

IMPROVEMENT OF 3 NORMAL SCHOOLS AIM

Board of Higher Education Takes Action at Meeting Tuesday.

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAN DISCUSSED

Action Taken in Reference to Changes at Mouth—Other Changes Due Next Month.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20 (AP)—Plans for strengthening Oregon's normal school system were proposed at a meeting of the state board of higher education which adjourned a two-day session here last night, and definite steps were taken toward bolstering the institution at Mouth.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, Albert Burch and C. L. Starr had been appointed to consider the Mouth normal situation. This committee returned with four recommendations which were adopted by the board.

These included abolishment of the rural training department and its merger with the training department; steps to give Mouth the status of a standard normal school employing teachers who meet requirements of American Association of Teachers' colleges and normal schools; an order that athletic coaches may not be retained for athletics alone, but also for regular classroom work; cooperative and occasional use of some of Oregon State college faculty.

Ten suggestions were reported by Mrs. Pierce in the committee's report on the program designed to strengthen the three schools at Mouth, La Grande and Ashland. One of these included the proposal to inaugurate the junior college plan as an experiment.

The committee recommended that the presidents of the normal schools meet with the state superintendent of schools and with the heads of teacher-training departments at Oregon and Oregon State to form an "educational council" which would act as an advisory group to the board of higher education, and coordinate all teachers' training in schools.

Other recommendations included: That requirements of admission be strengthened; adoption of uniform course terminology; coordination of methods for training teachers for one-teacher rural schools; that standardization of normal schools be achieved; that library needs at La Grande and Ashland normal schools be kept in mind; that over-emphasis on intercollegiate athletics be avoided; that

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MR. WARNOCK IS SPEAKER AT ROTARY LUNCH

At the Rotary luncheon at the La Grande hotel today, Oscar Warnock gave an exceptionally interesting illustrated talk on the subject "What is Worse Than War?" He called attention to the fact that during the war in the A. E. F. force there were 50,512 killed, in the 18 months immediately preceding Dec. 31, 1930 there were 50,000 killed in automobile accidents. In 1930 there were 992,325 people injured, which was more than the population of Oregon during that period—the actual population being 933,781.

The annual economic loss from automobile accidents is \$2,000,000,000, which is four times as much as that from fire.

In 1930 there were 25,000 killed in industrial accidents as against 32,500 from automobile accidents.

Of these deaths 54.9 per cent were of persons in the productive period of their lives, that is from ages of 15 to 54.

The lesson from these figures is that every automobile driver and every pedestrian should be more careful, he says.

An interesting feature at the luncheon was the life history of Angus McAllister as related by Andrew Loney.

A visitor was A. L. Strong, of the Oregon Natural Gas corporation.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably with rains in the northwestern portion; normal temperature; moderate and changeable winds offshore, mostly southerly.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—33 above.
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 42, minimum 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy, traces of snow, moisture 99 of inch.
Range—10 degrees.

WEATHER JAN. 20, 1931

Maximum 31, minimum 16 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range—18 degrees.

Annual Session Of Country Club Held Tuesday

Five Elected For Three-Year Term and One For One-Year Term on Board of Directors.

Directors were elected and reports from committee chairmen heard when members of the La Grande country club met in annual session last night at 7:30 o'clock at the office of Charles H. Reynolds, newly elected director who will hold office of Charles H. Reynolds, newly C. W. Bincher, H. E. Dixon, Jack Murphy and Dr. R. F. Murphy. Paul Meyers was elected for a term of one year.

L. K. Kinzel, chairman of the greens committee, and Dr. Murphy, chairman of the tournament committee, both presented detailed reports of the golf season just passed, and future activities were discussed.

Elect Officers Soon
The board of directors will meet in the near future to elect officers for the coming year. Other members of the board are A. J. Stange, G. L. Landon, F. E. Lanzer and C. H. Reynolds, whose terms expire in 1933; and H. N. Ashby, Mr. Kinzel, Herman

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E.O.N. Team May Be Intact For Albany Contest

Things were looking up a bit for the Mountaineers today with all indications that Belts, center, would be back in the lineup for Thursday night's game here with Albany college. Northwest conference basketball tonight.

