

## JURY READY TO TAKE OWEN CASE

### ARGUMENTS ARE NEARING COMPLETION

Defense Rests Case Late Wednesday After Owen Testifies.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon George T. Cochran, attorney for the defense, was still engaged in an eloquent appeal to the jury in the case of state vs. John Owen. In fact, so eloquent were his arguments that many women in the court room were moved to tears.

Indications are that the case will reach the jury between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The trial of John Owen, charged with the murder of Amos Helms, state policeman, neared completion this morning and probably will go to the jury about the middle of the afternoon, exactly four months after the shooting occurred which led to Mr. Helms' death. Attorney George T. Cochran, appointed by the state to defend Owen, was expected to complete his argument to the jury and District Attorney Carl Williams, his opponent, to present his rebuttal statements this afternoon, and Judge J. W. Knowles then will instruct the jury.

The trial of Keith Crosswhite, Owen's companion, who was disbarred

### BANKERS WILL MEET HERE ON FEBRUARY 26

The first short course, sponsored by the Bankers' association of Oregon and to be held in Eastern Oregon, will be held here on Feb. 26 under the direction of the agricultural committee of the state association, local bankers stated today. The Union County association, of which H. A. Zurbrugg is president, will be hosts to bankers from about 20 Eastern Oregon banks, all of which will be represented, according to present plans. The meetings will be held at the Sacaajawen Inn.

Dan Otis, field representative of the American Bankers' association, representing the agricultural committee, will be the main lecturer at the sessions which will be held during the day and extend into the evening.

Formerly one course has been held annually in Western Oregon, but this year three are being held at different points in the state so as to give all bank representatives the advantage of the meetings.

### Baker Approaches Will Be Improved

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 18 (Special) — The state highway department through the city has purchased two blocks of gravel in the city addition to be used as gravel pits, from which will be taken material for the surfacing of the north and south approaches of the Old Oregon Trail to Baker. The ground is located along the river in the northeast part of town.

The highway department will place a layer of pit-run gravel on the approaches after they are graded and then apply crushed rock and asphalt surfacing, resulting in what is known as a multiple-lift type of road construction. The highway between Baker and Pleasant Valley is of the multiple-lift type.

### Shaw Injured In Automobile Wreck

CAPTETOWN, Union of South Africa, Feb. 18 (AP) — George Bernard Shaw was injured today in an automobile accident near here.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday; no change in temperature; gentle to moderate changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—6 above.  
Minimum: 2 above (mark at 7 a. m. Wednesday).  
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 26, minimum 2 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—24 degrees.

WEATHER FEB. 18, 1931  
Maximum 46, minimum 35 above.  
Condition: Cloudy, rain 29 of inch. Range—11 degrees.

### Observer Kitchen Chautauqua Will Be March 8 to 11

Miss Hester Heath, Home Economist of Note, to Give Talks and Demonstrations.

Tomorrow's kitchen will be a happy, carefree kitchen—far from a workaday one.

And if you're the sort of housewife who likes to fix something new, different and intriguing—you can have tomorrow's kitchen ahead of time!

This newspaper will bring you, in a short three weeks from now, an event which has proven outstandingly popular among housewives throughout the west. It is "The Kitchen Chautauqua"—all FREE—four days of cookery programs that show you short-cuts, recipes, modern ideas, and the whole kitchen of tomorrow.

The Kitchen Chautauqua will be the best cooking school you've ever attended. It will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Mar. 8, 9, 10, 11.

Two hours of interesting and entertaining culinary talks and demonstrations—before your very eyes—will be on the program each day.

Miss Hester Heath, home economist of note and a practical "cook," will be in personal charge of every session.

Miss Heath brings to the Kitchen

### Band Concert To Start At 8:30 Friday Evening

The concert of the La Grande band which is to be given Friday evening of this week at the L. D. S. tabernacle will take the form of a bi-centennial celebration of Washington's birthday, the American Legion drum and bug corps having arranged an attractive feature in connection with Friday's concert.

