

# LOCAL BRIEFS

**Ill-** Dr. E. G. Kirby, who has been ill at his home for several months, following four paralytic strokes, suffered another stroke on Friday. He has been very ill but has improved slightly and has remained in the same condition for the past two days, his physician states.

**Baby-** Mr. and Mrs. Jake Thomas, of Minn, are the parents of a baby born this morning at the Grande Ronde hospital.

**Mother Dies-** Mrs. Mary Ellen Yeager, 60, resident of Walla Walla for the past 18 years, died at her home, 541 Pleasant street, yesterday morning. She was born in Tennessee, May 23, 1871. The following children survive: Ernest A. of Prewater, Mrs. Edna Gent of Enterprise, Mrs. Nellie Parker of Bismillah, Walter M. of Spirit Lake, Ida, James of Walla Walla, Mrs. Marie Cole of La Grande, Frank of Prewater and William E. of Walla Walla also survive. — Walla Walla Bulletin.

**Attends Meet-** Philip A. Parsons, dean of the

school of applied sociology at the University of Oregon, arrived in La Grande yesterday to attend the district meeting of the state grange.

**Ill-** Ken Siegrist is confined by illness to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siegrist.

**In La Grande-** H. M. Bay, of Enterprise, is a guest in La Grande today. He expects to return to Enterprise in the very near future, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Bay who will make her home there. Mr. Bay recently went into business in the branch line town.

**From Cove-** John Dean, Cove fruitgrower, was a visitor in La Grande yesterday, transacting business.

**Depression Ball-** A "depression" ball, for the benefit of the nurses association benefit fund and charity, will be given Feb. 12 at the Seaside Inn by the Graduate Nurses' association of the city. It will be a typical "hard-time" party, with the guests dressed in appropriate costumes. Dancing will be enjoyed with music by the Blue Mountain Wranglers. Miss Helen Mary Clark will present a group of her pupils in specialty dance numbers.

**Purchases Department-** Mrs. Echo Helms recently purchased the millinery department of Falk's store from Miss Adelaide Mullen and Mrs. A. B. Rawford. Mrs. Helms and Miss Mullen left during the past weekend for 10 days in Portland and Seattle where they will attend the spring opening.

Miss Mullen will remain with Mrs. Helms during the coming season to assist in managing and buying for the department.

**Ladies Aid-** The Ladies Aid of Imbler will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Cleaver Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Have Measles-** Forest Dyal Jr., and his sister, Barbara, are quarantined at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Dyal, with measles. Forest Jr. has been very ill during the past few days.

**Visits Sister-** Miss Jean Steimle, of Portland, left for her home in Portland Sunday, after spending the weekend with her sister, Miss Dorothy Steimle, in La Grande. Miss Steimle is secretary to President H. E. Inlow of the E. O. N. Miss Jean Steimle, who is 10 years old, enjoyed Eastern Oregon show and several coasting parties during her visit.

**Meeting Tomorrow-** The Missionary society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Harry Sandox at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. Mrs. Fred Roberts and Mrs. Paul De F. Mortimer are assistant hostesses.

**HURT WHILE HUNTING**  
CORVALLIS, Feb. 2 (AP)—Lawrence Clark, 15, of Philomath, was in a critical condition in a hospital here today, the result of a hunting accident Monday. The boy was shot through the left lung when a shotgun he was carrying slipped as he was stepping over a log. Physicians believe he will recover.

Clark and an older brother were looking over traps they had set southwest of Philomath. When the boy slipped the gun hammer struck a limb on the log.

## Airplanes Sought In Eastern States

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—Fear that the disappearance yesterday of a Miami-to-Bimini plane spelled disaster for its five occupants was expressed in aviation circles here today. Doubt was expressed that the pontoon-equipped craft could survive long if it were forced down at sea. The plane left Miami at noon for the short flight to Bimini in the Bahamas.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—Officials of the trans-American Air Lines here announced today that Pilot Francis H. Rust, 34, on the Kalamazoo-Chicago air mail run, has been missing since last night. Officials claimed he had been lost in snow squalls or possibly was down in Lake Michigan.

## Decrease in Spud Acreage Expected

CORVALLIS, Feb. 2 (AP)—A probable decrease of 23 per cent in acreage of potatoes to be planted by growers of southern early and intermediate crops, is reported today by the O. S. C. extension service cooperating with the U. S. D. A. bureau of agricultural economics. Although there is much uncertainty in commercial areas on plans, 15 states report prospective planting of 256,030 acres, which is 23 per cent below last year and slightly below the low year of 1929.