Belts has been suffering from an infected toe and yesterday there was a great deal of doubt that he would be able to play. Late this morning, however, his doctor expressed the belief that he could enter the game providing the toe was dressed carefully both before and after the contest to prevent any possible further infection.

With Belts at center, the lineup also will include Baxter and Medical, forwards, and Bredow and Carden, guards.

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Tigers Defeat Elgin 42 to 13; Meet Baker Next

The afternoon game scheduled with Elgin High school at the L. D. S. Recreational hall Tuesday turned out to be little more than a workout for the Tigers, who won 42 to 13 against the first team playing half of the time.

Scoules, Scott and E. Adams were the only Elgin men to find the ring, and three of the team's five field goals were scored on long shots.

Scoring for the Tigers was fairly well divided with Lyman counting 5, Fox and Burnett 8 each and Stoddard 7.

In the first period the regulars built up an 11 to 0 lead and at half time, with six second stringers playing during the second period, the Tigers had scored 21 to Elgin's 8. The first team went in again in the third period, only to give away once more with the score 36 to 9. Elgin players failed to score a single field goal during the game, all of the baskets from the floor being made against the subs.

Friday night the Tigers invade Baker with the game scheduled to bring probably the two strongest quintets in Eastern Oregon together.

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Four Men Fined In Municipal Court

Three men were fined for drunkenness last night in municipal court, and a fourth was given a heavier fine on a charge of breaking glass on the streets.

Mike Hughtard and Jack Anderson each paid a fine of \$20 and Elmer Bingham was fined \$25 for drunkenness. George Newby, accused of throwing a glass jug onto the streets, was fined \$50. He paid \$40 and Judge C. M. Humphreys paroled him for the remainder.

Band Fund Now At \$975, Report Today

The total in the fund for maintenance of the La Grande band during 1932 was only a little short of the \$1000 mark today. New contributors had brought the total up to \$975. Donations may be made to H. E. Coolidge or C. L. Thompson.

New contributors included Allen Bowsher, W. E. Denny, Union State Relief society, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Rev. J. George Walk and Dr. C. W. Erwin.

Mountain Sheep Seen Near Hilgard

Although deer are frequently seen in Union and Wallowa counties and elk occasionally, it is a rare occurrence when one gets a glimpse of mountain sheep.

POSTPONING OF LAUSANNE MEET LIKELY

British Official Circles Eye French Political Situation.

CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD LATER

England Originally Set Date For Jan. 25—Mutual Agreement on New Date is Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The British foreign office announced tonight that the world reparations conference scheduled for Lausanne will not begin next Monday.

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Postponement of the Lausanne reparations conference was regarded in British official circles today as inevitable because of the French political situation.

With debate in the French chamber of deputies carried over until Thursday, allowing street considered it impossible for the arrangements for the conference to be completed and give time for the delegates to

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WOOL MEN ELECT STATE OFFICERS

Ernest Johnson, Wallowa, and Ed Miller, Union, are Vice Presidents.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—Fred Phillips, of Baker, was re-elected president of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association which concluded its two-day convention here last night after hearing the warning of Frank Hagenbarr, president of the National Woolgrowers' association, that sheepmen must adjust themselves to present conditions.

Other officers are Ernest Johnson, Wallowa; Garnett Barrett, of Heppner, and Ed Miller, of Union, re-elected vice presidents, and John Withers, of Lakewood, elected fourth vice president.

The women's auxiliary elected Mrs. George Rugg, of Pendleton, president; Mrs. J. D. Stanga, of Weston, vice president, and Mrs. A. K. Smythe, of Pendleton, secretary.

In his address of the concluding day Hagenbarr warned that "it is a case of survival of the fittest." "Those who will survive, he said, must by now have made some progress in meeting a readjustment caused by the depression.