Due to the basketball game between the Normal school and Whitman college being on Friday night, the game will be put ahead to start at 7:30 p. m. and the band concert will be

### Tigers To Wind Up Pre-Tourney Season Saturday

The La Grande Tigers, after three days of complete rest following the games here last Friday and Saturday with Baker and Pendleton, were preparing today for a weekend tilt here with Union. The Bobcats and Tigers will meet at 8:30 o'clock in the L. D. S. Recreational hall in the final game of the pre-tournament season for the latter.

Next weekend the sub-district tournament begins with La Grande pitted against Imbler in the opening round, and the following week the championship play opens at Union.

In 19 games played so far, the Tigers have won 14 and lost five. Double victories were scored over Joseph, Enterprise, Cove, Imbler and North Powder.

### Evangelist Holds Meetings Nightly

The first week of the series of evangelistic meetings at the Island City Community church is more than half over and Rev. Mr. Brymer, evangelist, has been giving his audiences each evening messages which have been wholesome and inspiring. It is reported, Services are held each evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Community church, with the exception of Saturday evening, and a full day's program has been arranged for Sunday.

Each afternoon at 2 o'clock an hour of Bible study is held at the parsonage, with Mr. Brymer in charge. These meetings have been spoken of as being very helpful and of great interest to those who want a better knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

To all of these services the public is most cordially invited, members of the Island church announce.

### Boyd Gamble Dies Tuesday Evening

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special) — After several months of illness, Boyd Gamble, passed away at his home on the Cove road Tuesday evening and funeral services have been set for this afternoon at two o'clock at the Cook Bros. chapel. He underwent an operation in Baker in the fall but failed to improve.

He was born in Virginia in the summer of 1882 and came to Union from Los Angeles about four years ago. He is survived by his widow and a son, Willard. There are also several sisters and brothers, most of them living in Union. Mrs. Clara Roberts, Mrs. T. H. Evans, Mrs. Laura Anderson and Mae Gamble live here and Mrs. Evelyn DeBorde lives at Cove. Of the brothers, Rex and Ray live in Union and Will lives in Omaha.

### STOCK SHOW TO BE HELD THIS SUMMER

Directors Elected at Meeting at Union Wednesday Night.

\$5000 OF STATE MONEY AVAILABLE

Decision to Hold Show Greeted With Enthusiasm By Agricultural Interests of District.

The fate of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show for 1932 was settled at the annual meeting held last evening in Union, when plans for the show were started, directors for the new year elected, and other business transacted. The news will be very warmly received over this section of the state, its promoters believe, inasmuch as the show through the 23 years it has been in existence, has accomplished much for the promotion of the livestock industry, in which Union county, particularly excels.

The president of the organization, Herbert Chandler, of Baker county, presided over the meeting last evening.

### WHITMAN COLLEGE WILL PLAY HERE

Missionaries and Mountaineers to Play Friday Evening at 7:30.

What fans expect will be the best basketball game played in La Grande this season is scheduled for Friday night at 7:30, when the Missionaries of Whitman college will meet the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

Incidentally, it will be the final home game of the Mountaineers, who invade Western Oregon next week for games with Monmouth and Columbia universities.

Whitman, defeated only by coast conference teams and the Multnomah Athletic club seniors, will enter the game a favorite of course, but the Mountaineers are given a chance of upsetting the visitors on the strength of a 37 to 27 score made by the two quinquets at Walla Walla earlier this month.

### REV. CUTLER OPENS SERVICE IN CHAPEL CAR

Evangelist C. W. Cutler preached his opening sermon to an interested audience in the service which was held in the chapel car at the Pitt street crossing last evening. He selected the theme, "What the Holy Spirit Is," and showed by the scripture that the Holy Spirit is not a power, not an influence, not an attitude or condition of mind, but a person, emphasizing the fact that the Spirit is the Christian's life-giver, helper and advocate.

