

OREGON USES VAST SUM IN ROAD BUILDING

Commission Spends \$136,271,651.94 Since Creation in 1913.

1921 BIGGEST YEAR IN HIGHWAY WORK

Total For Last Year Third Largest, With \$13,966,644 Expended, Check-up Reveals.

SALEM, Jan. 22 (AP)—The state highway commission has spent \$136,271,651.94 on road construction, maintenance and administrative expense since 1913, when the commission was created, it was announced today by the secretary of state's office. The expenditure includes all funds through 1931.

Receipts for highway work during this 19-year period, was \$171,100,389.39, secured from all sources. Other expenditures by the highway commission includes \$17,894,957 for interest on bonds outstanding, and \$14,708,250 on bond maturities. The balance at the end of 1931 was \$2,255,530.16. The report showed that the largest receipts have been from motor vehicle license fees, for a total of \$45,399,916. The peak year for license fees was 1930 when \$5,606,256 was paid in. License fees led all receipts until 1930 when the gasoline tax took first place.

1921 Big Year

In highway construction, the report reveals, more money was spent in 1921 than any other year, when \$17,073,036 was expended. Last year was the third highest year for state money expended on roads when \$13,966,644 was expended. In 1920,

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NO GAME HERE TONIGHT; ONE TEAM IN BAKER

Sometimes it is news when something doesn't happen.

Perhaps that is the case tonight, which happens to be Friday, and the strange thing about it is that no basketball game will be played in La Grande this evening.

The only game in which a La Grande team will participate is to be at Baker High school, where the Tigers will tackle the fast-moving Bulldogs in their first meeting of the season.

The local "warfare" will resume tomorrow, however, when Joseph High comes to La Grande.

There was a game scheduled for tonight with the Jack Allen Ows to play the Baker Antlers at 8 o'clock, but the game was cancelled late yesterday at the request of Baker. Two of the Antlers will serve as officials at the Baker-La Grande contest, with George Duff to do the refereeing.

The La Grande-Joseph game will begin at 8:30 Saturday at the L. D. S. Recreational hall, following a preliminary game starting at 7:30 o'clock.

A pep assembly was held at the High school this morning featuring several numbers by the orchestra, directed by W. W. Nusbaum. The High school orchestra this year is said to be the best organization of its kind in L. H. S. history.

County To Issue All Dog Licenses

Because of passage of a new state law regulating the issuance of dog licenses, the county hereafter will issue all license except in towns of 100,000 population or over, C. K. McCormick, county clerk, said today. Regulation of the price of the licenses is up to the county court, and at the last session which began Jan. 6, the fee was set at \$1 for males and \$2 for females.

The licenses will not be issued until after Feb. 1, but if secured later than March 1, a special tax of \$2 will be levied as penalty. The fees from the dog licenses will be placed into a special fund used to pay for sheep which are killed by dogs, Mr. McCormick added.

Before the new law was passed, city residents had to buy two licenses, one from the county and one from the city.

Normal School Trims Albany In Opener, 41 to 25

Mountaineers, in Spite of Frequent Misses, Have Little Difficulty in Downing Invaders.

Although their shooting was far below standard and their passing game wasn't up to par, the Mountaineers of the Eastern Oregon Normal school opened their collegiate basketball season here last night with a 41 to 25 victory over Albany college, northwest conference team.

There were times when the E. O. N. offense functioned as it should, but at other times it was bogging down. Only the fact that Bredow got hot late in the first half and fired four goals from long range allowed the home team to lead at half time 25 to 20.

Medcalf Flinds Basket
Then in the second stanza Medcalf, who made one out of about 20 shots in the first half, became a bit more accurate and accounted for three field goals while Baxter, who was somewhat staid in his shooting, added two more. That was enough to win. Belts managed to get one and Garden came up the floor from guard position for another. Halverson, Irwin and Wortley, who went into the game in the closing minutes, failed to score.

