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RICHARDS, OF MONTANA, TO HEAD STATION

Bozeman Professor, Formerly of Oregon, Succeeds Withycombe.

SELECTED MONDAY BY STATE BOARD

Leaving Better Paid Position to Return to Native State; H. E. Inlow's Request Granted.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19 (Special) —Dale Richards has been appointed new director of the Eastern Oregon experiment station of Oregon State college in Union county, taking the place left vacant by the death of Robert Withycombe, of Union. The appointment took place at yesterday's session of the state board of higher education.

Mr. Richards is 40 years of age and now on the faculty of the Montana State college at Bozeman, Mont. He is a graduate of Oregon State college, class of 1915. His wife also is from Oregon. He is leaving a better paid position in Montana to return to his native state, explained Dr. W. J. Kerr, O. S. C. president, in recommending the appointment of Mr. Richards. The salary to be paid him will be $3600 yearly.

Inlow's Request Granted

Another item that took place and of interest to Eastern Oregon was the decision to allow H. E. Inlow, president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school at La Grande, a new secretary at $125 a month salary where as former secretary cost but $100 a month. However, out of the discussion anent the salary difference the board resolved to conduct a little study of salaries payed throughout all state institutions under its control and see what may be done toward making salaries more uniform—janitors, sec-

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A. C. NEWMAN ELECTED TO CHURCH BOARD

A. C. Newman was newly elected and it was voted that James Schilling and J. G. Stitzinger will retain their positions on the council of the Lutheran church at an election held at the general congregation meeting last night at 7:30 at the church. The meeting also was devoted to annual reports by the heads of the various auxiliary organizations of the church.

The Lutheran church of Longview, Wash., challenged the La Grande church to a contest to be held during Lent, Feb. 10 until March 27. Both churches will strive for an increase in membership and attendance not only in the church but in all organizations connected with the church, and the contest will be scored on a percentage basis. The challenge was accepted and Rev. Mr. Bracher believes that it will mean an earnest campaign of personal evangelism during the six weeks preceding Easter, March 27.

Mr. Stitzinger, treasurer, presented a favorable report of the church finances during the past year, and the budget of the Pacific Synod of the church was presented, showing contributions of the local church.

Mr. Bracher reviewed the activities of the church, and those representing the other organizations were Miss Genevieve Nelson, Sunday school; Miss Helen Schilling, Luther league; Mrs. James Schilling, choral society.

W. D. Stearns Dies In Portland, Ore.

Relatives here received word this morning of the death of W. D. Stearns, which occurred yesterday at his home in Portland, following a stroke which he sustained about three weeks ago. Mr. Stearns had not been well for the past three years. Mrs. Stearns, who survives him, will be remembered in La Grande as Miss Leone Wade, who lived here at one time and still has many friends here, as well as relatives. She is a niece of Mrs. Julius Fisher, of the valley.

Francis Galloway Named Prosecutor

SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP) — Francis V. Galloway, of The Dalles, was appointed special prosecutor by the state banking board today to assist District Attorney Robert V. Chrisman, of Wallowa county, in connection with indictments pending against Edgar Marvin, former president of the Joseph State bank at Joseph.

The bank is in the hands of State Banking Superintendent A. S. Schramm. Charges involve the misappropriation of funds.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably with rain in the west portion and snow in the east portion; colder in the interior tonight; fresh northwest winds offshore, backing to southerly Wednesday.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—33 above.
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 42, minimum 23 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .30 of inch. Range—19 degrees.

WEATHER JAN. 19, 1931

Maximum 28, minimum 16 above.
Condition: Partly Cloudy. Range—12 degrees.

Shumway, Adams, Davis Speak At Forum Luncheon

Farm Board and its Operations Discussed—Members Hear Plea For Public Market.

A. R. Shumway, president, and A. C. Adams, secretary-treasurer of the North Pacific Grain Growers' corporation, affiliated with the federal farm board, and Mr. Davis, of Lincoln, Nebr., representing the farm board, were guest speakers at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon today at noon at the La Grande hotel.

Mr. Shumway, speaking before more than three score in attendance, extended an invitation to the men to attend a meeting at the city hall this afternoon when a more detailed explanation of the operations of the farm board was to be made. The meeting at the city hall was called by the Union County Grain Growers association.

