

U. S. VESSELS SELL LIQUOR 12 MILES OUT

All But Dollar Services
Run Bars, O'Connor
Tells Committee.

STOCK OF LIQUOR CALLED MEDICINE

\$8000 Worth of Wet Goods
Included in Shipping
Board Transfer to
Chapman Company.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Chairman O'Connor, of the United States shipping board, today told a house committee under questioning that American lines operate bars outside the 12-mile limit.

O'Connor was testifying in the investigation of the house merchant marine committee into the shipping board sale of the United States lines.

Representative Lehbach, Republican, New Jersey, asked: "Isn't it true that all American steamship lines except the Dollar service run bars, once the ships are outside the limit, and isn't it a fact that it is foolish to keep it secret—that the lines are thereby losing trade?"

O'Connor Admits It
"I believe that is so," said O'Connor. "I have heard men say 'I am going on a foreign ship where I can buy liquor.'"

O'Connor said the federal government sacrificed to the prohibition law \$8000 in liquor supplies in the 1929 transfer of the United States line to the Paul W. Chapman company.

Chairman Davis, of the merchant marine committee, was questioning O'Connor on the charge of Comptroller General McCarri that the shipping board gave the Chapman company, without charge, a million dollars worth of equipment and supplies in the transfer.

O'Connor made a firm denial of the comptroller general's charge. "Did the stores include liquor?" asked Representative Slivovich, Democrat, New York.

O'Connor answered that the ship's supplies did include about \$8000 worth of liquor considered as medicinal supplies.

SUN AND COLD RETURN; DROP IS 14 DEGREES

Sunshine returned to the Grande Ronde valley this morning after an absence of several days, except for brief appearances, and with it came a sudden drop in temperature. Startling at 36 above zero — yesterday's maximum — the mercury plunged to a minimum of 18 above early today, climbing only one degree from that point by 7 o'clock. The 14-degree drop in temperature was welcomed, however, as it put a halt, at least temporarily, to the thawing that led to slushy conditions underfoot.

No new snow of any consequence has fallen in La Grande this week, although early in the week nearly a third of an inch of rain was measured in one 24-hour period.

Snowfall for this year is about two feet, compared with 45 inches at Baker and several feet for the season in the Wallowa and Umatilla mountains.

Owls Schedule Game With Baker

The Jack Allen Owls, La Grande independent basketball team, will meet the Baker Antlers quintet at the L. D. S. Recreational hall at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, it was announced today.

The Antlers appeared here in an early season game against the Normal school, but so far have not met the Owls this year. The Owls, however, hold two decisions over the Baker Bluejays, a team about on par with the Antlers.

The Owls have lost but one game this year, that at Helix to the Red Devils last Saturday night.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably with rains in the west portion and snows in the east portion; warmer in the east and south portions tonight; fresh in the west and west winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—19 above.
Minimum: 18 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 36, minimum 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy. Range —4 degrees.

WEATHER JAN. 21, 1931
Maximum 43, minimum 23 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .03 of inch. Range—20 degrees.

City Dads Will Buy Chassis For Fire Truck Body

Compromise Plan is Accepted; New Law Places Dog License Issuance in County Hands.

The city commission has decided to compromise on the matter of new fire equipment and, instead of purchasing a new truck or repairing the old La France, will buy a Studebaker chassis and mount the body of the La France on the chassis.

The chassis is expected to start west about the first of next week and after arriving in La Grande early in February will be turned over to the fire department, where the work of changing over will be done.

The cost of the new chassis will approximate \$1100. The engine will be of six cylinders and of 75 horsepower.

The cost figures at much less than for a new truck, and not a great deal more than would be required to replace the old machine in condition.

No City Dog Licenses
Another matter of much interest that came before the commission was the statement that cities under 100,000 population may no longer issue dog licenses. A new state law, passed at the last legislature, provides that only counties may issue licenses, and the city dads authorized return of license fees to a few persons who already had made their payments, eager to get a small-numbered tag.

County Clerk C. K. McCormick will issue the licenses from now on, it is announced.