VENUE CHANGE IS ASKED FOR OWENS' TRIAL

George T. Cochran, attorney for John Owens and Keith Crosswhite, charged with the murder of Amos Helms, state policeman, late Tuesday filed a motion in circuit court asking that the case of the state vs. Owens be transferred to Wallowa county. The change of venue is being sought by the grounds that a fair trial could not be had in Union county where the shooting occurred. The motion did not ask for any change of venue for Crosswhite, the younger of the two men.

The court has taken no action on the motion and will not until District Attorney Carl Helm files a counter-affidavit. It is understood that Mr. Helm will oppose any change of venue sought by the defense.

CAPE MICELLI RESIGNS

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—The resignation of Captain Victor J. Micelli, for the past two years the commanding officer of the machine gun company of the Oregon national guard, at Keokuk, was announced from headquarters last night. Press of business was the reason given. Micelli, who is a World War veteran, is a Roseburg banker.

James Beverly, of Texas, Selected To Be Governor of Porto Rico

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—James R. Beverly, of Texas, was appointed today by President Hoover to be governor of Porto Rico. Beverly, who now is attorney general on the island, will succeed Governor Roosevelt, who has been appointed governor general of the Philippines.

The present legal chief in Porto Rico has been on the island for about seven years.

WET PROPOSAL MADE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—A resolution suggesting that the governors of the states recommend referendum on prohibition repeal and modification was offered in the senate today by Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut.

STIMSON REFUSES AGAIN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Sec-

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Soldiers' Home At Roseburg To Be Huge Project

Receipt of Plans Reveal 30 Buildings Are to Be Erected Ultimately—Start Work Soon.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—Plans received here today showing the general layout for the national soldiers' home to be constructed in Roseburg by the government, confirm hitherto unconfirmed reports that the institution eventually will be a far greater project than was expected even by those most closely connected with Roseburg's successful efforts to obtain the home.

The \$2,000,000 originally appropriated for this project will be sufficient to build only a small part of the institution shown on maps submitted to public utilities here by the veterans' bureau which has forwarded the plan of the ground design in order to obtain information concerning power, telephone and gas line connections.

30 Buildings Planned
The plan shows 30 buildings to be situated on the 10-acre tract being donated by Roseburg, located a mile northwest of the city limits.

The main entrance is to be on a paved road leading from Roseburg to the country club. Administration buildings, the chapel, canteen, and quarters for officers, nurses and the

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EMPLOYEES OF STATE DONATE ABOUT \$23,000

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—The state employees' fund for unemployment relief during December mounted to about \$23,000, an increase of about \$5,000 over the November voluntary subscription. It was revealed late today when the committee disbursed the funds to various counties. The receipts were from the one day's pay a month donated toward relief work.

Of the total amount for the past month, \$16,000 was distributed by the committee to the various counties, sending each from \$150 up to \$1,000, based on the current report of actual need in the counties. The balance of the fund represents contributions made in various localities directly by employees, which was not paid to the state committee.

Joseph Pioneer Passes Tuesday

By Mrs. Malda Stevenson (Observer Correspondent)
JOSEPH (Special)—Thomas Bales, 70 years of age, a pioneer resident of this locality passed away last night at his home after an illness of about a year. Mr. Bales, who came here in an early day, has lived on his farm. Until he retired and moved into Joseph several years ago. He is survived by his widow and five children, Mrs. Lyle Boyce, of La Grande, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Asa Hulise and Mrs. Glen McGarry, of Joseph and Fred Bales, of Enterprise.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at Enterprise, with interment in the Enterprise cemetery.

Colder Weather Prevents Floods

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—Cessation of rain followed by colder weather here checked what appeared to be flood conditions along the Willamette river today. Although a slight rise was reported during the night, the opinion of observers here was that the rise would cease later today. The river was at 12.7 feet last night, while flood stage is set at 20.

Very little damage had been reported in the lowlands as a result of the heavy rainfall the past week.

ALLEGED GUN SMUGGLER IS UNDER ARREST

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 20 (AP)—Harold Fontaine, charged by United States authorities with having been the man who smuggled guns and ammunition to seven inmates who made a break from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 11, was held here today by Ontario police.

Fontaine was arrested in Windsor Tuesday.