The Mountaineers, if they had made only a normal proportion of their basket attempts, would have chalked up more than 60 points, Medcalf and Baxter, forwards, tied for high scoring honors with 12 each.

On the other hand, Albany also was off, scoring only 10 out of nearly 65 trials at field goals. The visitors, handicapped by inability to get the tip-off from Belts, furnished some nice floor work at times coupled with fast breaking tactics, but close guarding by the Mountaineers and inability of the Pirates to maintain a sustained drive soon left them far out of the running.

Albany Never in Lead
Baxter's two baskets in the opening minutes of the game and free throws by Medcalf and Belts gave the Normal school a 6 to 0 lead before Albany got started. And the blue and gold quintet never relinquished

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Marvin, Childers Trial Will Open On Next Monday

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 22 (Special)— Circuit court will open next Monday with Judge C. H. McCulloch of Baker presiding, and the principal case to be heard will be that of the state against Judge Edgar Marvin and Cecil Childers on charges growing out of their management of the Joseph State bank the Record-Caledonia says.

District Attorney V. Christman will be assisted in the prosecution by Francis V. Galloway of The Dalles, sent as special attorney by the state banking department, which procured the evidence on which the indictments were voted.

Mr. Marvin's defense is in the hands of J. A. Bureigh and S. H. Bureigh. They contend that he committed no intentional violation of the state banking laws and that he did nothing for his own personal gain or to the injury of depositors or other stockholders.

ONE INDICTMENT FALSE? WALLOWA, Ore., Jan. 22 (Special)

—A report came to the Sun office last evening that one of the indictments against Marvin and Childers was false.

Change of Venue Arguments Open In Owens Case

Judge J. W. Knowles this afternoon denied a change of venue for trial of John Owens. Upon request of defense attorney, George Cochran, postponement until Feb. 15 was granted, with Keith Crosswhite's trial to follow completion of Owens' case.

Owens' willingness to plead guilty to murder in the second degree, which does not carry the death penalty, was refused by District Attorney Carl Helm, who hopes to convict the prisoner of first degree murder.

Oral arguments by defense and prosecution attorneys in the John Owens motion for a change of venue were under way this afternoon as the circuit court house before Judge J. W. Knowles. The hearing was to begin at 1:30 o'clock and indications were that it would take an hour or two to complete.

Owens, charged with the murder of Amos Helms, state policeman, asked that his trial be transferred to Wallowa county.

Prohi Amendment To Stay, Al Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (AP)—The prohibition amendment, Alfred E. Smith—one of its most severe critics—believes is in the constitution to stay.

TWO BILLION DOLLAR BILL UP TO HOOVER

Senate and House Agree on Measure as Changed By Conferees.

APPROPRIATION IS TO BE SUBMITTED

President Hoover May Sign Bill Creating Reconstruction Finance Corporation Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Only a few pen strokes are necessary to legalize a \$2,000,000,000 corporation to give impetus to American business.

President Hoover may sign the bill creating his reconstruction finance corporation late today.

The measure received final congressional approval by the adoption today by both senate and house of the conference report reconciling the differences between their bills.

Neither house nor senate required a record vote.

Mr. Hoover is prepared to submit immediately to the senate for confirmation the names of the four members of the board whom he must select. He already has picked Charles

CAMP FIRE HEAD HOLDS MEETINGS

Miss Edith Kempthorne Speaks at Sessions Held in City Thursday.

Miss Edith Kempthorne furnished a colorful picture of Camp Fire life yesterday when she spoke before various groups in La Grande on the movement for which she is national field secretary. Miss Kempthorne arrived in La Grande yesterday morning and her day was filled with conferences and speaking engagements in behalf of Camp Fire. She left last night for Pendleton where she is holding an institute today.

Miss Kempthorne met with the guardians and adult leaders yesterday noon at a no-hostess luncheon at the La Grande hotel. At 3 o'clock she addressed the student body of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and later in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, she met with the Camp Fire girls of the city.

