

## Owen Guilty; Jury Recommends Life

### WINS BATTLE FOR LIFE IN MURDER CASE

Defense Scores Victory With Prosecution Demanding Death Penalty

### SENTENCE TO BE PASSED SATURDAY

Springfield, Missouri Murderer Learns Fate Four Months After Slaying Amos Helms.

Life imprisonment for John Owen, 28-year-old son of a retired Springfield, Mo., minister, was recommended by a circuit court jury which convicted him here last night of first degree murder of Amos Helms, Oregon state policeman.

Owen will be sentenced at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Members of the jury which recommended life imprisonment for the killer from Missouri are: Garret Rysdam, W. O. Miller, Franklin Hawkins, S. H. Richards, Eldon Rush, P. J. Halling, John Murchison, Andrew Malvehill, James R. Jones, Frank Perry, Earl O'Bryant and Neil Knight. Willis Moss was alternate.

Cochran Represents Owen  
George T. Cochran, appointed by the court, served as attorney for Owen. Carl Helm, of La Grande, and Leland Finch, of Baker, both district attorneys, conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Helms was shot last Oct. 18. Ho and State Police Captain Lee Noy were starting to question Owen and Keith Crosswhite, 19, also of Springfield, as they sat in their car at a filling station here, about a filling station robbery at Idaho Falls. Helms screamed an answer to the officers' signal to stop. Mr. Helms fell, apparently wounded and Owen and Crosswhite sped away, untouched, as Captain Noy emptied his pistol at them.

Owen and Crosswhite fled into the bitter cold of the Blue mountains.

### BIEBER ROUTE NOT SUITED FOR PULLMANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Southern Pacific traffic representatives expressed the opinion here today that passenger service over the Bieber (Cal.) route of the Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads would never be sufficient to justify operation of heavy, through Pullman trains.

F. S. McGinnis, of San Francisco, vice president in charge of traffic of the Southern Pacific, told Examiner Disque, of the interstate commerce commission, that his company had refused to exchange passengers for the competing route at San Francisco for two reasons.

First, he said, it would take traffic away from the Southern Pacific and second, the Southern Pacific believes the Bieber route would never be a paying one for passenger service.

### Painters Reduce Their Wage Scale

The painters union of La Grande, local No. 701, announced today it had reduced its wage scale approximately 20 per cent. "In view of the efforts being made by many of our business leaders and national organizations to roll the wheels of business out of the slough of depression," the statement said, "and believing this to be a time demanding sacrifices and concessions by all, we have reduced our wage scale. . . . With material prices the lowest in years this should be an incentive to investors to have needed work done now. Our organization is composed of experienced men who are home owners and taxpayers of La Grande."

### Charles Eldred Passes at Perry

By Wilda O'Neill (Observer Correspondent)  
PERRY, Ore., Feb. 19 (Special)—Charles P. Eldred, about 45 years of age, died here about 8 o'clock last night of a paralytic stroke. Mr. Ross was at the home of Harry Coalwell when death came.

### Bear Raids Target Of Hoover Thrusts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Action by administration officials to restrain bear raids on the New York stock exchange was reported today by President Hoover.

## Keith Crosswhite Pleads Guilty To Second Degree Murder

### Game Officials Outline Program At Union Dinner

One Hundred and Fifty Attend Clam Feed—Large Delegation Present From La Grande.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill (Observer Correspondent)  
UNION, Ore., Feb. 19 (Special)—Amidst the din of voices and clatter of dishes and clam shells, sportsmen from many sections of Eastern Oregon gathered at the Sportsmen's clubhouse last night to enjoy the 5th annual clam feed.