He is a former inmate of the Leavenworth prison, having been sentenced from Detroit for alien smuggling. He was released a month before the seven convicts escaped.

Windsor police were asked to search for him three days ago.

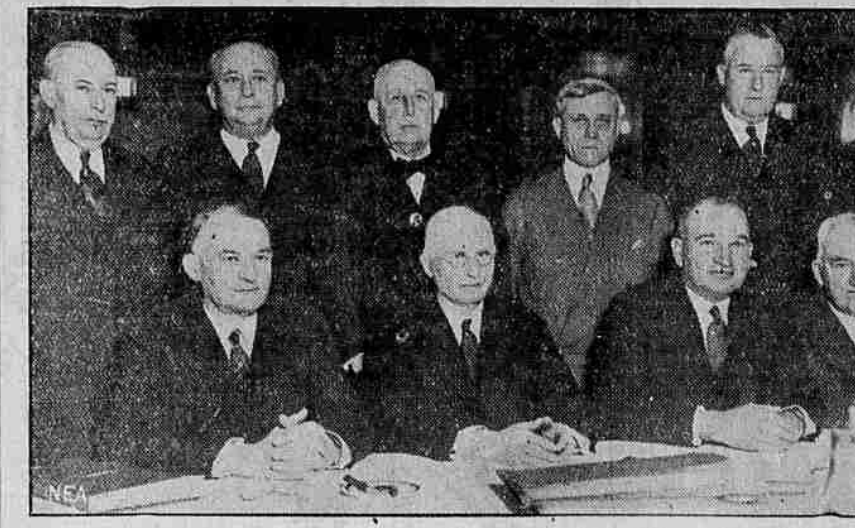
Chinese Bandits Ask Big Ransom

HANKOW China, Jan. 20 (AP)—Ransom demands for the release of Captain James Baker, American master of a Yangtze river barge, who is being held by Chinese bandits, has been fixed at 200,000 Mexican dollars, dispatches from foreign naval craft above Hankow said today.

Captain Baker and six Chinese members of his ship's crew are being held at Patohi, headquarters of the bandit gang, 120 miles west of here, the dispatches said. The American navy gunboat Oahu has proceeded up the river to the vicinity of the stronghold hoping to establish contact with the gang and secure Captain Baker's release. It was stated

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RAIL CHIEFS CONFER WITH UNIONS ON WAGES



These men are taking leading roles in one of the most important conferences in the history of the railroads being held at Chicago on the proposed reduction of wages. They are: seated, left to right, L. A. Downs, of the Illinois Central, Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio, chairman of the president's J. J. Peley of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, A. C. Needles of the Chicago & Northwestern; standing: J. E. Gorman, Rock Island; L. W. Baldwin, Missouri Pacific; C. A. Wickersham, Atlanta & West Point; H. D. Pollard, Central of Georgia and C. E. Denny, Erie.

System Worked For Awhile; Then Wife Filed Suit

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—Ervin Boettcher had a system about which his wife complained when she appeared before Judge Miller yesterday, asking for temporary alimony. Before going out fights, she said, he would fill the bathtub with cold water, and if she had any objections to his departure he would solve the question by tossing her into the tub.

She got the temporary alimony.

Situation Grows More Strained In The Orient

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 20 (AP)—Relations between Chinese and Japanese here were further strained today after a clash between a number of Japanese and a group of Chinese in the international settlement in which one Chinese and one Japanese were killed and a number of both nationalities injured.

Grain Growers Of Valley Hear Shumway Speak

Over 40 grain growers of the valley met with A. R. Shumway, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers; A. C. Adams, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. Davis, of Lincoln, Neb., representing the federal farm board, to consider conditions of the wheat market and of co-operative organizations.

There is an actual need of congressional action to aid farmers, Mr. Shumway stated, adding that the agricultural marketing bill passed under the Hoover regime probably will bring relief to business and to the farmer through organizations, financial aid, education and stabilization of the market in time of dire

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FINDS \$65 IN SUITCASE THAT COST HIM \$2.50

MCLEOD, Alta., Jan. 20 (AP)—A northbound traveler today was heading for the Peace River country with an historic suitcase and more wealth than he had when he stepped into an auctioneer's quarters here. The suitcase was found along with the traveler bid \$2.50 for the suitcase. Bidding stopped and he picked up his purchase.