This law, in effect, takes the dog question almost entirely out of the hands of the towns and cities and places it in the county administration.

An ordinance authorizing the city to execute a deed for certain property to Herman Siegrist, upon payment of a \$50 balance, was passed.

All members of the commission were present Wednesday night. The city manager's report showed cash on hand at \$13,015.02, divided as follows: La Grande National bank \$5,905.21, U. S. National bank \$6,009.06, cash \$1,106.75.

Tigers Invade Bulldog Court Friday Evening

Eleven Tigers, accompanied by Coach Ira Wood and scores of fans, will invade here Friday afternoon for a game where that night they will engage in one of their annual basketball classics with the Bulldogs.

And, for the first time in two years, the La Grande team will go onto the floor in the southern city.

O'Connell And Stiles Guilty Is Jury Verdict

Two La Grande men, tried in federal court in Portland this week, were found guilty yesterday on three counts — manufacture, possession and transportation of intoxicating liquor. The two are Webster Charles Stiles and Dan O'Connell. In returning the verdict, the jury recommended leniency for O'Connell, due to his age. Sentence will be passed at some later day.

John Hammell, another La Grande man, was to go on trial today. Pearl Stanley Stiles recently pleaded guilty in federal court to a liquor charge and was sentenced to eight months at the Fort Lewis road camp.

Sheriff Jesse Breshears and Policeman Lester Horstman, witnesses in the two cases, returned to La Grande last night. Joe Zimmerman, federal officer, Policeman Bill Howard and State Policeman Willard Tubbs are still in Portland, scheduled to testify in the Hammell trial.

Eggs At Low Level In Portland Mart

PORTLAND, Jan. 21 (AP)—Lowest price named for eggs in the local market during the current month are now being quoted here as a result of complete demoralization of the eastern trade. At the reductions, the local market is still on a higher basis than the eastern market, cost of getting supplies to the Atlantic considered. The cutting of 2 cents off the price of extras to 18 cents with standard 15 cents and medium 14 cents is confirmed by Manager Dixon of the local co-op, effective Friday morning. New York dropped to 23 cents for extras and 19 cents for mediums, which means 14 cents here for extras and 10 cents for mediums. Some of the cash buyers have reduced their buying price to 8-10 cents dozen country.

Fire in Attic At Robbs Home Today

The fire truck was called to the home of Mrs. Myrtle Robbs, 906 Washington avenue, at 12:25 o'clock today to extinguish a blaze in the attic of the building. The fire was confined to the section in which it started, although some damage was done, including water damage. The firemen used the salvage covers very effectively, however.

The cause was unknown although firemen were inclined to believe that defective wiring may have been at fault.

The recall was at 1:05 o'clock.

REPARATIONS CONFERENCE INDEFINITE

Postponed to Jan. 25, Then
Deferred Again — No
Date Agreed On.

AMERICA REJECTS FRENCH PROPOSAL

Suggestion of Corresponding Reduction in War Debts Fails to Win Approval.

By the Associated Press
Europe has reached another stage in the deadlock over reparations and war debts with the second postponement of the conference at Lausanne originally scheduled for Jan. 15, then deferred to Jan. 25.

Great Britain, which originally proposed the meeting and subsequently changed the date because of domestic political difficulties in France, announced the second postponement. The action was taken with the agreement of the French government.

U. S. Won't Agree
France maintains her position she will not forego German reparations unless the United States makes a corresponding reduction in the amount due her from France. It is understood the American government has informed France it cannot agree to such a proposal.

France also suggested extension of the so-called Hoover moratorium

ALBANY COLLEGE QUINTET TO PLAY

Normal School Will Open
Collegiate Season at 8
O'clock Tonight.

PROBABLE LINEUP
E. O. N.
Albany College P. Medical
Patterson F. Baxter
McClain C. Belts
Knapp G. Bredow
G. Buchanan G. Carden
Or B. Buchanan
Referee: Agee, North Powder.
Time of game: 8:00 p. m.