## Linfield College Defeats Pacific

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Linfield college defeated the Pacific university yesterday in a basketball game 38 to 2 in a Northwest conference game here last night. The McMinnville team led 15 to 14 at the half.

## Gives Ruling On Support of Insane

SALEM, Feb. 2 (AP)—Payment for support of persons committed to a state institution for insane or feeble-minded by estates or relatives if financially able to do so, is required by law to be made beginning June 6, 1931, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held in an opinion today. The opinion was requested by the state board of control. The legislature passed the law in 1931, and it becomes effective 90 days after adjournment of the legislature. In cases where estates or relatives were unable to pay, the counties must make the payment of \$20 a month. It has been held by some, William Einzig, secretary of the board, said, that since the counties were relieved of paying this requirement during 1931, estates and relatives should likewise be relieved. In reply to this Van Winkle holds that the counties had already paid to the state, the amounts apportioned to such counties for state purposes which included support for persons at these institutions, while the individuals made no payment to the state for care for any part of 1931.

## Sergeant Yancey Becomes Lieutenant

SALEM, Feb. 2 (AP)—Eight transfers and three promotions in the state police organization were announced here yesterday by Chief P. Pray, superintendent. The changes included: W. W. Yancey, formerly sergeant, was promoted to lieutenant, district No. 3, with headquarters at Beulah. Lieutenant O. O. Nichols, formerly stationed at Klamath Falls, transferred to Medford. Corporal C. C. Davis, formerly stationed at Bend, promoted to sergeant and transferred to Klamath Falls. Sergeant E. B. Houston, formerly sergeant at Pendleton, transferred to Bend. Sergeant C. L. Llewellyn, formerly stationed at Arlington, transferred to Pendleton.

## APPOINT ASHLAND MAN

SALEM, Feb. 2 (AP)—The appointment of C. B. Lambkin, of Ashland, as county judge of Jackson county to succeed the late Judge Alex Sparrow, was announced by the executive department today. The appointment was made by Acting Governor William L. Marks, on the recommendation of Governor Julius L. Meier.

## ILL MAN TAKEN TO PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—Dr. E. L. Zimmerman of Eugene, brought here by airplane Monday for an emergency operation, had a satisfactory night and was making good progress toward recovery today, it was said at the Portland sanitarium where the operation was performed. Dr. Zimmerman, president of the Oregon state medical society, was brought in a chartered plane in one hour. An ambulance met the plane at Swan Island airport. Dr. W. B. Holden performed the operation. Dr. Orville Waller of Eugene accompanied Dr. Zimmerman to Portland.

## CANT ALTER WAGE SCALE

SALEM, Feb. 2 (AP)—The state industrial welfare commission has no power to increase or decrease minimum wages of women workers in the state without holding a public hearing, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held in an opinion today. C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, requested the opinion.

## Operetta Will Be Given Soon By L. H. S. Cast

Gay Russian songs set to sprightly music are being practiced daily by the cast of the La Grande High school operetta under the direction of W. W. Nussbaum, and later this week, Miss Catherine Sartin, dramatic director, plans to start the players on rehearsal of the lines and the Russian dances which she has worked out for the choruses. Miss Sartin's ability as a director of the dance was demonstrated in "Oh Doctor!" the annual operetta presented last year, in which the leading features were the clever dances set to Spanish music, appropriate to the setting, Mexico.

"Sonia, the Girl From Russia," a musical comedy in three acts, has been selected for the 1932 production, and Mr. Nussbaum, musical director, has selected veteran members of the club for the roles, who also have histrionic ability. Miss Virginia Bramwell has been chosen to portray the role of Sonia Markova, a Russian girl, who has come to America, and the other leading features were the typical Russian. Sonia's school chums, including the hero, Pat Dunn, the popular football player, played by Cecil Black, secretary of the school, to Russia to find her father who is imprisoned in Siberia, and the fun breaks out when a revolution starts. The date of the presentation has not been set, but it is expected that principal E. D. Towler has named the middle of March as the tentative time of production.