The organization and founding of the movement was described for the benefit of the guardians. The movement originated in 1912 with a purpose of maintaining health by wholesome outdoor life and exercise and the promotion of various forms of social welfare. During the World war the girls were active in cultivating war gardens, making bandages and selling and subscribing during the liberty loan campaigns. The main body of the Camp Fire is in the United States where it was founded, but it has branches now in Eng-

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L. BLANCHARD, OF ELGIN, DIES AT AGE OF 84

Leman B. Blanchard, pioneer resident of Elgin, died at his home yesterday morning after an illness of comparatively short duration. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at the Elgin Christian church at 2 o'clock with burial in the Elgin cemetery. Snodgrass and Zimmerman are in charge.

The deceased was born in England Feb. 28, 1847 and came to Elgin 53 years ago, locating on a ranch two miles northwest of town on the Elgin-Wallowa highway where he lived continuously until his death. He was 84 years 10 months and 24 days of age.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Lucy Blanchard, and four children: Mrs. Charles Brethren, Mrs. Harlan Long and Clarence, of Elgin, and Mrs. Oris Evers, of Keasay, Ore., besides other relatives and friends.

Four Bridge Teams Emerge At Top After Two Nights of Auction Play

Two of the four bridge teams that scored highest in the first night's play maintained their leads, while two teams of runners-up came to the front in the second and closing session of the first annual duplicate auction bridge tournament to be played in La Grande. The tournament was sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary under the direction of C. H. Devine, bridge enthusiast, was held at the Snowjawa Inn Wednesday and Thursday, with 40 persons entered.

Mrs. W. G. Sawyer and Mrs. Guy Ellis maintained their lead in division A, east and west, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fitzgerald were high scorers in division B, east and west for the entire tournament. In division B, north and south, Mrs. Don Roban and Mrs. Walter Palmer made the highest total score, winning over Mrs. June Stalcup and Mrs. F. S. Lyons, high scorers in that division.

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Testimony Held Up In Trial For Legal Argument

Winnie Ruth Judd's Counsel Goes to Bat Over Marking of Suitcase as Exhibit "E."

By Ralph O. Brown
COURT HOUSE, PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 22 (AP)— Winnie Ruth Judd's counsel accepted the gauge of battle today when the state offered its exhibits of receptacles in which the bodies of Agnes Anne LeROI and Hedvig Samuelson were shipped from Phoenix to Los Angeles.

Prompt objection was made by Paul Schenck and Herman Lewkowitz of the defense when the state brought to the courtroom the first of its major evidence—a suitcase which contained parts of the body of Miss Samuelson when it was found on Oct. 19 in a Los Angeles railway station. The state contends both women were slain by Mrs. Judd on Oct. 16. Mrs. Judd at present, however, is being tried only for the murder of Mrs. LeROI.

Court Takes recess
In addition to the suitcase, a hatbox and two trunks were awaiting submission when argument over admissibility of the first threw the court into recess while counsel and judge consulted authorities.

Attorneys Schenck and Lewkowitz argued the suitcase did not come under the rule by which the other receptacles might be entered in evidence, since it contained "only parts of the body of Miss Samuelson, and nothing else."

The two trunks and the hatbox, defense indicated, would not be protected, since they were understood to have contained portions of bodies and material pertinent to both the LeROI and Samuelson cases.

Judge Howard C. Spenkman accepted from County Attorney Lloyd J.

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HAMMELL IS HELD GUILTY IN 1:17 TRIAL

John Hammell, fourth member of a quartet of men taken before federal court in Portland on liquor charges from La Grande, was found guilty yesterday in a record-breaking trial. The case took just one hour and 17 minutes to complete, from the time of its beginning to the return of a verdict by a jury that deliberated only seven minutes. The verdict was guilty on two counts, possession and transportation. Sentence will be passed later.

State Policeman Willard Tubbs and City Policeman Bill Howard, witnesses in the case, drove back to La Grande last night. Joe Zimmerman, federal agent, returned by train.