Mr. Shumway called attention to the fact that the farmer has been struggling for eight years to secure the government's recognition that he has a problem, and he said that he believed the business men of the community are as much interested in the present grain marketing plans as are those more directly affected.

Mr. Adams spoke briefly, reciting some of the aims of the North Pacific regional organization.

Mr. Davis was the first of the three men to speak, followed by Mr. Adams and Mr. Shumway.

Much of the former's remarks dealt with the organization of the co-op-

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Albany College Will Play Here; Belts Not Well

With Albany college due to open the 1932 collegiate basketball season here Thursday evening, Coach Bob Quinn, of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, is a bit worried today. The reason? Belts, six foot four and a half inch center, who was just beginning to find himself after a slow start, is suffering from an infected toe with the possibility that he will be unable to play!

With Belts in the lineup, the Mountaineers would have a good chance of defeating the Albany Pirates, basketball fans believe but without him, the outlook isn't so bright. Halverson, sub center, hasn't Belts' reach nor his basket shooting ability, although he can be counted on to give a good account of himself otherwise.

Two Games Thursday

The Thursday night program includes a preliminary game at 7 o'clock between the Imbler town team and the Normal school seconds, with the L. O. N.-Albany contest to start at 8 o'clock in the L. D. S. Recreational hall.

The other members of the Mountaineer squad are in good condition, verging on mid-season form, and if Belts is recovered sufficiently to play, are hopeful of turning back the invaders on the short end of the score. Belts saw a physician yesterday morning and was ordered to bed.

ALBANY SENDING TEN

ALBANY COLLEGE, Albany, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP) — Ten Albany college basketball players and Lloyd Balcom, coach, left here yesterday for a week's barnstorming trip to Washington and Eastern Oregon.

The team has scheduled games with Whitman college, Eastern Oregon Normal school and the Helix Red Devils. Those making the trip are Elder, Patterson, Adamscheck, Edstrom, Bob Buchanan, Kropp, Graham Buchanan, Klockars, McClain, Hcrton and Manager Dowling.

Interesting Day Is Planned For Camp Fire Head

An interesting day, crowded with activity, has been planned for Miss Edith Kemphthorne, national field secretary of Camp Fire, who will be in La Grande on Wednesday to meet with local people who are enthusiastic in the Camp Fire movement. An assembly is to be the first event of the morning—at 10 o'clock at the Eastern Oregon Normal school—and at that time she will give a general talk about her work before students and townspeople.

A no-hostess luncheon has been planned for 12:15, following the assembly at the Normal school, and all who wish to attend are asked to call Miss Larson tonight at the La Grande hotel so that reservations may be made there where the luncheon is to held. Guardians and Camp Fire leaders are especially invited to attend the luncheon and round table discussion which will follow.

At 3 o'clock, Miss Kemphthorne will meet with the guardians and those taking active part in Camp Fire leadership in room 21 at the Normal school, and at 4 o'clock she will address the members of the various groups in the city in the audi-

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B. A. R. E. Officers Re-elected Monday

Guy W. Spencer, conductor, and all other officers of the B. A. R. E., railroad men's organization, were re-elected at a business meeting at 7:30 last night at the Sacajawea Inn. Other officers are E. H. Horstman, past conductor; Everett E. Walker, secretary-treasurer; George Walker, engineer; Oscar Johnson, machinist; D. A. Hanson, motorman; H. C. Buckwalter, fireman; R. M. Scott, brakeman; George Warner, flagman; Carl Cook, Clyde Peterson, E. J. Brown, trustees.

Friends of the members were invited for a dance which followed the business meeting. Secretary Walker and Conductor Spencer were in charge of the event, after which refreshments were served. Dancing was enjoyed from 9 until 12.

WATERS RUSH OVER BIGGER AREA TODAY

Situation in Mississippi Delta Territory Growing Worse.

THOUSANDS AWAIT NATIONAL RELIEF

Streets of a Dozen Towns Under Water With Residents Marooned — Red Cross Brings Aid.

GLENDORA, Miss., Jan. 19 (AP) — The Mississippi delta's mid-winter flood spread out over new territory today, covering thousands of acres of land and washing through streets of a dozen towns as marooned residents anxiously awaited arrival of promised national relief.