Hopeful of being able to follow Whitman college's example and turn back the invading Albany college basketball players, the Mountaineer quintet was prepared today to open its collegiate season this evening at the L. D. S. Recreational hall. Belts, center, who has been having trouble with an infected toe this week, was expected to start for the Normal school.

Albany, a Northwest conference team, got off to a bad start at Whitman the other night, losing out to Coach Nig Borleske's sharp-shooting midges 51 to 23. Thirteen points were scored as a result of a fast-passing, shooting attack the Mountaineers employed in the opening minutes of the game, and Albany was never able to gain the lead, although the Pirates scored 13 points to Whitman's 12 during the remainder of the first half.

Albany's offense failed to function with any degree of efficiency in the last half and the Mountaineers continued to sink shots from all angles to roll up the score. McClain, forward, was high scorer for Albany with six but Knapp and G. Buchanan, guards, each contributed four.

E. O. N. Team Fast
Coach Bob Quinn has developed a much faster team this year than has

Camp Fire Girls Field Secretary Guest of La Grande Organization

Just as the American Indian strove toward health and beauty in his life, the Camp Fire Girls, through the aid of the trained and interested guardians, are striving to realize their

watchword "Wohelo," which means "work, health and love," said Miss Edith Kempfthorne, national field secretary of Camp Fire, today upon her arrival in La Grande. The movement, which was originated 20 years ago, is a truly American organization and ceremonies and costumes have been patterned after those of the American Indian.

The Indian symbolism is simple, beautiful, interesting, appeals to girls, and is truly American, she added. Each girl chooses an Indian name when she enters the Camp Fire circle, and the symbol which the name suggests to the Indian is often carried out in headwork by the Camp Fire girl, and she wears it during the impressive ceremonies and council fires.

Miss Kempfthorne believes that the popularity of Camp Fire and its benefits are best proven by the 60,000 guardians and assistant guardians who have directed 1,130,000 girls between the ages of 10 and 18, through Camp Fire circles. The aim of every Camp Fire girl is to "Seek beauty, give service, pursue knowledge, be trustworthy, hold onto health, glorify work and be happy," according to the work and motto.

The program of Camp Fire is to

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MISS KEMPTHORNE

Hoss and Meier In Exchange Due To "Cell Escape"

Governor Criticizes Secretary Severely, and Hoss Comes Back With Prompt Reply.

SALEM, Jan. 21 (AP)—The "cell escape" demonstration staged at the state penitentiary yesterday resulted in an exchange of statements last night between Governor Julius L. Meier and Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss. The demonstration resulted in two convicts making their escape through the new cell doors at the penitentiary within a few seconds when the gang mechanism of the locking device was on "neutral" position.

"I deplore the underhand method pursued to discredit the action of a majority board of control who approved the installation of the cell doors," Governor Meier said in his statement referring to the demonstration, which was sponsored by Hoss.

Hoss Replies
"The statement of Governor Meier regarding the prison demonstration is very unfair," Hoss countered after reading press dispatches in Portland. He was in Portland to speak before the sheriff's convention there.

The governor in his statement said in part: "The defect revealed at Hoss' demonstration was called to the attention of the members of the board of control last week, and while it is not a serious one, the possibility of a specially equipped prisoner operating under the eyes of the guards being a remote one, nevertheless King

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Angry Outburst By Mrs. Judd Is Aimed at Catton

By Ralph O. Brown
COURT HOUSE, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 21 (AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd leaped from her chair today in the Maricopa county superior courtroom to denounce Dr. Joseph Catton, of San Francisco, prosecution alienist.

"You get out of here," she cried rising with tensed muscles and flashing eyes as the psychiatrist approached her chair during a brief court recess.

"Make him get out! Make him get out!" she appealed to her attorneys. "I won't have you near me!" she swung again to Catton. "You talked about me! Get out!"

Dr. Catton, non-plussed and amazed, backed away, then turned and left the room as defense counsel, the matron, and Dr. George W. Stephens, defense dentist, attempted to quiet Mrs. Judd.