Mr. Cutler is a forceful and interesting speaker, and he drives home his arguments with effective and appealing illustrations. He will be here for a couple of weeks or more, holding services in the chapel car every evening except Sunday. At the service which will begin promptly at 7:30 tonight he will preach on the subject, "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the World."

After the services the members of the audience are given an opportunity to go through the entire car and examine its interesting features.

### BUILD DYKES TO HOLD BACK RIVER WATERS

The relief crew of workmen, which has completed grading of Second street from K to C avenues, was to begin co-operating with county workmen today in building dykes on the banks of the Grande Ronde river near the city dump grounds in the hope of eliminating the hazard of floods in the north side this spring. The work was to get under way today, City Manager Angus McAllister announced at last night's city commission meeting. Twenty-two men are at work on the relief crew this week.

The commission authorized the city manager to attend the convention of the Oregon League of Cities to be held at Eugene Feb. 26 and 27, and also authorized the taking up of \$2000 in bonds outstanding six months before maturity in order to save additional interest.

Cash on hand at the end of the week was \$6292.52, divided as follows: La Grande National bank \$3,536.72, U. S. National bank \$3226.21, cash \$1535.59.

The meeting was short and other business consisted of matters of a routine nature.

### Robins and Flickers Shiver With Real Winter Going Into 96th Day

Robins and flickers are seen daily in La Grande, shivering a bit in the near-zero weather of the early mornings, and the days are growing longer, but still the winter endures. Sunshine the last few days has helped the situation somewhat during the days, but in the shade the mercury has remained below freezing for four straight days. Yesterday's maximum was 28 above and the minimum was 20 above, two degrees colder than the probable minimum this morning. At 7 o'clock, the mercury was at six above.

Many declare this is the coldest

### MOUNTIES OF CANADA GET HUNTED MAN

Albert Johnson, Mad Trapper of Rat River Country, is Slain.

### AIRPLANE READY TO DROP BOMBS

Trapper Finally Stopped in Flight to Alaska After Killing One, Wounding Others.

AKLAVIK, Northwest Territory, Feb. 18 (AP)—In snow of the Rat river country, about a week's hard mud from where the Mackenzie pours into Beaufort sea, the head of Albert Johnson has written—on the back of hunted men has written before—the familiar, inexorable axiom: "The Canadian mounted police always get their man."

The mad trapper of Rat river died yesterday with a rifle stock tucked against his fur-jacketed shoulder and with a blue-cold finger upon the trigger which had sent death to one mountie and dangerous wounds to another.

As he fell in snow fresh laid by a blizzard that stung the faces of the police who had cornered him, he sent two bullets whining toward his attackers, dropping Staff Sergeant E. P. Hersey.

Above him dived a plane. In it were bombs which Pilot W. R. (Wop) May was ready to drop in case the fire of the ground force failed. When May saw Johnson dead, he slipped his plane to a landing on the snow, placed him in the plane and flew him home. Hersey today critically wounded a bullet through the knee and another in the chest.

During an eight weeks Johnson had laughed at the law of the northland, the mounties, trappers and Indians called him mad. They said he was crazy; crazy like a fox. First they went boldly to his hermit cabin. Indians had complained that some-

### German Disarm Plan Submitted To Geneva Meet

GENEVA, Feb. 18 (AP)—A set of drastic proposals, calling for disarmament by other nations on the same scale as Germany has had to disarm under the Versailles treaty, was proposed to the world disarmament conference today by Count Rudolf Nafodny, German spokesman.

"Germany is already disarmed," Ambassador Nafodny said, "and German disarmament must be considered indicative of the direction the disarmament of all other members of the league must follow."

The plan he presented provides for: 1. Abolishment of general conscription and where that is not possible, adequate allowance for trained reserves. Fixing the percentage of army officers at the lowest possible level and prohibition of the utilization

### New Commission Will Recommend Auto Fee Slash

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—The state highway commission, after an all day executive session here yesterday, will return to Salem tomorrow for a two-day study of the department and the program for retrenchment. This was announced last night as the three new members left for Portland. The 30 per cent reduction in administrative costs, as promised by the old commission, was adopted as one of the policies of the new.

Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the commission, announced further that they would recommend a 25 per cent reduction in automobile license fees.

### Hoover Scored By Congressman Byrns

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—President Hoover was charged today by Chairman Byrns of the house appropriations committee with being the most extravagant chief executive the United States has had in peace time.

This statement, made in the house, followed criticism of the recommendations made by President Hoover yesterday by Speaker Garner and Representative Rainey of Illinois, the Democratic leader. They complained the president had made no specific recommendations for saving money.

Opening a fight to get his bill to consolidate the war and navy departments to the house floor for a vote, Byrns, Democrat, Tennessee, complained the only recommendations President Hoover made "is for eight new high-salaried jobs."

### Hawes Funeral To Be Held Friday

Funeral services for Francis Hawes, little Meacham pilot who died here Tuesday night of pneumonia, will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary, with Rev. Father Nooy in charge.

Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

### Portland Fliers Reported Missing

ATLIN, B. C., Feb. 18 (AP)—Anxiety rose today as the hours passed with no word of Mrs. Edna Christoferson, Portland sportswoman, and William Graham, Alaskan aviator, whose plane was last sighted about 100 miles south of here Monday afternoon.

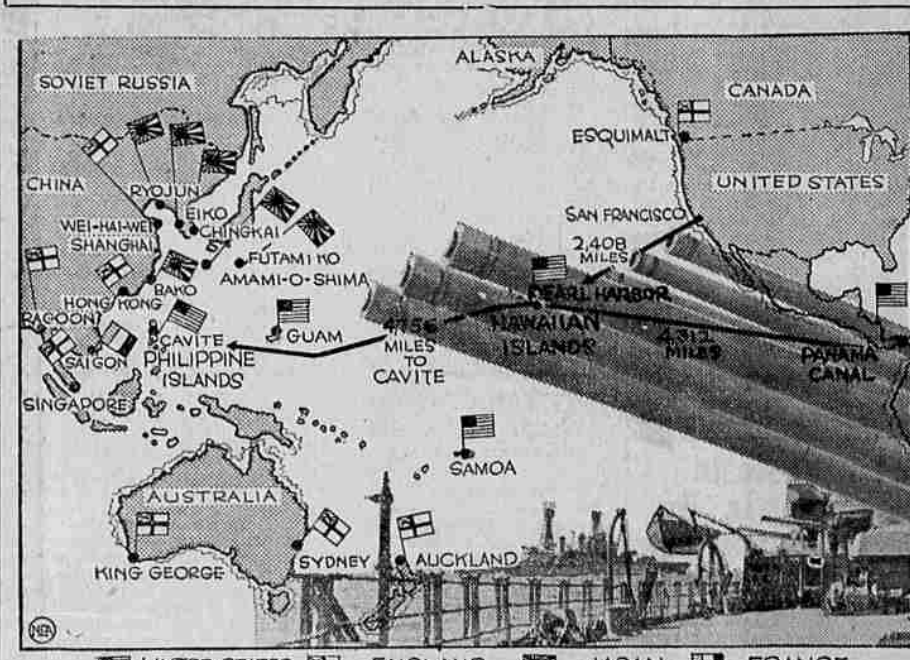
The two, bound on a flight to the North Alaska coast in search of an abandoned fur cargo, were making a hop from Hazelton to Atlin. They were last seen at 1 p. m. Monday, west of Nahlin.

The weather was stormy over the district yesterday.

### Beer Bill Given Committee Okeh

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Executive committee of the house Republican and Democratic anti-prohibition bloc today approved a bill to legalize the manufacture of beer containing 2.75 per cent alcohol by weight.