The other members of the cast are: Nicole Hughes, Sally Siegrist, Jean Kennon, Doris Williams, Robert Swan, Wythe Hoke, Bob Ward, Rollin Heasler and William Cooper. Each is cast in the role of college students or Russian. In the operetta the choruses will be one of the main features, adding color to the setting both by their dances and their songs. They will represent students, Bolsheviks, sailors, flower girls, marines, and those taking part will be Madeline Gallagher, Vivian Gallagher, Ruth Murchison, Dorothy Walker, Catherine Sartin, Cecelia Reynaud, Mae Waldroff, Orville McWilliams, soprano, Marie Flueberg, Eida Berry, Ruth Maguire, Elizabeth Milne, Barbara Coolidge, Helen Melville, Mary Alice Knight, Priscilla Frank, Frank Tyler, Wilford Zaugg, Melvin Kavanagh, Paul Walker, Donald Culp, Dale Standley, Roscoe Hurley, Henry Robert Cunniff, Ralph Gelman, David Heston, Dean Priebe, Norman Hogensen, Myron Wheeler, Carl Helm, Fred Hertzog, basses.

## Scout Board Of Review Will Be Held Wednesday

The Boy Scout board of review will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the office of the Reynolds Insurance company, Charles Blinger, chairman, announced this morning. The review was set for tonight, but was postponed. The scout masters of the city held a meeting yesterday and set the date for the February rally as Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 7 until 9 o'clock, in observance of the anniversary which starts Sunday morning. Individual troops are planning window displays and troop functions to celebrate anniversary week. In describing the Boy Scouts of America, which celebrated its 22nd anniversary in Boy Scout week, Feb. 7-13, it has been said by scout officials that it is a movement rather than an organization. Especially in that it aims to supplement existing organizations such as the home, church and school by engaging the leisure energies of boys in outdoor games and activities of cultural and practical values. The aim of the scout movement is to inculcate character, which is essential to success in life, but being largely a matter of environment, is too generally left to chance, often with deplorable results. The scout movement endeavors to supply the required environment of ambition through which starts Sunday morning, which lead a boy to become a better man, a good citizen. From the first and without wavering in its purpose the Boy Scouts of America has emphasized at every point an ethical training. A parents' and sons' banquet is being planned for next month, the definite date to be set later, and Harvey Carter was placed in charge of arrangements. The entire organization of scout masters will form the food committee.

## Jones to Withdraw Objection to Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Admiral Taylor, commander of the Asiatic fleet, now en route to Shanghai in the U. S. S. Simpson reported to the navy today that two mine sweepers have left Manila for that Chinese seaport. The Japanese navy expressed satisfaction at the important declaration of the great powers and read a long statement explaining that the bombardment of Nanking was provoked by a Chinese attack on Japanese biplanes.

## AMERICANS REPORTED AS SAFE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—The U. S. S. Simpson reported to the navy today that Americans and other foreigners at Nanking are safe for the present and no plans for immediate evacuation have been made.

## HOUSTON NEARING SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2 (AP)—A report to naval officials here today said the United States flagship Houston, with Admiral Taylor aboard, was making fast time on her trip from Manila and would reach Shanghai tomorrow noon. Four destroyers were trailing the flagship, the report said. The United States destroyer Edsel, which arrived from Manila yesterday, refueled and left for Hankow today.

## HUGH WILSON APPOINTED

GENEVA, Feb. 2 (AP)—Hugh Wilson, United States minister to Switzerland, and a delegate to the arms conference, has been assigned by the United States government to act for it in collaboration with the council of the League of Nations in its efforts to settle the difficulties between China and Japan.

## FOUR POWERS MAKE MOVES TO END WAR

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and France conferred jointly tonight with Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the Japanese foreign minister, submitting in written form what was described as "concrete proposals" to end the hostilities at Shanghai.

After they had left, the foreign minister went into conference with Admiral Osumi, minister of the navy. The nature of the ambassadorial proposals was not disclosed. But it was authoritatively denied they constituted an offer of mediation. It was understood that Yoshizawa replied readily to certain of the proposals and took the others under advisement, promising to reply tomorrow. Observers deduced from this that he already had accepted some of the proposals.

Although Italy previously had been expected to join in the action, the Italian ambassador did not attend tonight's conference. Admiral Osumi said the three-power document was not a protest against the Japanese course. He hinted the prospects of a compromise terminating the hostilities at Shanghai were brighter.

If the Chinese will stop fighting, he said, the Japanese have no desire to push the attack.