The table was attractively decorated with red carnations from the local greenhouse and game birds, mounted by James DeVore, of Catherine creek. Fir boughs were used in profusion about the walls and rafters to create an atmosphere of the sportsmen's paradise. In spite of the frigid temperature, the attendance was very gratifying and the crowd was estimated at about 150. In addition to the 600 pounds of clams prepared for the dinner, there were steaming bowls of mashed potatoes, baked beans, salads, pickles, apple pie and coffee. A dozen women assisted the men in serving the meal and with four previous years of experience, they handled the crowd very efficiently. With the new wing added recently to the east side, of the clubhouse, it was easy to accommodate the crowd and all were

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### Miss Heath To Devote Time To Food Seasoning

Seasoning is truly the secret of flavorful food, according to Miss Hester Heath, noted home economist who comes here on March 8, 9, 10 and 11 to present her program, "The Kitchen Chautauqua," to local housewives.

The women who know properly how to use the spices, extracts and flavorings that go into delicate seasonings, may well be happy, because she has the knack that makes a dish taste "just right." And it's easy to acquire this knack, says Miss Heath.

Seasonings vary with nationalities. Early chefs of distinction in France were Italian. It was not long, however, before the more delicate Gallic palate toned down the strong Italian flavoring. In France the zenith of seasoning, the real kitchen magic, has been reached.

Englishmen are more out-of-doors folk, eat coarser foods, and have tastes largely inclined toward wild game. As a result, strong sauces garnish the majority of English dishes instead of the milder oil dressings of France.

In Germany, the individual taste of the community was reflected in the seasoning habits of its cooks and its housewives.

The vast variety of German sausages were inspired by the endeavor to match the texture of beer favored by the particular community.

### Weather Not So Cold Here Early Today; 18 Above

Going into the 97th day of real winter in La Grande, the weather moderated last evening. The thermometer with the mercury at 18 above at 7 o'clock. At the same time Thursday morning it was 12 degrees colder. In spite of sun most of the day, the maximum Thursday was only 29 above, making it the fifth day without temperatures above freezing point.

No new snow has fallen since the zero weather early this week.

### WALLOWA SNOW HEAVY

WALLOWA, Ore., Feb. 19 (Special)—Some interesting figures in regard to snow here.

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### IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE IS POSSIBILITY

Owen's Companion in Fatal Shooting of Amos Helms Admits Guilt.

### ACTION FOLLOWS REPORT OF JURY

Sheriff Jesse Breshears Not to Announce When He Will Take Prisoners to Salem.

Keith Crosswhite, charged jointly with John Owen with the murder of Amos Helms, state policeman, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree this morning at 9:35, about 11 hours after Owen was found guilty of murder in the first degree with a recommendation for life imprisonment. Crosswhite, 19-year-old son of Ollie Crosswhite, Springfield, Mo., deputy sheriff, who met his death recently at the hands of bandits, faces the possibility of a maximum term of life imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Salem. Judge J. W. Knowles will pronounce the sentence tomorrow morning at 10

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### E. O. N. READY FOR LAST HOME TILT

Whitman Here Tonight at 7:30—Band to Play Numbers at Game.

WHITMAN WINS TWO  
ALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 19 (AP)—Whitman college basketball team made it two straight over Columbia university by again overwhelming the visitors 55 to 20 here last night. Whitman won Wednesday night 44 to 18.

When the Mountaineers make their final stand on the home court tonight at 7:30 o'clock against the speedy Missionaries of Whitman college, it will be to the echoes of music from the La Grande band. The organization directed by Andrew Loney Jr., is to give a concert following the game, and the band also will furnish music at the game.

The Whitman game stands forth as the highlight in the home season of the Mountaineers.

### DANA, OREGON NEWSPAPER MAN, IN RACE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19 (AP)—Marshall N. Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, today announced he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

Dana's announcement, handed to the Associated Press today, said: "I shall seek the nomination for United States senator from Oregon in the May primaries on the Democratic ticket and will hope for the faith and fellowship of the many good citizens in every part of the state who have urged me to this step."

Dana will oppose Senator Fredrick Steiwer, a Republican.

He has been associate editor of the Journal since 1909, and prior to that time was employed on papers in Ohio, West Virginia and Missouri.

He has for years been interested in river development and hydro-electric work, and served as president of the Umatilla rapids association.

### La Grande Band To Play Concert Tonight—Program Is Announced

Director Andrew Loney Jr. today announced the program which will be presented by the La Grande band beginning at 8:30 o'clock tonight at the L. D. S. tabernacle.