Chiang Kai-Shek Back in Nanking

NANKING, Jan. 22 (AP)— Former President Chiang Kai-Shek, who left for his estate in the provinces immediately after the resignation of his government a short time ago, arrived here again this afternoon. He declined to comment on the purpose of his visit or on the Chinese political situation.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE SHANGHAI, Jan. 22 (AP)

—Strained relations between Chinese and Japanese here appeared to be getting rapidly worse today as a Japanese admiral issued a virtual ultimatum from his flagship in the harbor and Chinese merchants sent an appeal to Nanking for more troops.

The admiral demanded immediate suppression of organizations hostile to Japanese residents. Chinese shopkeepers formed a "protective corps" and asked the national government to provide them with guns.

Fire Department Branded Obsolete

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)— Deputy Fire Marshal George W. Stokes and James E. Gleason, who spent more than a week here investigating the city's fire fighting personnel and equipment, have filed a written report with Fire Marshal Mohr characterizing both as obsolete.

The report declares that The Dalles' single fire company, with 62 members, none of whom is given any specific notice, is comparable to fire companies of many years ago.

Albert Reed Asks For An Attorney

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—Albert W. Reed, of Denver, indicted for the first degree murder of Victor Knott, Ashland policeman last November 18, was arraigned in circuit court here today and asked that an attorney be appointed for him.

The court delayed proceedings until next Monday.

Paul McQuaide and Lee Jackson, under indictment for the same crime, are still at liberty.

Tremors, Eruptions Frighten Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, Jan. 22 (AP)— More than three score earthquake shocks which sent a part of the republic of Guatemala into a shiver yesterday crippled communications and it was feared today considerable damage might have been wrought in the sections around the two volcanoes Fuego and Atatenango, which began to erupt after the shocks. The volcanoes are 50 miles from here.

BUCK DEER BOGGED IN SNOW



Tragedy due to the heavy snowfall in the west was narrowly averted when E. C. Osborn discovered this deer bogged in the snow near Portola, Cal. It had crossed the river, but in clambering up the bank, it was bogged down, and was helplessly awaiting death when Osborn rescued it after taking this remarkable photograph.

Competition By Farmers Advised Against By Hyde

DES MOINES, Jan. 22 (AP)—American agriculture was pictured today by Secretary of Agriculture Arthur H. Hyde as "the two bare hands of the individual farmer" battling in a competitive arena "where labor and finance and industry enter the mass power of their respective organizations."

His message was read before the Iowa farm bureau federation by Charles E. Hearst, president.

Hyde pleaded for closer co-operation, more attention to the financial problems the farmers must face, more plan production to meet market demand, and abandonment of attempted profitable production in poor lands.

Too Much Competition
"Six million farmers are now engaged in destructive competition with each other," Hyde declared. "Each is engaged, by his surplus production, in beating down the price of the commodity for all."

In other lines of business, he continued, organization has replaced individualism in a co-operative attempt to regulate production, consumption and profit.

"Organization is the touchstone of farm prosperity," he said. "By organizing the farmer can unite and stop ruthless competition of every farmer with every other, collectively plan production to meet market demand, control the surplus by preventing it, collectively stabilize prices, and mobilize in the economic arena the economic power of six million American farmers."

The federal farm board, he said, seeks to bring about this co-operation, to develop it to a point where it will carry on by its own merits without outside aid.

Midland College Singers Will Be Here on Mar. 14

Midland College A Cappella Choir, of Fremont, Neb., is to present a program of sacred music in La Grande, on March 14, under the auspices of Zion Lutheran Church. This promises to be a treat for those in La Grande who love the highest type of music which is possible, unaccompanied, choral singing. Rev. Edwin Bracher announces.

The choir is making its annual spring tour during the months of February and March, and this year comes through the far-west. La Grande is fortunate in having this well-trained, 60-voice chorus for an evening's performance, he states. They come to La Grande from Wallowa, where the Whitman College.