Tucked inside one of the flaps in the luggage, unknown to the auctioneer or others, was \$65 which the buyer found as he cleaned it out to make room for his clothing.

Later it was discovered the suitcase was made in Nottingham, England, and sold in 1879.

Jury Will Decide If Show is Decent

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 (AP)—The moderated version of Aristophanes' farce, "Lysistrata," will not be presented again in Los Angeles unless the cast and producers are acquitted of a charge of having staged an "indecent" show, the producers announced today. Trial of the cast and producers is set for January 27.

A court order to prevent police raids on the performances was denied the producers yesterday by Superior Judge Leon R. Yankwich, who stated he was of the opinion the merits of the show should be decided by a jury.

"STEER CLEAR OF WET-DRY ISSUE"

Such is Warning to Political Parties Sounded by Anti-Saloon League.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The anti-saloon league biennial convention left behind it today a warning to the political parties to steer clear of prohibition this election year.

Reiterated by the speakers who occupied the platform at last night's final gathering, this theme was summed up in a declaration of policy which asserted "repeal or modification are not for party platforms or party lines."

With that the veteran dry organization went on record as opposing anything that might weaken prohibition; referendums, resolutions, state control, modification and beer proposals, as well as repeal attempts.

Scores Raskob's plan
It scored particularly the Raskob "home rule" plan of liquor control, asserting:

"Let there be no mistake, Raskobian home rule means eventually saloon rule."

Among the individual expressions was the declaration of Mrs. Jesse W. Nicholson, president of the national women's Democratic law enforcement league:

"If there's any doubt, let any party have a wet candidate next fall and the women will give him such a licking as he never had."

Dr. A. J. Barton, of North Carolina, chairman of the league's executive committee, asserted the south would deny support to any presidential candidate either running on a wet platform or personally wet.

"A wooden horse filled with saloons" was the label heaped on the prohibition plan by Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, of Cambridge, Mass., chairman of the woman's national committee for education against alcohol.

Support Given Hoover
The declaration of policy, adopted at the banquet meeting, said the league did not hesitate to leave prohibition questions to be settled by voters "in the constitutional way" of electing congressmen and state legislators. It pledged support to President Hoover in his enforcement program, describing present enforcement as the best the country ever had.

Prohibition Director Woodcock told the league this enforcement though

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—Persistent speculative selling attributed to a leading trader induced a renewal of wheat market weakness today during the late transactions.

Prices went below Saturday's finish, and about 3 cents under the top of Monday's bulge. General demand today for North American wheat to be shipped overseas was not aggressive.

Just at the close sudden rallies ascribed to a quick reversal of market position by previous sellers jerked the wheat market up more than a cent from the day's low point.

Wheat closed nervous, 3 1/2 @ 1c above yesterday's finish, corn 3/8 @ 1/2 up, 3/8 unchanged, soy 1/4c lower, and provisions unchanged to a decline of two cents.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20 (AP)—While Chicago and Winnipeg were slightly better for the day May wheat lost a fraction or so on the Portland exchange. July and September were unchanged. Sales totaled 500 bu. May.

On the merchants exchange cash grains were unchanged with the exception of corn, which was 7/8c lower.

Peruvian Cities Damaged Badly By Earthquakes

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 20 (AP)—Inhabitants of Lima, Callao, and the surrounding area, were recovering today from a night of terror caused by an earthquake which ripped streets and buildings and resulted in at least one death and serious injury to several.

The newspaper El Comercio reported one person killed in the crumbling of a house at Huacho. The shock was most severe at Huaraz and Huacho and was felt strongly also at Pisco, Canete, Ica and other towns.

The shock, which citizens said was the most severe since 1904, followed a lesser one earlier in the day. The second occurred at 9:30 p. m., on a hot summer night. It was preceded by a hollow, underground rumbling.