### Garner Gaining More Supporters Over The Nation

W. G. McAdoo Comes to Support of Texan as Candidate on Which Party Could Unite.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Whether or not he will be there at convention time, John Garner now appears headed for a place among the really strong contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination.

William G. McAdoo's announcement of last night in Los Angeles of support for the speaker of the house, not only put in the Texan's train a man who has been powerful in the party but emphasized the determined efforts of the Garner supporters to shove him into the breach created by the "stop-Roosevelt" movement.

Garner, behind a wall of silence on things political which is broken only to disavow connection with the acts of his supporters, sticks to the job of running the house of representatives. This job is the most conspicuous one nationally now filled by a Democrat, and Garner's handling of it is what his volunteer supporters count upon to arouse enthusiasm on a country-wide scale.

McAdoo spoke of Garner as a candidate under whom all elements of the party could unite. He related his own personal experience as secretary of the treasury, with Garner's grasp of national affairs. Then he laid on heavily with the argument that Garner is not involved in any party schisms, and that as "one of the people" he makes a strong appeal to important elements in the party.

McAdoo is one of the staunchest drys, and his announcement was considered important in the light of the prohibition issue, for Garner although since voting for enforcement measures, cast his ballot against adoption of the eighteenth amendment. Only a few days ago Senator Sheppard, of Texas, came out for a national campaign in Garner's behalf, and Sheppard was a moving

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### Bankers' Short Course Will Be Held Feb. 26-27

The Blue Mountain district bankers' agricultural short course will be held in La Grande on Feb. 26-27, the first to have been held in this vicinity, sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Oregon Bankers' association and the extension service of O. S. C. The bankers will meet with the agriculturists on Feb. 26 for an all-day session, while Tuesday the program will be conducted by the extension service for county agents and other farm workers and the bankers have been invited to attend.

Previous to 1932 the short course has been held in Western Oregon, with the result that interest was not very great in Eastern Oregon. This year three will be held in the state, in Medford, Corvallis and La Grande, and it is the hope of the Union County Bankers' association that every bank in Eastern Oregon will be represented.

### 27 Men Indicted By U. S. Grand Jury

PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—Twenty-seven general indictments were handed in by the federal grand jury here Thursday, all but three of them for alleged liquor law violations.

Among those named, and date of arrest, were: Joe Gabbert, Salem, Feb. 5; Carl Thomas and Joe Hand, Jackson county, Feb. 5; Clarence R. Small, Silverton, Jan. 14; Wayne D. Neal and Walter Ruzert, Hephzibah, Jan. 16; Tom Lara, Pendleton, Feb. 6.

### Mills in Favor Of Copeland Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Secretary Mills of the treasury department has recommended to the senate enactment of a measure by Senator Copeland, Democrat, New York, which would permit importation of brandy and other spirits for non-beverage purposes on official certification that the supply in this country was insufficient.

### \$700,000,000 RELIEF BILL IS APPROVED

House Labor Committee Favorably Reports Measure; Vote 9 to 3.

### LOANS TO STATES PROVIDED FOR

Substitute For Lewis Bill Which Is Similar to LaFollette-Costigan Relief Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—A \$700,000,000 federal relief bill was approved by the house labor committee today by a 9 to 3 vote.

The measure would divide the total authorized appropriation into three parts as follows: \$300,000,000 for direct loans to states by the secretary of the treasury to furnish state bonds in that amount. \$200,000,000 for direct grants to states that have borrowed to their limit or whose constitution prohibits applications for loans. \$200,000,000 to be spent on the public building program where allocations already have been made but where the budget bureau has not submitted estimates for appropriations.

Under both the loan provision and the direct grant provision the states would be required to repay the money within ten years. Failing that, the treasury would make deductions from that state's participation in the annual federal highway fund.

### HOUSE G.O.P. TAKES ACTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—House Republicans took steps today to carry out President Hoover's request for authority to reorganize the government in the interest of economy.

Representative Holiday of Illinois, introduced a party-sponsored resolution to empower the chief executive to abolish, combine or transfer any commission, bureau or other government divisions by executive order.