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ASKS POLICE TO HELP FIND GIRL

Portland Father Appeals For Help — Daughter Believed on Way Here

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—H. B. Stowe, of Portland, has asked police assistance in locating his daughter, Ruth Stowe Hawks, 17. Stowe told police he believed his daughter was en route to La Grande with a gangster.

The girl, formerly a dancer in Seattle, met and married there a man known to Stowe only as LaVelle. Four months ago they were divorced and Ruth returned to her home here.

Last week Ruth received a Chinese letter from Seattle and also one from her former husband asking her to send the letter to him for translation. The girl sent the letter and LaVelle wrote back that she could expect to be murdered at any time and that if she revealed the contents of the letter to her parents they might meet the same fate.

Stowe said he knew nothing of the matter until last night when his wife told him Ruth had discussed the letters with her. While Mrs. Stowe was telling her husband about it the girl ran out the back door saying she was going to La Grande with a man and that they would "square" everything. The car in which they left bore a Washington license, Stowe said.

Stowe did not learn the contents of the Chinese letter.

NO WORD RECEIVED HERE
At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon La Grande police had not received any communication from Portland police relative to Ruth Stowe Hawks, 17, and her companion.

MINUTE HUNT ON TODAY FOR KIDNAPED MAN

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 22 (AP)—Benjamin B. Bower, missing nearly three days, the victim of kidnapers who demanded \$50,000, was the object of a house to house search by policemen and firemen today.

Baffled at every turn, but determined to find trace of the 62-year-old bakery manager, police planned this minute hunt to determine definitely if Bower was alive or dead. No word has come from the kidnapers who abducted Bower Tuesday night.

Little importance was attached by police to the temporary detaining of Kenneth Coffman, 28, who was questioned by police last night. Nothing developed from discovery of the kidnapers' car deserted in an isolated section.

Expect Roosevelt Declaration Soon

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 22 (AP)—An announcement from Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt regarding his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination is expected soon.

State Chairman James A. Parley, after a visit to the executive yesterday, is quoted as saying: "Governor Roosevelt will be openly in the field very soon."

It was reported that the governor's announcement of his candidacy might be expected about Jan. 30, his fiftieth birthday anniversary.

Danger of Disease In Flooded Delta

GLENDORA, Miss., Jan. 22 (AP)— Danger of disease in the crowded refugee camps of the flooded Mississippi delta developed into a new menace today as the waters became less of an immediate threat.

Railroad Wage Dispute Appears Near Agreement

Brotherhood and Union Leaders Studying Problem; Newspaper Expects Labor to Accept.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (AP)—Talk of wage cuts for railroad workers must go on the sidetrack until labor's program for unemployment relief is definitely accepted or rejected, David B. Robertson said today. He saw no chance for a quick end of the parley that began a week ago today with nine railroad presidents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (AP)—Still undecided about whether to accept a ten per cent wage reduction, 800 brotherhood and union leaders today studied the arguments of railway presidents that the industry was threatened with bankruptcy and the loss of credit.

The managements make what was apparently their final offer when they promised to do "whatever may be practicable" to stabilize employment, refusing most of the other labor proposals.

It appeared to be labor's next move, but the union spokesman, David B. Robertson, denied the move had already been decided upon and that it would be acceptance of the reduction.

AGREEMENT HELD IMMINENT
CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (AP)—The Herald and Examiner said today in a copyrighted article that railway labor was expected to accept a 10 per cent wage cut within the next few hours.

The paper said leaders of both the workers and the railroads, conferring here since last Thursday on pay reduction and unemployment, conceded last night an agreement would be reached by Sunday night at the latest.

The paper said the cut would be for one year only and would probably go into effect next week, saving the rails \$250,000,000.

TO STUDY SIX-HOUR DAY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The senate today adopted a resolution calling on the interstate commerce commission to study the feasibility

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Electric Chair Exacts Penalty From Murderer

OSBISING, N. Y., Jan. 22 (AP)—The case of society's newest Francis (Two-Guns) Crowley was officially closed today when Sing Sing prison officials surrounded the body of the 20-year-old killer to relatives for burial.