The havoc of the Tallahatchie river's multipe levee breaks of last week, which sent residents of the Tippo basin in Tallahatchie county climbing to their roofs awaiting rescue, promised to be duplicated in a new area following a 75-foot crevasse late yesterday in the main east bank of the Yazoo river dyke at Honey island.

Three feet of water poured into a back country basin covering approximately 410,000 acres in Leflore, Holmes, Yazoo, and Humphreys coun-

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SELECTING JURY FOR JUDD TRIAL

Court Room at Phoenix, Ariz. Capable of Holding Only 75 Spectators

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 19 (AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd was called into superior court today to answer the charge she murdered her two former "best friends," Agnes Ann Le Roi and Hedvig Samuelson.

The courtroom of Superior Judge Howard Speakman, who will preside over the trial in which the slender, auburn-haired woman will fight to save herself from the gallows, seats but 75 spectators and all room was expected to be taken until the end of the court proceedings.

A panel of 85 jurors, 12 of whom will finally be selected to hear the testimony, was summoned. Court attaches and attorneys for both the defense and prosecution estimated it would take at least two days to select the jury.

Mrs. Judd, the wife of Dr. W. C. Judd, a Los Angeles physician, in the present trial, faces only the charge of murdering Mrs. Le Roi. In the event she escaped the death penalty, or is acquitted, on that charge, the state will try her later on a charge of having killed Miss Samuelson with "malice aforethought."

The 27-year-old defendant was visited by her elderly parents, Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Joy McKinnell, of Darlington, Ind., in her cell on the eve of the trial, and the fact that they will be at her side during the trial, apparently cheered her. Dr. Judd also has remained loyal to his wife.

More than 60 witnesses, including Los Angeles city detectives, who will tell of finding the bodies of Mrs. Le Roi and Miss Samuelson in trunks in Los Angeles where they had been sent by Mrs. Judd; red-faced Arizona deputy sheriffs, who investigated the slayings in Phoenix; and learned psychiatrists, with titles and degrees, who will attempt to prove and disprove that Mrs. Judd is insane, have been summoned.

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OWLS TO PLAY ROUND-UP CITY FIVE TONIGHT

Basketball fans are anticipating a fast game tonight at the L. D. S. Recreational hall when the Pendleton Antlers and the Jack Allen Owls tangle in an independent clash. Both teams are on par with the smaller colleges and play a smooth, accurate brand of ball, conducive to frequent scoring.

Incidentally, the game tonight will introduce Swede Daniels to La Grande fans as a member of the Owls. Daniels left La Grande for Portland when he was in grade school and played high school ball in the Portland league, coming to La Grande again this winter. He played with the Owls part of the game at Helix Saturday night.

The contest is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

RAILWAY MEN OFFER TRADE PROPOSITION

Two Million Willing to Take Wage Cut if Employment Extended.

SAME "MAN HOURS" AS IN 1930 ASKED

Barter Proposal in Answer to Request of Rail Committee For More Detailed Suggestion.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 (AP)—An offer to trade a 10 per cent cut in pay for a 10 per cent increase in jobs has been laid before the nation's railroads by their 2,000,000 workers.

"Give us a guarantee you will put the same number of men to work you employed in 1930 and we will listen to your request for a voluntary payroll reduction," spokesmen for the workmen in effect told nine executives negotiating for the railroads yesterday.

First Offer to Barter

It was the first time that labor has come out flatfootedly with an offer of barter since it opened the parley on wage cuts and unemployment relief with the rail chiefs last Thursday.

As actually worded by the spokesmen of labor, the proposal asked for the same total of "man hours" as prevailed in 1930. This total was 10 per cent greater than in 1931, labor chiefs said, and was used because it represented an average between 1929, a peak year, and 1931, a low year.

Labor contends a guarantee of jobs would accelerate business recovery because it would restore confidence and release $2,000,000,000 in purchasing power now held back by fear.

The workmen's barter proposal was an answer to the request of the rail committee for a more detailed suggestion on stabilization of employment, the cornerstone of the union program in the conference.

Reply Due Today

The rail presidents had said in a general way that the wage reduction would stimulate employment but expressed doubt they could guarantee jobs to a fixed number of workmen. They are to reply to the new union offer today.

Although the carrier spokesmen have indicated they could not agree to some of the planks of the labor platform, among them the principle of the six-hour day, the labor chiefs yesterday reiterated their demands that they be accepted.