### KELLY, STATE GAME CHIEF, RESIGNS POST

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19 (AP)—The resignation of H. L. Kelly as state game supervisor of Oregon, effective March 15, was announced today by the state game commission.

Announcing the resignation, the commission said: "In view of the fact that the board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry of Hawaii have sent an urgent request for the return to its service of H. L. Kelly in his former relations to that board at increased compensation, the state game commission accepts with regret Mr. Kelly's resignation."

Kelly assumed his duties as game supervisor last August, coming here from Hawaii. He is recognized as one of the leading fish culturists of the world.

He was granted a year's leave of absence by the Hawaiian board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry to help the Oregon commission get organized. While this leave of absence did not expire until next September he was urged recently to ask for his release by the Oregon commission that he might return to Honolulu by the end of March at the latest.

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### HEIRESS



Although she is rated as one of the richest potential heiresses in the United States, Betty Offield, above, granddaughter of the late William Wrigley Jr., chewing gum magnate, lives and dresses simply. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Offield of Chicago. She is petite, with dark hair and dark eyes.

### WILBUR FIGHTS CUT IN BUDGET

Declares Interior Department Will Suffer Seriously if Move Succeeds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Continuing his attack on cuts in the interior department appropriation bill, Secretary Wilbur today wrote senators that "the responsibility for disorganizing a great department of government should not be lightly assumed."

The department of the interior, Wilbur wrote, will be here "after many of us are gone, and I do not care to carry the responsibility of failing to bring our critical condition to the attention of those who, in the past, have interested themselves in our work."

The budget estimates for the department, he said, were \$12,637,254 below the 1932 appropriations. The house committee made a further reduction.

### OPPOSITION IS MAKING GAINS ON DE VALERA

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Feb. 19 (AP)—Revisions and accommodations of the bill for the election of a new government, which was introduced by William T. Cosgrave's government, are being made in the house of commons and his flamma fall. De Valera lost three seats on revision alone under the proportional representation voting system.

The government party picked up four seats by accumulation and the independents held ten already credited to them. Labor allies of the flamma fall retained but five seats on the revision.

The count stood flamma fall 45; labor 5; government 36; and independents 10. Thus the flamma fall and allies held 55 while the government and its supporters held 46.

### Klamath And Lake Cattle Threatened

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 19 (AP)—Reports reaching Klamath Falls from cutting sections indicate that a serious shortage of hay threatens thousands of cattle in Klamath basin and Lake county districts with starvation.

### FRESH LIKE CAGE GAMES

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)—Seventy-two, or about one-third of the total enrollment of first year male students at the University of Georgia, reported to Coach Johnny Broadnax for basketball practice. Broadnax, who coaches them single-handedly, has had to hold two practice sessions daily.

### Production Of Pine Lumber To Be Curtailed

Policy Will Be Followed Until Prices Return to Level Where Mills Can Make Profit.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19 (AP)—Production of pine lumber in the western states will be curtailed sharply until prices return to a level where mills can be operated without a loss.

This was agreed upon late yesterday at the Western Pine association, in its first annual convention here, when it adopted its economic committee's three-fold recommendations. The recommendations, read by J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr., of Lewiston, Idaho, were:

That all pine mills now closed remain closed as long as possible; that mills limit production to a maximum of 37.5 per cent of their capacity for the first six months of 1932; and, that producers act freely in helping each other fill orders for items in which their stocks are low, thus making it unnecessary for an idle mill to resume operations to replenish depleted stocks at an operating loss.

While this program recognizes that the unemployment problem in the pine districts is serious, the committee said, continued operations at anything comparable to capacity would seriously affect the entire industry and ultimately would result in more harm to the various communities than would temporary unemployment.

Part of National Program  
The committee said the curtailment plan was part of a program being inaugurated by the National

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### Any Changes In Road Personnel To Come Later

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Announcement of changes in the state highway engineering department, if any, will not be made until next week after a careful study of the situation. Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the highway commission told newspaper men here today. The commission is in executive session here today considering the many problems facing the road group.