The defendant finally was persuaded to return to her chair, muttering "I won't have him near me"

HELM OPPOSES VENUE CHANGE IN OWENS CASE

Counter affidavits to resist the defense attempt to transfer the murder trial of John Owens, 28, to another county, have been filed here by Carl Helm, Union county district attorney.

Owens and Keith Crosswhite, 19, both of Springfield, Mo., are charged with slaying Amos Helms, state policeman, who died Dec. 30 from bullet wounds suffered Oct. 19.

George T. Cochran, appointed by the court as attorney for Owens and Crosswhite, has demanded separate trials and has moved for a change of venue from Union to Wallowa county for Owens. No action has been taken regarding any change of venue for Crosswhite and indications are that he will be tried in Union county.

Seal Sale Total At \$700 Figure

"The total of the Christmas seal sale for Union county has reached the \$700 mark," Mrs. H. R. Hanna and Mrs. J. J. Broughton announced today, referring to the sale conducted under Neighborhood (city) auspices during the period between Thanksgiving day and Christmas. Many persons are still expected to send in money for stamps which were not returned to the committee.

Last year and the year before the total ran well over the thousand dollar mark and the workers are hoping the fund will approach similar proportions when all who have not sent in their money, complete their contributions.

Community chairmen are: Mrs. George Gray, La Grande; Mrs. D. H. Crouter, Union; Mrs. W. A. McNeill, Cove; Mrs. Everett Wallinger, Alice; Mrs. H. H. Parker, North Powder; Mrs. H. L. Shoemaker, Elgin; Mrs. Frank McKennon, Imbler; Mrs. Veda Thornburg, Starkey; Mrs. J. B. Weimer, Hilgard; Mrs. Martha Thomas, Kamela; Mrs. Ann M. Wilkerson, Tilocast; Mrs. H. W. Redell, Pondosa and Medical Springs; Mrs. Charles Gump, Fruitdale, and Mrs. Irene Conrad, Summerville.

Hoover Moves For Prevailing Wages

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—President Hoover moved today to keep contractors on government buildings from paying lower wages than other employers in the same community.

By an executive order, it was decreed that stipulations of the Bacon-Davis prevailing wage scale law shall be written into all public building contracts, along with a clause permitting cancellation of the contracts if the prevailing wage is not paid.

HONOLULU IS STIRRED BY NEW ATTACK

Fresh Man Hunt Under
Way Today For Daniel
Lyman, Escaped Convict

ASSAULTS MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN

Escort Stunned By Blow
From Revolver, Then
Bound With Fishline By
Assailant.

HONOLULU, Jan. 21 (AP)—Honolulu was aroused today to a fresh man hunt by another attack upon a woman.

Mrs. Toka Okazaki, 29, mother of two children, complained to police she had been assaulted near John Rodgers airport by a man she identified through a photograph as Daniel Lyman, escaped Portuguese-Hawaiian murderer.

This assault occurred as authorities were preparing to place before the grand jury evidence in the lynching of Joseph Kahanawala, Hawaiian alleged attacker of a navy officer's wife, and as the territorial legislature, in special session, was seeking a formula for better law enforcement to overcome hoodlumism in Honolulu.

Mrs. Okazaki said she went motoring last evening with Takeo Harimoto, driving toward the airport, which is six miles from the center of the city in the direction of Pearl harbor. They had passed near the entrance of the air field, when a shot was heard.

Harimoto said he looked out of the car and was stunned with a blow from a revolver. Recovering, he said the gunman made him back the automobile about 50 feet, get out, and march to the nearby railroad tracks.

SEARCH UNDER WAY FOR LOST COUPLE TODAY

WELLSFORD, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Woodmen, deputy sheriffs and state police were searching the Dead Indian country today for some sign of Edwin C. Brown, 56, and his wife, unreported since they left a cabin of a neighbor a week ago in a blinding snowstorm. Scant hope is held that they can be alive in the rugged, cold country which for days has been storm beaten.

Vernon Hooper, mountain mail carrier, guided the party of searchers which left here Wednesday afternoon. The searchers wore skis and carried supplies of food and medicine. They will go over every bit of the Conde plains in which the man and his wife disappeared after leaving the cabin of their neighbor, A. R. Cooley.