An agreement has been reached on

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PETITION FOR RE-HEARING IS DENIED TODAY

SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP) — A petition for a rehearing in the Wallowa National bank suit against Sevier was denied in the supreme court today.

Attorneys for Ben Boloff, sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary on charges of criminal syndicalism, were given until Feb. 1 to file a second petition for rehearing. The court previously upheld the sentence of the circuit court of Multnomah county 4 to 3.

In a written opinion today Justice Campbell upheld the lower court in the case of Mary LaFollett vs. Charles R. LaFollett, former state representative, for divorce. LaFollett appealed from the decree in the supreme court. The divorce decree was upheld.

Suit was first filed by Mrs. LaFollett in Multnomah county March 13, 1929 charging cruel and inhuman treatment. The divorce decree was granted February 14, 1931, giving the plaintiff custody of the four minor children and $75 a month for their support.

Hagenbarth Speaks At Wool Convention

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP) — Adjustment to present conditions caused by the depression was recommended by Frank Hagenbarth, of Salt Lake, president of the National Woolgrowers association in his address to the Oregon woolgrowers in session here today. "It's a case of the survival of the fittest and those planning to get through will have started upon the upward trend by this time. Gold helps those who help themselves," he declared, "and to get through we must carry it out, keeping our national organization intact and working for every possible economy for the industry."

Hagenbarth was severely critical because railroads, commission men and packers have not provided thorough co-operation by reducing charges during the depression.

China Likely to Sever Diplomatic Relations With Japanese, Report

NANKING, China, Jan. 19 (AP)—The official Chinese news agency Kuomin announced tonight that the severance of diplomatic relations with Japan was imminent because of the Manchurian controversy.

Foreign Minister Eugene Chen is the latest convert to such a stand, the agency said, and additional Chinese leaders are rallying to his viewpoint, the latest being the "Christian General" Feng Yu-Hsiang.

TO ARREST FORMER EMPEROR

PEIPING, China, Jan. 19 (AP)—Chinese dispatches from Nanking today said the government there had decided to order the arrest of the former Emperor Hsuan Tung and a number of other prominent Chinese and Manchus on charges of sedition and giving aid to the Japanese in Manchuria.

Hsuan-Tung, now 26 years old, was proclaimed emperor of China in 1908 but was forced to abdicate in 1912, the day after his sixth birthday.

He took the name of Henry Pu-Yi and lived in seclusion for years, lately at Tientsin where he was described as a virtual Japanese prisoner. Recently his reported movements have been a matter of considerable speculation.

It was said he had been taken into Manchuria in disguise, and there were reports that he was to be placed on the Manchurian throne under Japan's protection.

RUSSIANS PLAN MOVE

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19 (AP)—Japanese press dispatches received here today said "white" Russians in Manchuria are preparing to acquire citizenship in the new independent state of Manchuria and Mongolia which, they said, is to be established soon.

A group of 2000 of these Russians already has filed applications at Mukden, the dispatches said, adding

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LABOR HEAD BEFORE COMMITTEE

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, is shown above (left) as he appeared before the House Labor Committee in Washington. Seen with him are Representative William P. Connery (center), committee chairman, of Massachusetts; and Representative Richard J. Welch of California.

Rain Storms In Oregon Near End, Predictions Say

PORTLAND, Jan. 19 (AP) — Moderation in the rain storms which have pelted Oregon for two days was predicted by the weather bureau today, and only light showers were expected in the western section of the state. Occasional snow squalls appeared to be in order in the east.

The Willamette river here is not expected to go much higher after having raised slightly over two and one-half feet in 24 hours to the 7.2-foot stage. A marked decrease in precipitation all over the northwest was reported and creeks and rivers generally are believed to have reached the limit of their rise.

RAIN HERE LAST NIGHT

A comparatively warm rain fell in La Grande yesterday and last night, melting much of the snow that was deposited over the weekend. The maximum yesterday was 42 and the coldest last night was 32 above, even freezing. The sky was partly cloudy late this morning with the forecast for unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday, probably with snow in Eastern Oregon and colder weather.

Board Accepts New Cell Front; Hoss Votes 'No'

SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP) — The state board of control today accepted the cell front contract at the state penitentiary and voted to pay King Brothers of Portland, contractors, the amount of the contract $19,885. The contract, awarded last May was completed recently, but acceptance was withheld pending tests of locking devices and "tool-proof" steel features.