Scott announced, however, that the public meeting of the highway commission, set by the former members for March 3 at Portland, would be held as announced. Several contracts will be awarded at that meeting, and the commission is now considering the call for bids for projects.

There will also be a reduction of about 30 per cent in administrative costs, Scott said, of which 12 1/2 per cent or possibly more will be taken out of salaries. This problem is also being studied by the highway commissioners. He did not comment upon reports that R. H. Baldock, assistant highway engineer would succeed Roy Klein as chief engineer.

### Idaho Sportsmen Plan Drive For Nesting Refuge

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 19 (AP)—A move to raise \$1,270,000 to re-establish the Harney lake country in southeastern Oregon as a migratory bird nesting grounds under federal control was started here last night by a group of southwestern Idaho sportsmen.

The group, calling itself the Pacific coast migratory bird conservation association, sought restoration of a swampy condition of 129,000 acres of land recently reclaimed for farming.

The sportsmen proposed to finance the project wholly by subscription. It was explained the swamp land lies along Billingsley river, which empties into Malheur lake, which empties into Malheur bay, which empties into the Klamath river.

The land belongs to Swift and company from whom the sportsmen claimed they had secured encouragement to buy it.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Sustained activity and strength spelled higher prices in the wheat pit today late as well as early.

Broadening of speculative trade lifted the wheat market as a whole to the topmost level since last November, with values in some cases soaring above the season's previous apex. It was estimated 1,000,000 bushels or more of North American wheat was taken for shipment overseas.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/4 @ 3/4 above yesterday's finish, corn varying from 1/40 decline to 3/40 advance, oats 1/4 @ 3/4 up, and provisions unchanged to 10 cents off.

### AMERICANS SEEK SAFETY IN SHANGHAI

Evacuate Hongkong Area to Enter Boundaries of International Area.

### MAJOR BATTLE IS NOT FAR DISTANT

Chinese Guns Already Booming Heavy Tattoo—American Troops Are in a "Bad Spot."

GENEVA, Feb. 19 (AP)—An extraordinary session of the assembly of the league of nations to consider the Sino-Japanese dispute in the Far East was called by the league council today for March 3. This action followed legal objections by Japan to China's demand for a meeting of the assembly.

SHANGHAI, Saturday, Feb. 20 (AP)—American citizens who live in the Hongkong area, at present one of the most dangerous in Shanghai, came across the boundaries into the international settlement in considerable numbers this morning, conveyed by police and firemen.

The United States consul had advised them to get out of Hongkong, for it seemed unlikely anything could avert heavy fighting before many more hours.

More than 100 Chinese patients in St. Luke's hospital were carried out in ambulances, and when all the ambulances were in use the fire department turned over some of its apparatus for the transportation of refugees. Fifty-five nurses and all of the internes and other members of the hospital staff also were taken out.

JAPAN'S OBJECTION INVALIDATED  
GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Japanese legal objection to a Chinese demand for a meeting of the league of nations assembly to

### RIVER BASIN PROJECT HIT BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The proposed \$400,000,000 Columbia basin irrigation project was condemned as "indefensible" in a report late Thursday by the national advisory and legislative committee on land use. All new reclamation projects, whether irrigation or drainage, was opposed by the committee which endorsed the position of Secretary of Agriculture Hyde.

The committee is composed of farm interests and leaders of these groups have been appearing before the house and senate committees.

The action of the committee was predicated on the existence of abundant farm lands and surplus crops.

### State Plows Clear Baker Co. Roads

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 19 (Special)—Two roads in Baker county, completely blocked by snow for several days, have just been cleared by a big rotary plow furnished to the county by the state highway department, County Judge Charles E. Baird announced yesterday.

The Medical Springs road, which had been closed north of the city for about a mile with snow from two to six feet deep, was cleared although one way traffic is still necessary for part of the distance.

Yesterday the state plow cleared a 200-yard snow obstruction on the road running east of Haines which was blocked to the city limits. Judge Baird spent the forenoon on the ground.

County road crews were busy clearing market roads in the Haines district also.