

LOCAL BRIEFS

Caring For Needy—J. D. Slater, La Grande attorney, has received a letter and newspaper clipping from former Archdeacon M. McLean Goldie, of Cove, who now resides at Port Angeles, Wash., showing what is being done at Port Angeles to care for the needy. The Episcopal church organizations and other organizations of the city have joined in a good ship "Good Cheer" movement, and during the 22 days ending on Friday, Feb. 12, a total of 4804 free, hot meals were served and in addition 13 families relieved in their homes. The meals are served at St. Andrew's parish hall. Mr. Goldie is well known in La Grande and has taken an active part in the relief work in Port Angeles.

Students Enter Contest—Miss Agnes Hattberg, home economics teacher at La Grande High school, has just entered her students in the national meat story contests in which the major awards are to be university scholarships. The contest is an annual educational feature for high school girls taking home economics, the present contest being the ninth. It is conducted under the supervision of the National Livestock and Meat Board and has the endorsement and support of the U. S. department of agriculture and agricultural colleges. The girls are now hard at work on their essays which must be in the hands of the judges not later than March 15.

Deer Starving—It has been reported that the deer are starving in the hills. The section foreman at Palmer Junction found one on the track and it was so weak it was necessary for a herd to push it from the track. A herd of deer are being fed at Union the same as cattle. A number of elk have been seen in the vicinity of Egin. One was seen at Heydick's and another north of town. Old man winter has no mercy on these animals and is driving them into the valley for food. —Egin Recorder.

New Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hale, of Portland, are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Marie, born on Feb. 14, according to word received in La Grande. Mrs. Hale was formerly Miss Marie Baxter, of La Grande, and has many friends in the city.

Suit Filed—Minnie Meserve filed suit today against N. E. Pickett and E. K. Lorimer for \$7500, alleged to have been turned over to the defendants, partly as a loan and the remainder for stock in the Modern Laundry of La Grande, which at the time was in the process

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of sale to Mrs. Pickett and Lorimer. The plaintiff contends in her complaint that the defendants made erroneous representations to her relative to the condition of the business. Green and Hess are her attorneys. The plaintiff also filed a motion asking that the case of N. E. Pickett versus Minnie Meserve and E. K. Lorimer be dismissed. The Pickett suit was also filed as a result of the controversy between the business associates. —Baker Democrat-Herald.

Story Hour—The story hour at the public library tomorrow morning will be of special interest to the older boys and girls as well as the younger ones who have made up the larger part of the audience heretofore. Miss Gertrude Wagener, children's librarian, plans to review and tell a number of articles and stories from some of the children's magazines, such as St. Nicholas, John Martin's Book and Everygirl's. "A Present For Patty" a story of George Washington will be among those told and two of the library dolls dressed as George and Martha Washington will occupy a prominent place in the children's room. Miss Wagener feels certain that this program will appeal to the older readers.

Returns—Mrs. Mollie Buck has returned to La Grande after spending the winter visiting in Martinez, Cal. She states that she returned to Oregon on account of the bad weather and rain in California.

Returns—Mrs. Neva Betts has returned from Grangeville, Ida., after she visited her sister there for the past few weeks.

Ill—R. J. Brack and Bob Jack, are ill at their home, 1601 Adams avenue. They are both suffering from influenza.

Improving—Mrs. E. F. McFadden has been ill at her home for the past four days, suffering from influenza. She is reported to be improving.

Attend Service—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hawes and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hawes, of Meacham, returned today to their homes at Meacham after attending the funeral services for their niece, Francis Hawes, yesterday.

Elks Meet—The committee appointed recently by Sherwood Williams, exalted ruler, to secure a recent photograph of D. W. Bartlett, first exalted ruler of the local Elks lodge, No. 453, reported last night that they have had an enlargement of a new photograph taken before his death, and that it will be framed and hung in the lodge room. C. L. Thompson gave the report last night at the regular meeting of the Elks' lodge at the temple. Robert Carey, chairman, also reported on the annual ball to be held of Feb.

23 at the ball room in the Elks temple.

To Portland—Miss Helen Williams left this morning for Portland where she will spend the coming weekend visiting Miss Ruth Pelter. Miss Williams and Miss Pelter were members of the same class at the University of Oregon.

Transact Business—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gragg, of Huntington, are in La Grande today transacting business.

Ill—Shirley Ann Sherwood is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sherwood, following an operation.

On Business—Art M. Fish, of Portland, with the state game department, and C. S. Townsend, game warden in Harney county, are transacting business in La Grande for a few days.

Eagles—A relief dance will be given by the Eagles lodge on March 1 and the price of admission will be canned goods or food which may be used in the Eagles' relief program. Ray Patterson, president, said today. So far they have helped more than 100 families during the winter and their supplies are low at present. The relief committee, composed of Arthur Bremer, Frank Seward, Everett Walker and Ray Patterson, is in charge of the dance. The local Eagles have been invited to Baker on Feb. 26 to attend a dance and program, according to announcement made at a meeting of the local group last night at the hall.

