

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE UNDETERMINED WAY

Slayers Both Get Life Terms

MUST SPEND REMAINDER OF LIFE IN PEN

Knowles, in Passing Sentences, Tells Them Not to Expect Leniency.

SHERIFF TO TAKE TWO TO PRISON

Circuit Judge, in Remarks, Says He Believes it Was Owen Who Fired the Fatal Shot.

John Owen and Keith Crosswhite, murderers of Amos Helms, state policeman, who died Dec. 30 as the result of a bullet wound received at the hands of the gunman on Oct. 18, were sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary this morning at 10 o'clock, after the former was found guilty Monday and the latter on Thursday evening, when the jury returned its verdict. The state proved that Owen, after premeditation and deliberation, shot the state policeman down in cold blood, Judge Knowles said. The state asked for a verdict of first degree murder, but although the jury found this it qualified it with a recommendation for life imprisonment.

La Grande Band Concert Friday

Organization in Brilliant Recital, Assisted By Singers and Legion Drum Corps.

The La Grande band presented a brilliant concert before a responsive audience, one of the largest ever present at an indoor performance given by the musical group, last night at 8:30 at the L. D. S. tabernacle. Appearing with the band were the Symphonie Singers, directed by Mrs. Jessie A. Hoskins, of Baker, and the Ancient Legion drum and bugle corps.

La Grande High To Play Bobcats At 8:30 Tonight

Union and La Grande high schools wind up their pre-tournament basketball season here tonight, the two teams meeting at 8:30 o'clock in the L. D. S. Recreational hall. Union has one two-point decision over Tigers and the blue and white quintet is eager to even up the count.

Pendleton To Trim School Costs 18 Pct.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 20 (Special) — An 18 per cent reduction in the total amount spent for salaries of the administrative and teaching forces in Pendleton schools was decided upon by the school board Thursday, the reduction to take place beginning with the school year 1932-1933.

Leonard H. Rambo Dies Early Today

Leonard Harrison Rambo, of La Grande, died at the Grande hospital this morning. He underwent an operation in an effort to save his life following the rupturing of his appendix, but all efforts were in vain. Funeral announcement will be made later. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Schools Are To Have Programs On Anniversary

Schools in La Grande will remain open on Washington's birthday, Monday, Feb. 22. The program will be arranged in the La Grande high school, the Eastern Oregon Normal school and in the grade schools of the city.

Bi-Centennial Program Sunday

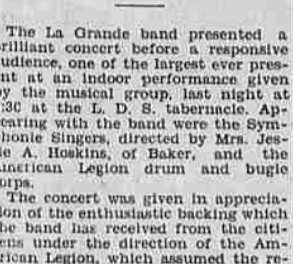
Observing the bi-centennial celebration of the birth of George Washington, a program will be presented at the La Grande high school at 7:30 at the L. D. S. tabernacle, in which J. T. Longfellow and Lionel Lindsey will be the principal speakers, describing the life of the first President.

Pendleton Youth Named Alternate

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP) — A Washington, D. C. dispatch to the Journal today said Senator Steiwer has announced the selection of George Morris Winans, of Medford, as principal for entrance to Annapolis, naval academy. Third alternate is Thomas Burke Hayes, of Pendleton.

HESTER HEATH

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Whitman Winner By 46-20 Score

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Mountaineers Rally in Second Half But to No Avail; Road Trip Next

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De Valera Gains Steadily; Count Near The Close

By Michael Rooney
DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Feb. 20 (AP) — Eamon De Valera, leader of the Sinn Fein, gained steadily today as the count of the day's elections neared a close and it appeared almost certain he would be asked to form a new government. The Sinn Fein had about 71 seats in the 128-seat parliament, a margin of 12 over the 59 seats won by President Cosgrave's government party and its independent allies. Results from 23 constituencies were still out.

END OF COLD WAVE AT HAND, IS PREDICTION

Hope that the long expected "break" in the weather will begin this weekend was heightened somewhat in La Grande today when the weather man at Portland had this to say: "In the Eastern section of the state higher temperatures are expected." And, in predicting next week's weather, he said: "The outlook is for considerable cloudiness, and occasional snows are probable over and east of the Cascade mountains." Those "occasional snows" may mean that the hopes of feather temperatures may be false, or again they may not penetrate into the northeastern section of the state.

Three Killed, 14 Injured In Crash

MOHAWK, Ariz., Feb. 20 (AP) — Three persons were killed today and possibly 14 were injured when an independent line bus telescoped into the rear end of a parked tankline truck and trailer five miles west of Mohawk. The dead: Miss Alvin Alexander, no address; T. F. Bowen, no address; Joyce McLastry, no address.

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KLEIN RESIGNS, EFFECTIVE APR. 1

No Further Changes in Department Contemplated at Present By Commission. The resignation of Klein, who has been with the department in various capacities since its formation in 1914 and succeeded Herbert Nunn as chief engineer in 1929, was announced by the commission, after it was announced earlier no action reorganizing the department would be taken until next week. Klein will remain with the commission in an advisory capacity until April 1. He said he had no formal statement to make.

WASHINGTON'S INJUNCTION IS HELD VIOLATED

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 20 (AP) — Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois told the Georgia Press Institute yesterday the United States has been left without any friendly nation in all the world for violating George Washington's injunction to "steer clear of European politics."

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263,000 Auto Tags To Cost \$28,334.00

SALEM, Feb. 20 (AP) — Contract to supply Oregon with 263,000 pairs of automobile license tags was awarded today to Irving-Hodson of Portland for \$28,334. It was announced by Hal E. Hoes, secretary of state. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder was about 25 per cent less than last year, and the entire order was secured for \$10,000 less.

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Japanese Turn To Polls Today In General Vote

Indications Are That Government Party Will Win — Administration to Oppose League. TOKYO, Feb. 20 (AP) — Approximately nine million Japanese voters turned from eagerly watching the latest bulletins of the Geneva advance on Shanghai today to vote in the country's general election while government officials prepared to fight inch by inch before the League of Nations assembly at Shanghai and in Manchuria.

HOOVER WILL FILE IN OHIO BROWN SAYS

Republican Leader Assured That Organization There "Full of Fight." OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 20 (AP) — Oklahoma's delegates to the national Democratic convention were instructed today to vote for Governor William H. Murray "as long as he has a chance," by the state Democratic convention here today.

MURRAY ISSUES STATEMENT TODAY

Tells Oklahomans That He Has No Desire to Be President But Would Acquiesce to Demands. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Postmaster General Brown reported to President Hoover today the Republican organization in Ohio was "full of fight," and in turn, received assurances Mr. Hoover would file in the Ohio primaries.

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JAPANESE PEEVED AT MARINE RAID

Plan Protest to Americans — Marines Report Finding Signalling Apparatus, Munitions. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The Japanese minister was quoted as saying it had not been the intention of his government to cause destruction to foreign life and property, that they had intended to protect Japanese life and property and to protect the settlement from outside attack, but had been disappointed in this hope.

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 (AP) — Sharply lower markets for wheat and other cereals today accompanied pre-holiday adjustment of accounts. An easier tone in securities at New York and in wheat quotations at Liverpool had a bearish influence. Late rallies however, were promoted by wheat export business totaling 800,000 bushels, mostly Canadian.

Captain of Dredge Drowns In Columbia

WOODLAND, Wash., Feb. 20 (AP) — E. F. Hamlin, 44, captain of the dredge Woodland, fell into the Columbia river and was drowned near here early today. Details of the accident have not been learned. Search for the body was started immediately.