The motion for acceptance was made by Governor Julius Meier, who stated that prison authorities were satisfied with the job. The motion was seconded by Rufus C. Holman. Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss voted against acceptance, contending that a prisoner could make his escape through the locking device and that the steel bars were not entire tool-proof.

King Brothers, in a letter to the board, stated the company had expended $29,544 in constructing the doors for the 180 cells in the new building, resulting in a loss to the company. Delays in the completion of the contract, set for October, was declared due to conditions beyond the power of the company.

The acceptance of the cell fronts makes it possible for the new building at the state penitentiary to be occupied within two weeks, Warden James Lewis has stated. The action of the board also closes one of the most heated controversies before the board of control since November, 1930.

Lieut. Johnson To Defend Naval Men

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP) — The navy has instructed Lieutenant Lewis H. C. Johnson, attached to the U. S. S. Lexington, to assist in the defense of the American naval men held in Hawaii in connection with the murder of a native.

Lieutenant Thomas Massie and two enlisted men along with Mrs. Granville Fortescue, are held in the slaying of an alleged attacker of Mrs. Massie.

The judge advocate general's office has directed Lieutenant Johnson to proceed at once for Honolulu. He is a member of the California bar.

Rev. James R. Cox Remains Receptive

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 19 (AP)—Despite advice of many of his friends, Rev. James R. Cox is determined to remain a presidential candidate.

Hundreds of letters have been received by the priest from all parts of the nation. Many approve his candidacy for the nomination of the jobless party, but there also are many from friends urging that he abandon the idea.

"My heart is with the unemployed and the needy," he said in commenting on the letters. "If the jobless party in its convention at St. Louis decides that it wants me as its standard-bearer I shall accept and feel honored."

WOULD CUT COSTS OF BIRDS

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas game commission has inaugurated a campaign against current prices of $1.25 each for quail to restock farms of the state, claiming a monopoly of importations from Mexico exists.

FRANCE REFUSES TO DROP RIGHTS

Laval, in Chamber of Deputies, Explains Stand on German Debts.

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AP)—Premier Laval, introducing his new cabinet to the chamber of deputies today, said flatly that France will not forego her right to reparations from Germany.

France faces a double duty, he said, "the duty toward the generation which went through the war, to sacrifice nothing of what is due us without a corresponding remission of our own debts; and the duty of future generations, to subordinate all agreements to a just balance between conditions of production and existence."

"That balance would be disturbed if, once the crisis is passed, the disproportion of fiscal charges curbing the activity of the people should place us in a state of inferiority in international competition.

"In all the negotiations which must be pursued to adapt the agreements on war debts to this period of economic depression, the government will adhere strictly to these fundamental principles which the parliament always has approved.

"The position of France is not as untroubled as it is said to be abroad. Already the government has had to step in with aid for the domestic market. And the government will continue to take measures to relieve our industries, commerce and agriculture, always with an eye to the problems created by unemployment."

22 PRISONERS VIEW PARADE OF CRIPPLES

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 (AP) — There was a parade of cripples in Chicago yesterday for 22 men charged with reckless automobile driving or driving while intoxicated.

The first to pass in review was a legless little girl, wheeled before the 22 as they stood in silence in a room of a school for crippled children.

Next came a child hopping on crutches, with both legs in braces, followed by a tiny boy hobbling along on a wooden leg.

The parade was part of Judge Frank M. Padden's campaign to educate motorists to be careful, designed to supplement and in some cases, replace the punishment of the court for traffic offenders.

"I think, gentlemen," he told the 22 defendants, "that I am going to make this a frequent occurrence. I believe you should be given this object lesson and that your pictures should appear in the newspapers."

Safe Robbers Get Thousand In Cash

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Safe robbers escaped with $1000 in cash, $100 in clipped bond coupons and 20 shares of stock after an assault on the safe of the Western Creamery here today.

Police arrested Albert T. Fuhrer, 24, for questioning when they found him standing on the stairway of an adjoining hotel, with an open window leading from the stairway to the roof of the creamery.

A trapdoor on the roof was open. In Fuhrer's pockets, police said, they found pistol shells and several addresses, including the name of another creamery.