### PACIFIC OCEAN? IT'S WAR-LIKE NOW!



Naval bases of the four great naval powers in the Pacific are shown on the map above. In view of the present situation in China, it is interesting to remember that the two great United States bases in the Pacific, at Cavite and Pearl Harbor, are each equipped to handle complete battle fleets. Guam is a fueling station, but has no drydocks for battleships. The Japanese bases are near the island empire itself and are easily defended. The numerous British bases are either too far from the scene of the trouble to have much bearing on the situation, or are not capable of handling a large fleet, with the exception of Hongkong and Singapore. The French base at Saigon is equipped to handle only small boats. Of all the bases in the Pacific, Uncle Sam's Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, is perhaps the best equipped and the best defended. In addition to the distant Pacific bases shown on this map, the United States has naval stations on its own west coast, including those at Seattle, San Francisco and San Pedro, Cal.

### DRIVE AGAINST HOARDING BEGINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Plans for a government bond selling campaign to decrease hoarding—patterned after the first liberty loan drives—were announced today by Colonel Frank Knox, chairman of President Hoover's anti-hoarding commission.

The securities to be issued by the treasury, Knox said, will be in low denominations.

Details of the issue, however, remain to be worked out at a conference with Secretary Mills of the treasury department.

"I anticipate only one difficulty," Knox said, "it is in getting a sufficient quantity of securities from the treasury to satisfy the demand for them."

Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, conferred with the president immediately before making his announcement.

"In the past week or two," he told newspapermen, "I have been in touch with every part of the country in connection with the movement to stop hoarding."

"From every quarter comes an insistent demand that his committee

### America Denies Having Part In League's Note

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The state department made an emphatic denial today of the statement made by the Tokyo foreign office that the United States had a hand in framing the note to Japan which was delivered yesterday by the council of the league of nations.

It was said the United States had no knowledge whatever of the framing of the note and did not know the note was to be delivered.

Meanwhile, it became known that both China and Japan have been advised by the state department that both combatants at Shanghai would probably be held responsible for any damages caused by fighting there.

About two weeks ago American officials at Shanghai communicated both with the Japanese and Chinese officials there, and made it clear the United States would hold both the fighting powers responsible in case American interests and American lives suffer.

Since that time there have been numerous informal conversations on the subject and many of the European powers also have joined in the discussions in Washington as well as in Shanghai.

### ROADS URGING CANCELLATION OF GRAIN RATE

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—Railroad companies operating in Oregon have petitioned the public utilities commission to cancel the rates and tariffs on grain and grain products within the state which were put into effect last April. The companies request the resumption of the former rates, effective prior to the reductions ordered amounting to about 20 per cent. The lower rates are now in effect.

The public utilities commissioner, Charles M. Thomas, announced today a hearing on the matter will be held at Salem March 1. He stated the rates were made effective in conjunction with the interstate commerce order, although the United States supreme court has held the federal order unconstitutional. The court opinion did not alter the status of intrastate rates in Oregon, and the reduced rates remained in effect.

### Pair of Sixes Win in Dice Game Despite Rules!

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (AP)—A pair of sixes won at dice in Chicago yesterday.

Veteran players of the game will tell you this can't be done, but consider the case of Luther Banks.

"I won \$300 in a dice game," he told the desk sergeant at a police station.

"So?"

"And then I lost it to the two men I won it from. They took it with a pair of sixes."

"Sixes at dice?"

"No," Banks replied. "Revolvers."

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (AP)—Apparently increasing likelihood that overseas import duties would be slashed in the near future did much to make grain values higher today.

Immediate new export business in wheat from North America, however, was estimated at not to exceed 400,000 bushels, mostly Canadian. An unconfirmed report said France had purchased a cargo of United States wheat.