A "wise guy" to the end, the youth who won his nickname by wearing a pistol strapped to each leg, supervised the strapping of the electrode to his ankle last night a minute before he died in the electric chair for the murder of one of the policemen whom he professed to hate.

In the drizzling rain, seated in a parked automobile outside the prison wall was Helen Walsh, girl who met him. She was the girl who sat in another parked automobile in a dark Long Island lane on the night last May when Crowley shot and killed Patrolman Frederick Hirsch.

She was with him two days later

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Intercommunism Movement Favored

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The lower house of the convocation of Canterbury voted unanimously today to concur with the resolution adopted by the upper house Wednesday calling for establishment of intercommunism between the Church of England and the old Catholic churches of Europe.

The resolution also was passed unanimously by the upper house.

There was an impressive scene at today's session when the clergy rose and recited the doxology after the prolocutor had read the collect for further unity.

Chinese Preacher Hatchet Victim

CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (AP)—Rev. Henry Frank Chan, Chinese preacher, was found dead in the basement of his church in Chinatown today. His skull had been crushed with a hatchet, which lay beside his body.

KLAMATH JUDGE INJURED
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—Alex Sparrow, county judge of Jackson county, who was injured seriously yesterday when he fell into a pit in the basement of a building here, was still delirious today.

While his condition has made examination difficult, physicians said they believed he had suffered a skull fracture.

Spain Moves To Crush Rebellion

MADRID, Jan. 22 (AP)—Word from Catalonia today said troops had taken over a half a dozen villages where "workers republics" were set up yesterday during what the government described as a communist rebellion.

ARMS PARLEY OPENS FEB. 2 AT GENEVA

Economic Ills of World Bolster Hopes For Definite Pact.

DISARM ADVOCATES ARE VERY HOPEFUL

Conference Will Climax 10 Years of Work With Nations More Than Willing to Compromise.

By Edward Stanley
GENEVA, Jan. 22 (AP)—"Whether world?" may be an easier question to answer after Feb. 2, if economists who blame the world war for present difficulties are correct.

On that day opens the world disarmament conference, the most impressive gathering of nations yet achieved, in which delegates from 64 countries hope to find some way to reduce the present burden of armaments and prevent repetition of the disasters that began in 1914.

The conference may last for a year. It may continue even longer if the technical experts and sub-committees get into too deep a sea of detail.

The common economic difficulties of every nation have increased the possibilities of evolving a world-wide agreement, many competent authorities believe.

America's Bill Eigh
England, for example, has gone through a year of budgetary horror and approximately 70 per cent of her budget goes to pay for past wars and for current armament expenses.

Similar expenses in 1927 took 80 per cent of the federal budget in the United States, according to Secretary Mellon's report.

The United States, however, comes to the conference rather "well-heeled" from a statistical point of view. With about 35 per cent of

POSTAL RATE INCREASES ARE HELD UNLIKELY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The post office department has given up hope for obtaining postal rate increases as part of the administration's method of reducing the treasury deficit.

F. A. Tilton, assistant postmaster general in charge of fiscal affairs, said today the matter was a "dead issue."

Postmaster General Brown has recommended to congress that rates on non-local first class mail be increased from 2 to 3 cents and that the 1921 war measure rates be resumed on bulk second class matter.

Approval of the legislation by congress was considered unlikely.

Operator Escapes Attempt On Life

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 22 (AP)—Wally Woolridge, a motion picture operator, still was alive here today after the second attempt upon his life within the past year.

Last night, as he started his car in a parking area preparatory to going home, a bomb which had been placed in the machine, exploded, hurling Woolridge several feet and scattering his car in all directions.

Several months ago, Woolridge was fired upon several times while driving his automobile. He escaped injury. No explanation could be made by either Woolridge or police for the attempts on his life.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE PARIS, Jan. 22 (AP)