SEEK BOLOFF'S RELEASE

PORTLAND, Jan. 19 (AP)—Another attempt to obtain the release from jail of Ben Boloff, convicted communist, was made here today. His attorney filed in circuit court a motion seeking Boloff's immediate release on his own recognizance.

Boloff has been confined in the county jail. He is under sentence to 10 years in prison. His conviction was upheld by the supreme court and recently a petition for rehearing was denied. A second petition for rehearing is pending.

In the motion filed today Boolff says he is in poor health and further imprisonment will be detrimental to his health. He has been in jail more than a year.

INDICTMENT THROWN OUT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP) —The third indictment against R. D. Wittesy whose automobile allegedly struck and killed Gustave Tenove here last August, was thrown out of court here Monday on a technicality.

The use of the disjunctive "or" instead of the conjunctive "and" voided the indictment.

Names of Three Approved Today For Farm Board

Evans, Thompson and Schilling Okehed By Committee — Borah Introduces Wage Cut Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP) — The senate agriculture committee today approved the nominations of Frank Evans, of Utah; Sam H. Thompson, of Illinois, and William F. Schilling, of Minnesota, to the farm board.

The names of Evans and Thompson are before the senate for the first time, though they are serving under recess appointments. Schilling was nominated for a second term.

Evans was appointed to succeed Charles C. Teague, of California, and Thompson was named to fill the vacancy left by Alexander Legge, of Illinois.

Chairman McNary said the committee's approval of the nominations was virtually unanimous.

BORAH FOR SALARY CUT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP) — Declaring that reasonable reduction of government salaries would save taxpayers from $200,000,000 to $225,000,000, Senator Borah introduced today a bill to cut all salaries above $5000 a year.

The bill provided for cutting salaries between $5000 and $7500 by six per cent; salaries from $7000 to $10,000 ten per cent, and higher salaries twenty per cent.

The cut would apply to all government employes except persons holding judicial positions and the president of the United States. The constitution prevents their salaries from being reduced.

"Investigation discloses," Borah said, "that total salaries drawn by employes of state and federal gov-

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Venison "Ring" Is Broken Up In Western Oregon

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—The breaking of what state police believes was a commercialized venison distributing ring was announced here today with the arrest of Binger Olinghouse, resident of the Cow Creek section, who is charged with possession of venison. He was brought to Roseburg at 3 a. m. today.

Olinghouse's arrest followed that of Kenneth Huntley and Isham Bradley of Portland on Dec. 30. Police said the two men had freshly killed deer and a meat car which was allegedly operated between Douglas county and Portland where the meat was "bootlegged."

Police here said Olinghouse has been killing the deer while the Portland men transported and sold the meat. Olinghouse escaped by running barefoot out of his cabin into the snow when Huntley and Bradley were arrested. He has since been hiding at the head of Stouts creek at the top of the divide between the South Umpqua river and Cow creek, according to Ed Walker of Medford, district game supervisor, who led a party of five officers in the search for Olinghouse Monday.

The officers made the hike for 11 miles through deep snow to arrest the suspect.

Walker today received a message from Charles McClees, head of the game division of the state police department, congratulating him on the arrests and stating his belief that the largest commercialized venison ring in the state has been broken.

Huntley and Bradley entered pleas of guilty following their arrests. Huntley was fined $150 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, and Bradley was fined $100 and sentenced to 60 days.

Johnson Asks For Loan Investigation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—An investigation of Chilean loans floated in this country, with particular bearing on any connection they may have with nitrate concessions, was asked of the senate finance committee today by Senator Johnson, Republican, California.

Johnson, who originated the investigation of foreign securities sold in this country, asked the committee to ascertain from the Chilean ambassador through the state department what loans have been extended to Chile during the past decade and the connection if any between the loans and the Cosach nitrate combine, a Guggenheim interest.

Wife of Boxer Is Found Dead Today

MANILA, Jan. 19 (AP) — Police said Mrs. Mabel Sedgwick Tait, whose body was found in a fish pond near here today, had fallen from the balcony of her home into the Pasig river last night. Her head struck some object and the body was carried three miles by the current.

Police said investigation proved the death accidental, although at first they believed murder had been committed.