Wheat closed unsettled  $\frac{3}{8}$  @  $1\frac{1}{2}$  @ above yesterday's finish, corn  $\frac{3}{8}$  @  $\frac{3}{4}$  @ up, oats unchanged to  $\frac{1}{4}$  @ higher, and provisions 2 to 15 cents down.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18 (AP)—May wheat gained  $\frac{1}{4}$  @ at the finals of the Portland grain exchange for the Thursday session. July was up  $\frac{1}{4}$  @ while September was unchanged. On the merchants' exchange cash wheat gained  $\frac{1}{4}$  @ bu. Sales of wheat futures were 6,000 bu.

### CHINA TURNS DOWN DEMAND OF JAPANESE

Ultimatum Believes First Step Leading to Long-Awaited Offensive.

### ARTILLERY FIRE RESUMED TODAY

Japanese Demand Withdrawal of Chinese and Dismantling of Wooning, Paoshan Forts.

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Feb. 18 (AP)—The newly-formed executive committee of northeastern Manchuria has today proclaimed the establishment of an independent Manchurian-Mongolian state.

The state is to have the name of "Ankuo" which means "Land of Peace" and its national emblem will be the discarded Chinese five-barred flag, emblazoned with the rising sun of Japan. This decision was made yesterday by the Chinese officials, prompted by their Japanese advisers.

TOKYO, Feb. 18 (AP)—A foreign office spokesman said today Japan would not recognize the new Manchurian-Mongolian state, the formation of which was announced at Mukden today until it was proven that the new state "has all the attributes of an independent nation."

By Morris J. Harris (Copyright, 1932, by the Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18 (AP)—General Kenkichi Ueyda, commander of the Japanese forces in this area, served an ultimatum tonight on General Tsai Ting-Kai, ordering the Chinese to withdraw 12 1/2 miles from Shanghai by sundown on Saturday.

This was the result of the failure of a peace parley earlier in the day during which the Japanese submitted this identical demand and the Chinese representatives rejected it.

It was thought the ultimatum was

### FARMERS SEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIVER

PORTLAND, Feb. 18 (AP)—R. H. Kipp, vice president of the Columbia Valley association, said today on his return from Lewiston, Idaho, where he attended a meeting of the association, that farmers of the wheat districts tributary to the Columbia and Snake rivers are prepared to fight harder than ever for river development, and advancement of cheap transportation to the water.

The significant feature of the Lewiston meeting, Kipp said, was the attendance of special representatives from different farm organizations. These representatives, Kipp said, "stated in each case that while in the past they had favored river development, they were now prepared to fight with the aid of their state and national organizations."

### Byrd Won't Play "Dog In Manger"

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18 (AP)—Former Governor Floyd Byrd, of Virginia, indicated here today that he would not allow his name to be used as a presidential candidate "merely for the negative purpose of stopping any good Democrat."

MASSACHUSETTS FOR '32

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Governor Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts, conferred here today with members of the state's congressional delegation and predicted Massachusetts Democrats would be for Alfred E. Smith "without any doubt."

At about the same time, Senator Neely, of West Virginia, predicted Democrats of his state would declare for Governor Roosevelt of New York.

### Bank of England Reduces Rate To Five Pct. Today

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The Bank of England extended a helping hand to the commercial community and a financial gesture of confidence to the world today by reducing the bank rate from six to five per cent.

The six per cent rate was imposed on Sept. 21, 1931, when the country

### Attempt to Save Horses Is Fatal

LEWISTOWN, Mont., Feb. 18 (AP)—An attempt to save a team of horses from a falling tree cost Ambrose Horan, 32, his life yesterday.

Horan and two other men were felling a large tree. Fearing the horses were in danger, Horan ran toward them. The team, frightened, tore away, pulling a chain in which Horan became entangled. He was dragged 300 yards over tree stumps and brush and died later.

### Burns Prove Fatal To Two Children

PORTLAND, Feb. 18 (AP)—Death as the result of burns took the lives of two children here last night.

Helean Best, four years old, died from body burns suffered when her clothing caught fire as she was playing near the kitchen range.

Johanna Jaha, nine months old, died from an infection that followed burns received Feb. 13 when she spilled a cup of hot coffee upon herself while sitting on her mother's lap.