Transfers Made In Immigration Field Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Secretary Doak today announced transfers in the immigration service amounting to a virtual reorganization of the field service.

George J. Harris, assistant commissioner general of immigration in Washington, has been sent to El Paso, as director of the border patrol. Heretofore the border patrol has been operated by supervisors.

Edward J. Shaughnessy, who has been assistant to the commissioner general of immigration, was appointed to succeed Harris.

District directors throughout much of the service were transferred from one office to another. These changes included:

C. Arthur Palmer, who has been director at Spokane, has been transferred to Chicago as district director. Shirley D. Smith, who has been in charge at Chicago, goes to Salt Lake City to succeed the late William J. Coyne.

Widow Convicted Of Killing Child

LEWISBURG, W. Va., Jan. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Minnie Stull, 30-year-old widow, was convicted of first degree murder today for the fatal scalding of her nine-year-old stepson Mickey, in a tub of water. The jury recommended mercy which makes a sentence of life imprisonment mandatory. It was her third trial.

UNVEIL STATUE



This impressive bronze statue of General Robert E. Lee was unveiled by the Virginia General Assembly on Tuesday, Jan. 19, the anniversary of the birth of the great Southern leader. The statue, by Rudolph Evans, noted Virginia sculptor, stands on the spot where General Lee took command of the Confederate forces in the Civil war.

RAILWAY HEADS SHOW EARNINGS

Mass of Data Submitted
During Wage Confer-
ence Negotiations.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (AP)—The railway presidents came forward today with the "important statistics" demanded by union labor in support of the plea for acceptance of a 10 per cent wage reduction.

The presidents asserted that gross earnings of the railroads in 1931 were 33 per cent less than in 1929. Their statement presented a mass of data on railway earnings and answered the labor proposals at the joint wage conference.

The brotherhood and union delegates Tuesday had made clear they would not accept the arguments of the carriers on the need for adequate investment return but they wanted a true picture of railway financial conditions and a statement of what was needed to meet fixed charges and maintain credit.

Daniel Willard, chairman of the president's committee of nine, plunged at once into a statement of the financial status of the rails, saying that in 1931, 72 companies failed by 90 million dollars to meet their fixed charges.

The presidents made no substantial concessions to the labor program but they assured the employees that individual managements would go as

CAR CRASH IN SALEM AREA KILLS THREE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—A head-on collision between passenger car and truck on the Turner-Marion highway near here last night killed two women and a man and seriously injured two others.

The dead: Mrs. Frank Fery, 45, Mrs. Henry Siegmund, 54, and Chris Giebler, 70, all of Stayton.

Their automobile attempted to pass another, reports said, and crashed into a truck operated by Irving Hedges. Mrs. Fery and Giebler died instantly.

All victims of the accident were prominent residents of Stayton vicinity and Marion county for years. Mrs. Siegmund, whose husband is a brother of County Judge Siegmund of Marion county, is survived by four children, and Mrs. Fery also leaves four children. Giebler was never married.

Thompson To Serve As Exalted Ruler

C. L. Thompson, who last year filled the past exalted rulers chair in the Elks club, will again take over the reins of the organization on past exalted rulers night, Feb. 4, at 8 o'clock at the Elks temple. The committee headed by Norman Deaslet, met last night at the temple to complete arrangements for the event which is an annual one in all Elks lodges in the United States.

Mr. Deaslet is assisted on the committee by R. J. Green, Delde Greene, C. L. Berry and Jesse V. Andrews. The other chairs will be filled by R. J. Green, leading knight; C. B. Bherhard, loyal knight; G. L. Biggers, lecturing knight; H. E. Coolidge, secretary; H. J. Ritter, inner guard; J. H. Pearce, esquire; H. E. Brady, treasurer; and Henry L. Hess, tyler.

Important issues will be discussed during the meeting, Mr. Deaslet stated.