Added to Service—The Presbyterian church announces an added feature for the Sunday evening service, 7:30 o'clock, when Winifred Scott and Eugene Shultz will sing a duet number. The feature of the morning, 1:00 o'clock service, will be the "National Aids Overture" by the Sunday school orchestra. This number begins at 10:55, five minutes before the service hour. This morning service will have a touch of the "patriotic" spirit in commemoration of the birth of Washington.

To Honor Washington—Rev. J. George Waiz, of the local Presbyterian church, has been invited to be the principal speaker at the joint meeting of Baker lodge No. 47 A. F. & A. M. and the Eastern Star, on the evening of Feb. 25, 1932, in commemoration of the birth of George Washington. Mr. Waiz will speak on "George Washington—Man of State and Home."

No Drill Monday—Since the quota of drills for Company E, 186th Infantry, Oregon national guard, is 24 for this quarter, there will be no regular drill on Monday but it will be dispensed with completely. Captain Walter A. Bean stated today. Non-commissioned officers school will be held however, under the direction of the officers.

To Portland—Miss Dorothy Steimle, secretary to Pres. H. E. Inlow at the Eastern Ore-

gon Normal school, expects to leave tomorrow for Portland where she will spend the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Steimle.

Returns From Baker—Mrs. Roy Forrester returned yesterday from Baker where she has been visiting since Monday.

Returns—Mrs. F. A. Fortier, of North Powder, who came to La Grande to attend funeral services for Freeman Fortier, which were held yesterday, is ill at the La Grande hotel, and expects to remain here for a few days.

Attend Funeral—E. W. Pfeiffer, of Portland, left this morning for his home after coming to La Grande to attend the funeral services of Freeman Fortier. Other Portlanders who attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fortier, who left this morning for Portland.

Returns to Salem—George Alexander, deputy superintendent of the state police, returned to his headquarters at Salem this afternoon after spending the week in La Grande where he appeared as a witness in the trial of John Owen, convicted for the murder of Amos Helms, state policeman. While here Mr. Alexander visited Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Siegrist.

Arrive—Harry Meppen, sheriff of Idaho Falls, and Ed Torneten, of the same city, arrived in La Grande this morning, where Mr. Torneten came to appear as a witness in the trial of Keith Crosswhite. Mr. Torneten was at the service station in Idaho Falls, which it is believed that Owen and Crosswhite held up, and he stated that he recognized the young man who, at the time told him to hold up the hands while they threw the key of his automobile out into the street so that he would not be able to follow them. Mr. Meppen, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Fred Tillman, left this afternoon for their home. Mr. Tillman appeared as a witness in the Owen trial.

McCALLISTER GOES EAST—SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—Mark D. McCallister, former state corporation commissioner, left here today for Minneapolis, Minn., where he has been subpoenaed as a witness in the trial of the W. B. Foshy company now in progress there. He will be joined in Portland by Fred Meindl, former examiner in the department, who will testify, McCallister said, as to the transactions leading up to granting permits to Foshy company to sell securities in Oregon. "All of

these transactions are regular," McCallister said, "and certified copies of all communications and records will be taken with us."

MAN OUT BADLY—PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—Thomas Gibson, 50, of Vernonia, was in a critical condition here today from a deep cut on his abdomen and from long gasies on each arm. He was brought to a hospital here last night.

ONE FATALITY IN WEEK—SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—John Westman, cook at Marshfield, was listed as the only industrial accident fatality during the past week. The state commission today announced a total of 381 accidents reported that period.

WINS BATTLE FOR LIFE IN MURDER CASE

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tains where they were taken by a posse two days later. They were returned here and both were indicted for murder after Mr. Helms died Dec. 30 after weeks of intense suffering.

Victory for Defense—The recommendation of life imprisonment instead of the death penalty was considered a victory for the defense, which had attempted to prove that there was no premeditation and that Owen had fired in self defense. The state alleged premeditation had been shown by testimony of Merilyn Collett, an Idaho girl, who testified she traveled with Owen and Crosswhite from Idaho Falls to Payette and who quoted them as saying they had robbed a filling station at Idaho Falls and were prepared to "shoot it out" rather than submit to arrest.

As the jury filed back into the room at about 10:35, after nearly six hours deliberation, the court room was still packed by a large crowd, many of whom attended the entire trial, arriving early in order to have a seat and remaining throughout the day until Judge Knowles dismissed court at 5 o'clock.

When they returned their verdict, Owen showed no undue emotion, but remained calm as he had throughout the entire proceedings.

