

OWEN TO GO ON TRIAL FOR LIFE MONDAY

Man Who Shot Amos Helms, State Policeman, Will Face Jurors Here

HELM TO DEMAND DEATH PENALTY

Keith Crosswhite, Owen's Companion, to Be Tried After First Murder Case is Completed.

John Owen, Springfield, Mo. man, who with Keith Crosswhite is accused of the murder of Amos "Spud" Helms, state policeman, will go on trial for his life Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the circuit court. District Attorney Carl Helm has stated that he will demand the death penalty. Crosswhite's trial will begin immediately in the case of his companion. Mr. Helm received fatal injuries at the hands of gunmen on Oct. 18 while attempting to stop them from questioning, and the injuries led to his death on Dec. 30. Helms was very popular in La Grande, having been a former baseball player, auto salesman and deputy sheriff before becoming a member of the state traffic department more than a year ago. He was transferred to the state police last year when the traffic department was discontinued. Mr. Helm was stationed in La Grande, his home city, before being transferred to Eastern Oregon state police headquarters at Baker.

Leland Finch to Assist District Attorney Helm will be assisted in the prosecution by Leland Finch, district attorney of Baker county. George T. Cochran, La Grande lawyer, has been appointed by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles to represent the defense. Crosswhite and Owen, accompanied by Orlean Woodhouse, of Idaho Falls, came to La Grande on Oct. 18, and in a signed confession made before the destruction of the state police station on Oct. 20, two days following the murder.

MORE FUNDS NECESSARY AT THIEF VALLEY

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 13 (Special)—The extraordinary difficulties caused by the early winter, with continued cold weather and heavy snows, which impeded the work of constructing the Thief Valley dam on the Powder river east of town, and which has been most apparent to people of North Powder, the operating contractor, has had its reverberations in Washington, D. C., according to the North Powder News. The federal reclamation service is asking for additional money because of the difficult excavation at the dam site than was anticipated and because of weather conditions. A land owners' election will be held Feb. 24 to decide whether they would assume an amount against their lands up to \$40,000 additional over the \$200,000 authorized by the act. It is said that if the voters refuse to approve the additional expenditure, work will stop. The work at the dam is well advanced, but construction has been slow since severe weather in the latter part of November.

Weather Clearer And Colder Here

La Grande had a taste of sunshine this morning, the first in several days. In fact, since the snow began to melt, the snow has been covered with an additional seven inches of snow to this city. The clear weather was accompanied by a four-degree drop in temperature, from a minimum of 28 Friday to 24 this morning.

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La Grande Trims Baker Team Here Friday 29 to 20

After Nine Consecutive Defeats in Three Years, Tigers Rally to Subdue Bulldogs.

After losing nine straight basketball games to Baker High during the last three years, the blue and white Tigers of La Grande shattered the Bulldog record here last night 29 to 20.

It looked like another Baker victory in the second quarter, when the invaders scored eight points while La Grande made two, but in the second half, the Tigers, according to Burnet Torrence and Stoddard, pulled out Baker's tight defense, and opened the way for several set-ups. And in the final three minutes of play, with the Tigers leading 26 to 20, the La Grande team adopted a semi-freeze that baffled the Bulldogs, and opened the way for five more points. In fact, the Tigers so thoroughly commanded the situation in the final stanza that Baker only made one point, a free throw by York, towering center.

Pendleton Here Tonight La Grande faces one more big job tonight in the final stanza of the game. The Tigers will meet the Bulldogs at the Round-Up City and the blue and white players get their chance for revenge this evening, the game to start at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium at 8:30 following a preliminary between Pendleton and La Grande freshmen at 7:30.

Although the Tigers had difficulty in piercing the Baker defense in the first half, Lyman, Workman and Torrence managed to cage field goals, the latter plunking home a shot from near mid-floor to make the count 5 to 2 for La Grande at the end of the first period. Lyman opened the scoring with a free throw, then York put the Bulldogs ahead 2 to 1, and Lyman came back with a field goal.

In the second period Workman, substituting for Stoddard, sneaked in for a set-up and then Baker called. York caged a free throw and then Workman. Then a moment later Holman scored from the floor and York put the Bulldogs ahead 8 to 7 by a field goal. Shirley adding another before the half was up. On the opening tip-off in the third period Stoddard scored a long shot and ten seconds later Burnet duplicated his feat, giving the Tigers a one-point lead. But York came back strong with a field goal. Holman scored from the foul line on a free throw and Shirley connected with a basket to put the score Baker 15, La Grande 11.

Covered a point and then Stoddard counted another long one and York retaliated with two field goals. Rally Nets 15 Points against the Bulldogs. With the score 19 to 12 against them, the Tigers started a final rally that endured to the end of the game, accounting for 15 points to Baker's one. Burnet drove home a long-range shot and Lyman caged a two-point basket. The game ended with La Grande trailing by one point. Seven scores were made in the final period.

W. W. Stevens To Seek Re-election To County Post

W. W. Stevens, of Union, now beginning his eighth year in the office of county commissioner, was in La Grande today on a business trip and in an interview with the Register announced his formal candidacy for re-nomination in the Republican primary in May and reelection in the November general election.