"Hex Doctor" Is Sought In New Murder Mystery

Mennonite Church Worker
Found Stabbed to
Death With Weird Symbols
Carved on Forehead

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21 (AP)—The hand of a Pennsylvania "hex doctor" was seen by authorities today in the mysterious slaying of Norman B. Bechtel, Mennonite church worker. Weird symbols were found carved on Bechtel's forehead.

The man, found dying early yesterday on a vacant estate in the Germantown section, was a native of Boyertown, Pa., and spent his youth in a region where "the hexes" and other witchcraft cults have held sway.

Police were baffled in their search for a motive for the slaying. Bechtel was stabbed 12 times.

Police Not Satisfied
Robbery was considered as a probable reason for the crime, but police were not satisfied this was the solution. Bechtel was also thought by some investigators to have been the victim of mistaken identity. He was found by a policeman guarding the home of Judge Harry S. McDevitt, of the common pleas court, who was threatened recently.

Late last night, examination of Bechtel's body at the morgue, however, brought to light the curious markings on his forehead.

Small crescents had been cut on each side of his forehead and a horizontal cut about 1 inch long was under each crescent. Police said the slayer had deliberately marked his victim with a razor blade or scalpel.

Bechtel had been killed, police said, by one powerful thrust of a slim-bladed instrument that ripped through his overcoat, through his spectacles case and into his heart.

Stabs Circle Heart
His clothing then had been opened detectives said, and the weapon plunged seven more times in a small circle around the heart.

The victim was found a few hours after he had driven Miss Eleanor Temple and Robert Ross to their homes from a church meeting.

John Cole, a young negro garage attendant, was arrested and questioned about the affair after police learned he had looked after Bechtel's automobile and had been seen at the latter's apartment.

"I found nothing there to give us a clue to these 'hex' marks," Captain Harry Healy, of the murder squad said. "Everything we found indicated he was an upright and honest young church worker. There was nothing to show that he belonged to any secret order."

Reserve Fund Plan To Receive Study

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—The American society of civil engineers has accepted for study a plan to protect not only labor, but also management and stockholders, during depressions by the legal establishment of a compulsory reserve fund in each business.

While the plan has not been given either official approval or disapproval by the society, it has been deemed worthy of further consideration by the society's direction committee and by the engineering economic committee which presented the plan also without approval or disapproval.

BIOGRAPHER DIES
INKPEN, Beckwith, Eng. Jan. 21 (AP)—Lytton Strachey, one of the most prominent biographers of his time, died here today after an illness of many weeks. He was 52 years old.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (AP)—Late rallies in wheat prices today largely overcame the effect of heavy selling ascribed to a big speculative holder. Reactions due to this selling were simultaneous with assertions that theoretically at present the United States could import wheat from Great Britain if it were not for the American protective tariff.

Bulls generally made much of the fact the new finance corporation bill would permit the corporation to finance United States export acceptance over a long period, whereas at present the federal reserve banks would discount acceptances for only 90 days.

Wheat closed nervous at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/4 off, corn 1/4 @ 3/4 down, oats unchanged to 1/4 cent, and provisions unchanged to a shade lower.

Jewelry Valued At \$250,000 Stolen

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—Jewelry valued by police at more than \$250,000 was stolen today from the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glenby by three bandits who bound Glenby and a butler and escaped.

CONFERENCE SHAPES BILL IN TWO DAYS

Reconstruction Finance
Corporation Measure
Returned to Congress

FINAL APPROVAL EXPECTED FRIDAY

Provides For Loans to
Financial Institutions,
Agricultural Bodies and
Farmers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—The senate today adopted the conference report on the \$125,000,000 federal land bank bill, completing congressional action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—The house today adopted the conference report on the bill to add \$125,000,000 to the capital of the federal land banks. It now goes to the senate, and if approved there, the legislation then goes to the president.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Wholehearted co-operation for national economic recovery pushed the reconstruction finance corporation today to the verge of congressional enactment.

Carefully but speedily revised by expert member of the senate and

SNIPER KILLS ARISTOCRAT OF OLD RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—A shot from the dark took the life last night of