

## China Ready To Declare War

### CITY MAKES PROGRESS IN ITS FINANCES

Despite Extra Work at Beaver Creek and Law-suits, Showing is Good

### BUDGET OVER-RUN BY ONLY \$6276.56

Most Departments of Government Keep Well Within Budget During The Year 1931.

The city financial report for the year of 1931, announced today by City Manager Angus McAllister, revealed the fact that it had not been for three lawsuits and damages that cost the city \$8937.22, which could not be foreseen when the budget for 1931 was drawn up, the expenditures for the year would have remained under the budget provisions.

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### O-W. Station At Hilgard to Close

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP) — The public utilities commissioner has ordered the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company agencies at Hilgard and Messer, Ore. discontinued. Hilgard is in Union county and Messer in Umatilla county.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Probably local snows tonight and Sunday, clearing Sunday; colder; fresh northerly winds offshore. For the week: Generally fair but preceded by rain Monday in Southern California and light snows in plateau region; temperature much below normal in all regions; heavy frost in California early in week.

### WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—18 above. Minimum: 17 above. Condition: Cloudy. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 25, minimum 12 above. Condition: Cloudy, snow 3 1/2 inches, moisture .30 of inch. Range—13 degrees. WEATHER JAN. 30, 1931 Maximum 46, minimum 24 above. Condition: Clear. Range—22 degrees.

### Oregon Higher Learning Units May be Crippled

Sammons, of State Board's Finance Committee, Fears Some May Have to Be Closed Down.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP) — Unless the 1932 state legislature extends a helping hand to Oregon's institutions of higher learning, these schools will be seriously crippled by reason of depending alone upon millage taxes and student fees, Edward C. Sammons, chairman of the finance committee of the state board of higher education, said here Friday.

### Tigers Lose To Bucks; Wallowa Is Here Tonight

Without the services of Torrence, veteran guard, and unable to get started until the last quarter, the Tiger basketball team took its third defeat of the season at Pendleton last night. The fast-moving Buckaroos won from the La Grander 28 to 23 although when they took the floor, the Tigers were conceded a slight edge in hope.

### Head, Warrants Retired

To counteract the small difference between budget and actual expenditures, Mr. McAllister points out that the city reduced outstanding warrants 50 per cent during the year and reduced the total of outstanding bonds from \$796,524.29 to \$771,791.87, an amount of \$24,732.42. The outstanding warrants on Dec. 31, 1930 amounted to \$75,254.95, compared with \$37,941.89 on Dec. 31, 1931, a reduction of \$37,313.06.

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### Baker Girl Reigns At Green, Gold Ball

In a setting of green and gold, Miss Charlotte Hill, of Baker, was chosen as queen of the Union state of the M. I. A. at the annual Green and Gold ball held last night in the ball room of the Recreational hall. Miss Hill was chosen from the attractive candidates from the six wards.

### Russia Not Eager To Enter Dispute

MOSCOW, Jan. 30 (AP) — Today's newspapers published without comment a Tass (Russian) news agency dispatch from Peking reporting "serious destruction" of the property of the southern part of the Chinese Eastern railroad in Manchuria.

### Owls Defeat Multnomah Athletic Club At Union Friday 31 to 25

Unleashing a versatile offensive, characterized by fast, accurate passing, and a fast-forming defense that managed to slow up the visitors scoring thrice, the Jack Allen Owls, defeated the Multnomah Athletic club quintet at Union last night 31 to 25.

### GRANGE MEET OPENS HERE FEBRUARY 1

Fifth Annual Lecturers' School to Be Held at L. D. S. Hall.

### NOTED SPEAKERS ON THE PROGRAM

Meetings to Continue For Two Days With Banquet Scheduled For Monday at 6 p. m.

The fifth annual Grange Lecturers school which is to be held at the L. D. S. Recreational hall in La Grande on Monday and Tuesday promises to attract a large company of grange officials and members. This is the only one of the series of these conferences to be held in Eastern Oregon.



Miss Elizabeth Nye Oregon and will, therefore, draw on Union and all contiguous counties. This is one of six schools and is being jointly sponsored by the state.

### JOBLESS RELIEF PLAN INADEQUATE

More Steps Must be Taken to Meet Situation, Judge Couch Announces.

The number of men who are unemployed in communities in several counties is increasing along with the number who have registered for employment and who are in dire distress, J. M. Devers, who made a recent survey of economic conditions for Governor Meier, has informed Judge U. C. Couch, county judge, State highway work, county road work and employment on the city streets are not adequate to meet the situation, and Mr. Devers announces.

### CHAMBER WILL MOVE OFFICES TO THE FOLEY

With the appointment of H. C. Boone, secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce, as branch manager of the Oregon state motor association in La Grande, the offices of the two organizations will be combined and moved to a new office on the main floor in the Foley building the first of next week. Mr. Boone and W. C. Perkins, director of the 3-A association, announced this morning. Mrs. H. M. Bay, who has been in charge of the local Three-A association will leave the first of the week to make her home in Enterprise.

### Nightmares Attack Keith Crosswhite

Keith Crosswhite is addicted to nightmares to the consternation of his cell mate, John Owen, both of whom are lodged at the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of first degree murder. Thursday night Crosswhite dreamed he was giving Owen a severe "beating-up" and in his dream he pictured himself throwing an empty medicine bottle at his opponent in the combat. The bottle turned out to be—no imaginary—but a real bottle which struck Owen across the forehead.

### Governor Meier In Nation's Capital

SALEM, Jan. 30 (AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier and his party arrived at Washington, D. C., this morning. The executive office was notified by wire here today.