Attorney Cochran finished his summation yesterday afternoon, and at times brought tears to the eyes of many members of the audience. That the officers had no warrant for the arrest of the two young men was pointed out, and he stated that the officers had authority to prevent the

commission of a crime. Before the shooting, Owen and Crosswhite were fleeing but were leisurely traveling along, and he stated that unless the officers had a warrant for their arrest they couldn't make an arrest since the young men were doing what "they had a right to do."

Quotes Commandment—"Thou Shalt Not Kill" applies to John Owen, to Captain Noe and to everyone, Mr. Cochran stated.

"Consider the surroundings," he added. "If Owen thought he would receive bodily harm" or if one is killed in any combat, it is not murder in the first degree. If Owen judged the officers to be pulling their guns and made a mistake in judgment while acting as a reasonable man he is not guilty of murder in the first degree, he said. Besides, the killing to prove malice and Mr. Cochran stated that he did not believe that any other fact had been produced in the evidence.

Malice is not only ill will; it includes that factor as well as a reckless disregard for right and wrong, while deliberation, which is grounds for a conviction on the grounds of first degree murder, is thinking over the acts in the crime after the plan has been formulated, he stated. The statutes state that in proving deliberation and premeditation, the facts must show that the act is conceived in cold blood and not in heat, he admonished the jury. Mr. Cochran said that the shooting occurred in heat and on the spur of the moment.

As to bearing arms, Mr. Cochran said, "Consider also the manner of the act that first took place. The constitution gives every man a right to bear arms." However, in his arguments to the jury District Attorney Helm pointed out that it is against the laws of Oregon to carry loaded weapons.

Mr. Cochran pointed out also the testimony of Charles Miller, who was at the Playle station at the time of the shooting. Mr. Miller testified that he saw Crosswhite reach out over Owen's arm with a gun in his hand and then saw Amos Helms fall to the ground.

District Attorney Helm presented his arguments to the jury early yesterday afternoon in which he stated that unless Owen received the extreme penalty, that public safety would be jeopardized.

Judge Knowles read the instructions to the jury in which he outlined the three degrees of murder, first degree, which must be committed with deliberate and premeditated malice in cold blood, and malice must be shown by other proof than the killing. Second degree murder in-

cludes a murder committed with malice or evil disposition, but with no premeditation; while manslaughter is committed without malice or deliberation and in a state of irresistible passion resulting in death, which is reasonable provocation at the time of the killing. His instructions took about one-half hour, after which, at 4:43, the case went to the jury.

BANKERS' SHORT COURSE WILL BE HELD FEB. 26-27

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speaker at the banquet which will close the first day's meetings at 6:30 at the Sackalawes Inn and Eugene Courtney, also a member of the agricultural commission, will act as toastmaster. Cliff Clarkson, chairman of the agricultural committee, of the Oregon Bankers association, will be chairman of the banquet.

The program for the sessions on Friday is:

Morning Session 10:00
Forge reserves of Blue Mountain area, E. B. Jackman, farm crops extension specialist.

Grant county's program to increase feed supply, R. O. Johnson Jr., county agent, Grant county.

Food resources and conservation on forest reserves, John Kuhns, forest supervisor, U. S. D. A., Baker.

Afternoon Session 1:30
Marketing of livestock from farm flock and herd standpoint, H. G. Avery, county agent, Union county.

Economic wintering of sheep and cattle, H. A. Lindgren, animal husbandman, O. S. A. C. extension service.

Dairy program for the Blue Mountain district, F. L. Ballard, county agent leader.

Cash crops of Malheur county, R. G. Larson, county agent Malheur county.

The Blue Mountain Outlook conference will follow on Saturday, with discussions of farming, hog production, wheat, dairying, sheep and cattle raising, cash crops, turkeys, chickens and others. Among the speakers will be F. L. Ballard, county agent leader; E. B. Jackman, extension agronomist; H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman; E. E. Brethaupt, extension economist; Paul V. Maris, director of extension, all from Oregon State college.

HOLY SPIRIT LIKE DOCTOR CUTLER SAYS

Rev. C. W. Cutler, chapel car evangelist, preached to a large congregation in the chapel car located at Fir street and the railroad crossing last night. His theme was "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the World."

He again stressed that the Holy Spirit is a Person, not a power, nor a force or influence. He described the work of the Holy Spirit as a doctor giving an honest diagnosis and a sure remedy; but that people were apt to run from the Holy Spirit rather than face facts. Mr. Cutler also insisted that Satan is a person and not a mere influence working in opposition with God.

Special music was given by Miss Williams, Violinist and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. St. John, who sang a duet. Mrs. Happerstett was at the organ.

The topic announced for tonight is "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church." The Sunday services will be held in the Baptist church—morning topic "Delights of the Depression"; and evening topic "The Factor of Safety" with this broad invitation "Take Christ as Your Personal Saviour and Join the Church of Your Choice."

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