Mrs. Tait formerly lived in Washington, D. C., Tacoma and Seattle. Her husband, Edwin E. Tait, a promoter of boxing on the Pacific coast and a carnival promoter in the far east, is here.

Counterfeiter Is Given 5-Year Term

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 19 (AP)—William Hutchins, believed to be a member of a counterfeiting ring which has operated extensively in Northern California, will be sent to McNeil Island federal prison Friday to serve a five-year term. He was sentenced by Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure after pleading guilty on a charge of raising $2 bills to $20.

Another member of the alleged ring, Elmer H. Cole, was sentenced in Portland, Ore., a few days ago to 10 years in a federal prison, and two others are believed hiding in Northern California or Southern Oregon.

PICK DAWES AS HEAD OF CORPORATION

Secretary Stimson to Replace Him As Chairman of Geneva Party.

SUDDEN CHANGES MADE BY HOOVER

Ambassador, Who Resigned a Few Days Ago, Accepts New Government Position Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—President Hoover today announced Ambassador Dawes would retire as chairman of the American arms delegation to become president of the reconstruction finance corporation and that Secretary Stimson would replace him at Geneva.

The president said Eugene Meyer —governor of the federal reserve board—would be chairman of the board of the proposed $2,000,000,000 finance corporation.

Secretary Stimson's place as chairman of the delegation at the opening sessions at Geneva next month will be taken by Ambassador Hugh Gibson.

Changes Sudden

President Hoover said these sudden changes in plans were necessitated by the fact that unless Dawes were named to and accepted the position as head of the new corporation, he would sail from the United States tomorrow.

A conference must be had between the senate and house for reconciliation of differences in details of the corporation bills, but the president is expected to have the legislation for signature in the next few days. Soon thereafter, it is hoped credit can be started flowing to business in many fields.

Dawes Accepts

The president, announcing the selections at his regular Tuesday press conference, said he was gratified to state Dawes had accepted the important assignment. The former vice president is a guest at the White House.

Other members of the directorate of the corporation will not be named at this time, the president said. He wishes to reserve a non-partisan character on the directorate, and explained protracted conference with leaders of both parties would be necessary.

Two Statements Issued

The president issued two formal statements announcing the sudden changes in his plans. The first said:

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GAS PRICES IN SAN FRANCISCO SHADED TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19 (AP) —Although gasoline price signs at company stations still read 16½ cents a gallon, motorists today found dozens of stations and garages selling motor fuel two and three cents a gallon below that level, with one station at 12.9 cents.

Signs of 13 and 14 cents were profusely displayed, while many other stations conceded such prices to customers requesting them, regardless of signs.

Joseph De Vencenzi, president of the Retail Service Station Dealers association, said his organization could not prevent the price cuts.

"The trouble is there are too many dealers," he said. "Motor travel during January, February and March is comparatively light. Business conditions also have forced many car owners to economize. As a result many so-called independent dealers, lacking company affiliations, have been threatened with bankruptcy and to avert that are fighting to attract business by cutting prices to a level that permits a profit as low as half a cent a gallon."

Oil company officials said they were investigating. They added the tank wagon price remained unchanged at 12½ cents a gallon.

Seven Deaths Due To Carelessness

SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP)—Seven deaths in Oregon last year were due to carelessness in handling gasoline and kerosene, five of which occurred in the home, Lester Davis, deputy state fire marshal, announced today. Davis was discussing the fire losses caused by explosives and combustible products.

Davis said that 44 persons were severely burned and otherwise injured by gasoline and kerosene explosions and fires. Twenty-eight of these took place in the homes.

The complete 1931 report of fire fatalities and losses has not yet been completed by the department.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 (AP) — Disclosure that the wheat market had almost run out of new buying orders except at substantial declines led to material downturns in grain prices today.

Rallies were few and failed to last. Export business in North American wheat amounted to only 300,000 bushels.

Wheat closed unstable, 1⅜ @ -⅞c lower than yesterday's finish, corn ⅝ @ 1⅛c down, oats ⅛ @ ⅜c off, and provisions at 2 to 15 cents decline.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19 (AP) — Despite the fact that only 1000 bu. of wheat were sold during the Tuesday session of the Portland futures market, the undertone of the trade is very firm. There are plenty of buyers around present price levels with sellers absent. May closed ⅜c down with July unchanged and September up ½c bu.

On the merchants exchange cash grains were unchanged.