Streets Rattled
Walls of buildings cracked, cornices fell, roofs crumbled and the streets rolled as if in waves. They were soon filled with careening automobiles, out of the drivers' control in the unsteadiness of the pavements underneath.

Simultaneously, the lights in the city went out. The darkness was filled with the hysterical screams of thousands who fled in panic from homes, churches and theaters into the unsteady streets and open squares. The crash of breaking glass added to the tumult.

The crowds dodged from the erratic path of taxicabs and automobiles, flung here and there by the swaying of the earth. Most of those treated at the first aid stations which were hurriedly set up were found to be suffering from heart attacks and nervous shock. There were 58 of these cases up to midnight.

Falling Debris Injures 4
A policeman and three other persons were hurt by falling cornices and bricks.

A number of old dwellings, dating from the rebuilding of the city after it was destroyed by a quake in 1746, were badly damaged. The old church of San Francisco, noted for its architecture, also suffered damage. Several art windows in the hall of the chamber of deputies fell and crashed.

Deadly Botulism Fatal To Woman
SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20 (AP)—Deadly botulism snuffed out the life of Mrs. J. A. Dewar late last night as an aviator was darning thick fog between Spokane and Portland to reach her here with a serum which might have checked the poison.

Mrs. Dewar was stricken Sunday after eating home preserved string beans. An urgent call to the University of Oregon medical school at Portland for serum sent Tex Rankin, noted northwest pilot, speeding over the difficult route between here and Portland, but the sufferer died before he reached Pasco, Wash., an hour and a half from Spokane.

New Salem Gun Fight Worst In Kentucky Annals

LONDON, Ky., Jan. 20 (AP)—Kentucky's worst gun battle in recent history, from the standpoint of lives lost, was written into the records today. The toll of the feud shooting in the New Salem churchyard was brought to five with the death last night of "Little Henry" Johnson.

The other victims were "Big Henry" and Earl Johnson, brothers who were cousins of the man who died last night, and Forrest and Homer Crook, brothers who were neighbors of the Johnsons. They were slain Saturday in the feud outbreak in which "Little Henry" was mortally wounded by a stray bullet.

Willie Johnson, brother of "Big Henry" and Earl, was the only member of the two families who survived. He was wounded in the arm. Willie was the cause of it all, according to the Crooks, who accused him of

Torn between obedience to these orders and those of the parents of his fiancée who say he must grow a beard before he can marry their daughter, the man has written Senator Smoot asking assistance.

He couldn't see why he should not grow a beard "when most of the admirals have them."

"Besides," he added, "mine is kept up with the rules which say they must be trimmed up nice."

And anyway he concluded: "I'm not going to shave."

VOTERS FACE LIVELY YEAR IN THE STATE

Terms of Many Officers Will Expire—Many Candidates Expected

SENATOR STEIWER SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Hoss and Holman Both Expected to Run—Governor's Term Does Not Expire Until 1935.

SALEM, Jan. 20 (AP)—Oregon voters this year, in addition to naming their choice for president and vice president, will be called upon to elect one United States senator and three representatives in congress on the national schedule, while in the state three of the six elective offices are to be filled.

However, the state ballots will not be confined to these alone. There are also two justices of the supreme court to elect, 15 state senators and the entire membership of the house of representatives, or 60. Also included in the state elections will be circuit judges and district attorneys in many counties and districts.

The 39 counties will likewise name many county officials this year while cities have their quota of officers to elect.

Steiwer's Term Expires
Senator Frederick Steiwer's term expires next March, and one of the most contested elections will be for his seat. The three congressmen, W. C. Hawley from the first district, Robert E. Butler from the second and Charles H. Martin from the third, must appeal to the electorate to retain their seats.

Oregon this year will not vote on a Governor, as Julius J. Meier's term does not expire until 1935. Other members of the state board of con-

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POLICE CHIEF AT KELOWNA SHOOTS TWO

KELOWNA, B. C., Jan. 20 (AP)—Police Chief David Murdoch was being held here today on a murder charge in connection with the fatal shooting last night of Genevieve Nolan, 34, also known as Marie Lalonde, police department employee, and Archie McDonald, 28, former constable.