## TO CENSOR MESSAGES

LONDON, Feb. 2 (AP)—The Great Northern Cable company announced today that it would not impose on cablegrams from China.

## FOUR POWERS JOIN HANDS

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 2 (AP)—America, Britain, France and Italy announced in brief military style at an extraordinary meeting of the League of Nations council today that the Sino-Japanese fighting must come to an end and they had decided to make further diplomatic efforts. The council was convened hastily on the initiative of the British government in the face of the Japanese bombardment of Nanking last night. The opening of the world disarmament conference was delayed an hour so that the council could go to work. J. H. Thomas, a British cabinet member, spoke for the council and the United States, and the American delegates to the disarmament conference sat near the council table.

That conference was played for an hour while the council met. When he had finished his brief but emphatic declaration of policy Dino Grandi for Italy, and the French representative announced that their governments approved the stand of Washington and London. The German delegate made a similar cordial statement.

The American and British governments, said Mr. Thomas, would be glad if the other powers would follow their lead, but in any event the two English-speaking nations are determined to stop the fighting and to bring about a settlement under the terms and in the spirit of the Kellogg Pact.

"War" in everything but name is in progress, said Mr. Thomas. "Shanghai has been the scene of conflict in which artillery and airplanes have taken part to such a degree that the members of this league cannot be indifferent. If we allow it to go on, the league covenant and kindred international treaties must inevitably lose the confidence of the world."

"It is not without significance to the league members that the government of the United States holds an identical view of the situation in all the efforts of peace which the council has made in the past four months."

The armies of both belligerents must retire, he asserted, and a neutral zone must be organized under British and American supervision. The British representative spoke with tremendous emphasis, and by his side, listening quietly, sat Natsuko Sato, the Japanese representative, pouring over a booklet of the league covenant.

Near the council table sat Dr. Mary Emma Woolley and the other American delegates, to the disarmament conference. There was a crowd of tense spectators.

Mr. Thomas finished the German delegate said he was informing his government of developments, Dr. W. W. Yen thanked the council for China, and then Sato rose to reply. Mr. Thomas lit his pipe and turned sideways in his chair to regard his brown neighbor.

## MINE SWEEPERS LEAVE

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## TO CEASE PATROL

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## LA GRANDE HIGH STUDENTS MAKE BETTER RECORDS

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freshman failures are as follows: English 1 per cent, algebra 2 per cent, Latin, none, Spanish and French 3 per cent, world history 8 per cent, general science none, 8 per cent and 23 per cent (three teachers reported).

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Magician To Be At High School Thursday Night

The place of importance held by the magician in the early history of the human race is the main theme of a lecture to be given here Feb. 4 by Rupert Howard, British magician and lecturer, under the auspices of La Grande High school. Mr. Howard calls his combination of lecture and magic show, "Magic Through The Ages," and it is said that it is an exactly descriptive title at that. There are demonstrations of great feats of magic as performed by the great magicians of the world scattered through the lecture, as Howard unfolds his interesting theme.

Historical Feats of Magic  
It is said that magic has wielded a great influence in the history of the world for more than 6,000 years. In illustrating his subject, Mr. Howard presents some of the amazing demonstrations of historical feats of magic.

## SIX BELOW ZERO IN SPOKANE TODAY

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weather in Eastern Oregon late tonight or Wednesday.

## WINTER TIGHTENS GRIP

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—Winter tightened its cold grip on the Pacific Northwest today, sending temperatures down to below zero in several cities. The present cold spell, the most severe of the season, was expected by the weather bureau to continue for a day or two longer.

Spokane had a low of 6 degrees below zero. At Umatilla it was 2 below. Pasco had 2 below, and at Sprague, Wash., the minimum was 4 below.

Other minimum temperatures included Portland 23, Tacoma 6, Medford 18, Roseburg 30, Hood River 5, The Dalles 8, Baker 10, Meacham 6, Marshfield 34, Seaside 22, Walla Walla 12, Wolf Creek 16, Eugene 20, Albany 25, Salem 19.

Rain and snow was predicted for the western part of the state late tonight or Wednesday. The only snow flurries reported to the weather bureau at 8 a. m. today were between Boise and Pasco.

Fort Yukon, Alaska, and Prince Albert, Sask., were the coldest spots on the weather map today, with minimum temperatures of 30 degrees below zero.

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