### 65 Loggers Go Into Woods Near Sumner

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP) — Sixty-five men are to be sent to the woods for logging operations near Sumner on Monday to meet increased orders of the Coes Bay Logging company of North Bend. The company has orders for approximately 2,500,000 feet. With the present scale of production it is expected the plant will be in operation at least until the end of March. More than 70 men are employed in the North Bend plant.

### U. S. NAVY TO STAND READY AT SHANGHAI

Entire Asiatic Fleet Ordered to Proceed to Chinese Shores.

### AMERICANS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED

Strong Protest Made to Japanese — Excitement Increases in International Settlement.

REPORT SHANGHAI RUMORS By the Associated Press Dozens of rumors flew about in Shanghai while the Japanese searching parties cruised about, that numerous foreigners of various nationalities had fallen into their hands. One such report said an American named Kay Johnson had been found on the second floor of a Chinese shop in Hongkew with a pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition. The story was unverified and generally discredited.

### Marvin Case At Enterprise In Hands of Jury

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP) — A circuit court jury today held the case of County Judge Edgar Marvin of Wallowa county, on trial for misapplying funds of the failed Joseph State bank. The case went to the jury late Friday.

### Cold Week Due; Mercury Dives In Middle West

If the weather man's predictions are correct—and they usually are—the Pacific Northwest is facing another week of cold weather. Today's forecast for the coming week is for generally fair skies but temperatures much below normal.

### Circuit Court Calendar Dated For February

With the trials of John Owen and Keith Crosswhite, charged with first degree murder, keeping the ascendancy among the cases to be tried in

### To Appoint New Judge For Trial

SALEM, Jan. 30 (AP) — Chief Justice Henry J. Bean today was asked by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahon to appoint a new judge for the trial here of the former officials of the Empire Holding company. The chief justice had not yet announced his appointment.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (AP) — Heavy selling to realize profits drove wheat values downward in the late dealings today, and more than wiped out a preceding advance. There also was considerable selling of wheat against purchases of corn.

### "QUIT AT 93?—I'VE ONLY STARTED!"



Wielding an ax and sawing wood to prove he is still fit, John N. Wilson, 93-year-old balliff, maul clerk and custodian of the Minnesota Historical society at St. Paul, is shown here as he told why he instituted suit to prevent his employers from discharging him on the ground that he is physically incompetent. "A doctor who examined me last summer said I had the heart and lungs of a man of 25," Nelson said. "Why, a man who quits working before he's 100 is just plain low-down lazy. I like to work and I expect to if I can hold my job. Besides, I need the position. I've a 71-year-old daughter dependent upon me for support."

### BOYCOTT IDEA IS SCORED BY BORAH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP) — Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee today warned advocates of an economic boycott against Japan that "it might easily be the first step toward war."

### Safe Robber Shot, Two Men Captured

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP) — A safe robber known as Bill Kinney, ex-convict, was shot to death, and two other men were captured by police here today a few minutes after a safe had been exploded in an east side automobile agency.

### Klamath Youth Runaway Victim

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 30 (AP) — Crushed against a fence post by a runaway team of horses, Francis Bowen, 19, was killed near Pine Grove, east of Klamath Falls, late Friday. He received several internal injuries and both legs were broken. Bowen was a former engineering student at Oregon State college.

### Roma, Ocean Bound In Fog, Rams Liner

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP) — Ocean bound through a dense fog, the steamer Roma, of the Italia-American shipping corporation, rammed the United States line steamer President Roosevelt, today in quarantine. The Roosevelt was riding at anchor.

### American Steamer Rescues Nine Men

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 30 (AP) — The rescue of nine men by the American steamer Fluor Bar from the sinking British auxiliary schooner Ruth F. was reported in advices reaching the east coast radio signal service today from its Cape Race, N. E., station.

### Mutual Inquiry Of Invasion Of Shanghai Likely

League of Nations Council Launches Move — Japanese Show Unexpected Desire to Help.

By P. I. Lipsey Jr. GENEVA, Jan. 30 (AP) — A mutual inquiry by the powers represented on the league of nations council, to investigate Japanese invasion of Shanghai was launched by the council today and was met by the Japanese delegation with an unexpected show of conciliation and a desire to cooperate in bringing about a peaceful solution.

### Airplane, With Eight on Board, Missing Today

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 (AP) — Missing since 4:50 p. m. yesterday when it was scheduled to arrive here on a flight from Bakersfield, a tri-motored airplane, with three women and five men aboard, was the object of an intensive search today in the rugged mountainous ridge route, that a plane was heard overhead near the time the skyliner should have passed on its way southward.

### BRITISH NAVY SWEEPERS HIT HEAVY OBJECT

PORTLAND, Eng., Jan. 30 (AP) — Navy sweepers today encountered a new large obstruction on the sea bottom three miles off Abbotshury. The find was considered the most important since search began for the ill-fated British submarine M-2.

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### DECISION IS REACHED BY NATIONALISTS

Actual Declaration May Not Come For Several Days, Reports Say.

### 600 CHINESE DEAD, IN CHAPEI AREA

Long Lines of Soldiers En Route to Nanking to Offer Services Against Japanese.

### CHINESE CASUALTIES 1000

NANKING, Sunday, Jan. 31 (AP) — Chinese casualties in the fighting at Chapei thus far were placed at 1000 in an official announcement early this morning.

### Ready to Declare War

News that the national government had decided to declare war on Japan came tonight from high official circles, but it was said that the actual declaration would not be made for several days.

### UNIONS, RAIL HEADS REMAIN IN DEADLOCK

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (AP) — Today's joint session of rail capital and labor representatives adjourned "subject to call" after a 40 minute conference. It was announced no agreement had been reached.

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