 1,200 to
1,500 people are in need of help.
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FIGURES IN HAWAIIAN DEATH CASE



Above, Koko crater, which Hawaiian authorities declare was the
objective of the auto carrying the recently slain Hawaiian youth.
Left, Mrs. Granville Fortescue, mother of an attacked naval bride,
who is one of four held on a murder charge after one of the assail-
ants was found murdered in a car she was driving. The case has
created international attention.

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SENATE LISTENS Today to Debate On Prohibition

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Sen-
ators Sheppard and Tydings debated
prohibition again today in the senate,
with the former saying there will be
"no compromise" by the drys.

The occasion was the twelfth an-
niversary of the eighteenth amend-
ment. For two hours Sheppard, the
Democrat, from Texas, who was co-author
of the amendment, extolled the re-
sults under it.

Upon completion of his speech, the
anti-prohibition viewpoint was given
by Tydings, a Maryland Democrat.
Galleries Crowded
Crowded galleries heard the debate.
Tydings said if the 18th amend-
ment had not been adopted and the
states been allowed to solve the prob-
lem "today there would be few localities
where liquor was sold legally and
the great bulk of the country
would enjoy a real temperance and a
real prohibition because a public
sentiment would have built it up."

"But we were not allowed to take
the responsibility of a social life of
two cities for her been mind, set
forth today to campaign for prohibi-
tion on its roster."
He referred to Sheppard as a "sin-
cere man and one who practices what
he preaches."
"The senator says great athletes
don't take liquor," he continued.
"Neither do they take hot mince pie,
or cigars or chew tobacco."
He mentioned three times as many
persons had had their automobile li-
censes revoked because of drinking
liquor since prohibition than in the
ten years preceding the 18th amend-
ment.

Sheppard Applauded
Applause from the galleries greeted
Sheppard in concluding a brief an-
swer to Tydings.

Great Britain Preparing For Debts Meeting

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Great Brit-
ain's delegates to the Lausanne debt
conference are continuing prepara-
tions for the opening of that meet-
ing on January 25 despite reports
in Paris that was not expected.

There still has been no indication
from Downing Street as to what the
British policy will be, but at an in-
fluential section of the press, basing
its comment on hints from official
quarters, has indicated a growing
support for the views expressed a few
days ago by Sir Walter Layton
against a reparations moratorium of
one or two years.

Opinion is veering to a plan for
making the Lausanne conference a
mere formal gathering for receiving
a report from the Young plan ad-
visory committee which met some weeks
ago at Basel.

It is understood that the British
will discourage any attempt to raise
the issue of inter-governmental war
debts at Lausanne.

FAVORS POSTPONEMENT

PARIS, Jan. 16 (AP)—The news-
paper Petit Parisien said today the
French and British viewpoints on re-
parations continue to be so wide
apart that the French circles believe
it would be best to postpone the
Lausanne conference until the
Hoover moratorium expires on June
30 and to spend the interval in an
effort to reach a basis for agreement.

The time to start the secondary power
used for irrigation pumping, and land
settlement at the rate of 20,000 acres
per year, the revenue from power was
estimated to be sufficient to repay
the cost of the dam and power plant
with interest at 4 per cent in 50
years.

Provides For Surplus
In addition to providing for oper-
ation, maintenance and depreciation
of the dam and power plant, it
also estimated this price would
provide a surplus of approxi-
mately \$14,000,000 for repayment
of the cost of the development.

The report said the water to be
pumped into the Grand Coulee reser-
voir.

Conditions Have Changed, Japan Tells Americans

By the Associated Press
Japan has answered the American
communication involving the nine-
power pact which stipulated that
conditions in the east have changed
since that treaty was signed.

China is disunited with no central
government, the note says, and this
condition necessarily must modify
application of the treaty. Japan re-
iterated that she will not interfere
with the open door policy and that
she has no territorial ambitions in
China.

The premier and the foreign minis-
ter also disclosed that Russian rep-
resentatives had made overtures in
connection with a pact of nonaggression
such as Russia has signed with sev-
eral European states, but the negotia-
tions are making little progress.

In Northern Manchuria Japan ap-
pears to be working through Chinese
agencies to consolidate her gains, but
military operations are continuing
and Russia was reported to feel some
concern about her holdings in the
Chinese eastern railway zone. There
was a battle in the vicinity of Tait-
har recently while the temperature
stood at 30 below zero and 50 Chi-
nese were reported to be killed.

There was considerable surprise in
Shanghai at reports of a plan to
establish Manchuria and Mongolia as
independent states under the Japane-
se aegis. The Chinese maintain
that the people in these areas do
not want independence.

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NOMINATION OF ROOSEVELT IS APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The
nomination of Governor Theodore
Roosevelt of Porto Rico, to be gov-
ernor-general of the Philippines was
approved today by the senate terri-
tories committee.

The senate immigration committee
today favorably reported the Harris
bill extending the quota restrictions
to immigration from Mexico.

The house rules committee today
approved the Rayburn resolution for
an investigation of public utilities.

The national grange favors increas-
ed income and inheritance taxes to
equalize the tax burden and balance
the budget.

Fred Breckenham, its Washington
representative, today told the house
ways and means committee the need
of such steps "is forcibly demon-
strated by the growing size of great
fortunes in this country, compared
with the comparative poverty of the
producing masses."

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PROJECT IS FEASIBLE, IS U. S. REPORT

Bureau of Reclamation
Submits Findings on
Columbia Basin.

450-FOOT DAM IS FEATURED IN PLAN

Power Plant Would De-
liver 2,100,000 Horse-
power—Investment
Held at \$260,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The
bureau of reclamation reported to
Secretary Wilbur today that the pro-
posed Columbia Basin project
is feasible.

The plan outlined by the bureau
calls for a 450-foot dam across the
Columbia river north of the Grand
Coulee reservoir which will raise the
water surface 875 feet above the usual
low water mark.

A power plant would contain
an installation of turbines and gen-
erators of 2,100,000 horsepower ca-
pacity.

Dam at Each End
A dam would be built at each end
of the proposed reservoir, forming the
Grand Coulee reservoir about 23 miles
long.

Pipeline leading from the Colum-
bia river dam would run to the
north end of the proposed reservoir.
An irrigation distribution system
would center upon a main canal ex-
tending from the south end of the
proposed reservoir for 400 miles
from which point it would branch
into the main west canal and the
main east canal.

The maximum estimated invest-
ment in combined power and irri-
gation project up to the time when
power revenues would be sufficient
to reduce the investment was set at
\$260,000,000.