Pneumonia Takes Mrs. Miller; Ill Only Two Days

Mrs. Nancy Miller, widow of George A. Miller who died here Feb. 5, passed away at an early hour this morning from pneumonia. She had been ill only two days. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary and funeral services will be announced later. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have lived here for the last five years, moving to La Grande from Wallowa. They made their home at 1515 Monroe avenue. She was about 60 years of age.

E. O. N. Debaters Win From Albany

Albany college lost the first debate of its season to the Eastern Oregon Normal school last night at Albany. Austin Dunn and Elwood Hintz argued for the winners and Jack Hutchinson and Winston Purvine composed the Albany affirmative team. Mrs. Charles Childs, Albany High school debate coach, officiated as critic judge. The Eastern Oregon debate squad, composed of Hintz, Dunn and Dwight Mahoney, of Milton, accompanied by E. G. Daniels, has been on a week's tour of Western Oregon colleges and expect to return to this city this week-end.

House Votes Down 4-Year Term Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Sp)—The house today rejected a proposal to extend the terms of its members from two to four years.

HURLEY CUTS HEARING IN RAGE TODAY

Secretary's Indignant Departure Climaxes Two Stormy Sessions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Sp)—Secretary Hurley and Senator King, Democrat Utah, patched up their differences today after a sharp verbal clash between them which led the secretary of war to walk out of a senate hearing on Philippine independence.

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COUNTY OPPOSES OPEN ELK SEASON

Also Against Any Changes in Deer and Trout Laws—Support Hatchery.

Nearly 90 sportsmen of Union county enjoyed the annual claim feed staged at Lone Tree last night by the La Grande Gun Club. A delegate to the local sportsmen's association at Union, headed by R. H. Bonney, C. L. Caldwell and W. V. Connor, attended the feed, at which 600 pounds of claims were served.

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Much Interest Is Being Shown In Second Annual Music Tournament

Keen interest is being shown in the second annual Eastern Oregon high school music tournament which will be held in La Grande at the Normal school, secretary report. Miss Helen G. Peterson, secretary, reported that the winners of the first place in individual solo events following the announcement that certificates of award will be awarded to the winners of high school music stores in the tournament and many students have written in for their number, according to George T. Nussbaum, musical director at the Normal school.

Spring Fashions Make Appearance In Local Stores

By Bess Duke A creation of high color, subdued by dark slippers and accessories, will be Milady's costume for spring. From the shoulder lines, which give the appearance of width, to the hem of the skirt, more and more attention is given to details of neck-line, sleeves and flares, while the hat, close fitting or brimmed, tops the costume, and the shoes, mostly in dark shades with matching dark accessories, complete the smart ensemble for spring.

Waist Lines Are Higher With Skirts Remaining the Same Length—Sweaters More Popular

Waist lines are going up, with the trim slender lines of the skirt adding to the wide effect in the shoulder. The skirts remain the same length with lower placed flares for street and afternoon wear, while the skirts for active sport wear are slightly shorter, fashion decrees.

STOCKS AND BONDS ZOOM; GRAIN GAINS

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COL. KNOX

Colonel Frank Knox, Chicago newspaper publisher and chairman of President Hoover's committee which is seeking ways to "make out" the \$1,000,000,000 of hoarded money in the United States, is shown here as he left the capitol at Washington, D. C., after conferring with national leaders.

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Pageant To Be Staged Sunday At Tabernacle

"The Light and Life of the World," a pageant, will be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 at the L. D. S. tabernacle by the First Ward primary, under the leadership of Mrs. G. E. Williams. An interesting program has been announced to which the public is invited.

LEGISLATION WOULD ASSIST RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Sp)—Legislation to lift a \$30,000,000 burden from the nation's railroads soon will be drafted by the house interstate commerce committee.

BORAH'S BILL TO CUT WAGES IS REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Sp)—The senate civil service committee today rejected bills by Senator Borah (R., Idaho) to cut the salaries of members of congress and the cabinet and to eliminate the allowances of mileage to members of congress.

Trade Workers Of Chicago Take Cut

CHICAGO, Feb. 13 (Sp)—One hundred fifty thousand union Building Trades workers of Chicago have agreed to a 20 per cent wage cut for a year in the avowed hope it would spur building activities and create more jobs. The Construction Employers' association, which last night had asked a 5 per cent cut so its members could meet more evenly the competition of a building employing non-union men.

Blimp Crashes In New York; One Dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (Sp)—The Goodyear blimp, Columbia crashed at a forced landing on the College Point (Queens) causeway today and police reported that John Blair, 32, of Rockford, Ill., a mechanic, was killed.

United States Seems Sure Of Olympics Title

Americans Lead at Lake Placid With Big Margin—Recount Gives Rued Ski Championship.

By Edward J. Nell (Associated Press Sports Writer) LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 13 (Sp)—Attended by lovely weather, but of course the snow. The 1932 winter Olympic games came down to the final day today in a welter of moisture and confusion.

SINO-JAP STRIFE DISARM FACTOR

Chinese Delegate Tells Conference Success Hinges on Conflict.

By P. I. Lipsey Jr. GENEVA, Feb. 13 (Sp)—Dr. W. W. Yen, Chinese delegate to the world disarmament conference, told the conference this morning that its success or failure depends upon the outcome of the conflict between China and Japan in the Far East.

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