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That they should seek the Lord, -- For in him we live, and move, and have our being. -- Acts 17: 27, 28.

## THE VERDICT

John Owen and Keith Crosswhite were taken to Salem today, sentenced to confinement behind the walls of the state penitentiary for the rest of their lives, in accordance with the recommendations of the jury which found Owen guilty of first degree murder, and in view of Crosswhite's confession.

The people of La Grande will doubtless heave a sigh of relief to know that the gates have clicked behind the slayers of Officer Helms, shutting them out from the world which they seemed to think was theirs for the taking.

No one can deny that Owen was given a fair trial, but many citizens have expressed disappointment with the penalty imposed, believing that Owen should have received a death sentence. Those who closely followed the case see no reason why leniency should be shown to one who cold-bloodedly offended society with his deliberate disrespect for the spirit of law and the value of human life.

But the jury evidently had some reason for recommending the lighter sentence. We cannot believe that sentiment would have influenced their decision, in spite of the fact that any worth while citizen hates to bear the responsibility of condemning a man to death.

At any rate there is nothing to be done now that would in any way alter the sentences pronounced by Judge Knowles, and the judge is to be commended for the stand he took in warning Owen never to apply to him or to the district attorney for a pardon.

## ACCEPTING NEW IDEAS

It is a common saying that the radicalism of yesterday is the accepted program for the conservatives of tomorrow. Sometimes, however, even the radicalism of today does not look so terribly radical when it is examined closely.

Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president in 1928, has just written a book called "America's Way Out." In it he sets forth a brief platform for dealing with economic and social problems. It includes these planks:

1—Ascertaining from month to month the number of the unemployed, "at least as accurately as we now know the number of pigs."

2—Setting up a system of public, non-profit-making employment agencies to connect the unemployed worker with a job efficiently and cheaply.

3—Adopting a long-range planning system whereby useful public works can quickly be speeded up at the approach of business depression.

4—Setting up unemployment insurance as part of a comprehensive scheme of social insurance.

5—Controlling the rate of introduction of machinery so as to give time to plan for the absorption of displaced workers by increased demand for goods and by a decrease in the length of the working week.

And Mr. Thomas adds:

"To these principal points may be added the rigid prohibition of child labor under 16 and the re-education of older workers for other work when the progress of machinery and technique or the shift of demand renders them superfluous in their former trades."

Here, then, we have a leading Socialist's program for dealing with situations such as that which arose in the late fall of 1929; and the most notable thing about it, at first glance, is the fact that it hardly seems radical at all.

The first three planks, indeed, are advocated by practically everyone who has given the matter any thought at all. The fourth is commonly urged by many people who would resent being called radicals; the fifth is, surely, mild enough to be voiced anywhere without drawing down remarks about Moscow.

Socialism in America developed chiefly because it seemed to many people that the scramble for private profits was producing an increasing disregard of all human values. In the last decade or so those human values have been reasserting themselves. We are readier to listen to new ideas than we were a generation ago.

The mere fact that these proposals of Mr. Thomas sound so mild and reasonable is a striking indication of the way the nation's attitude has changed.

In order to be in style Uncle Same is finding it necessary to reduce his waste-line.

## Legion Meeting Will Open Here At 7:30 Tonight

The annual school for officers of the American Legion, at which time they receive instructions and programs for the year, will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Sacajawea Inn with representatives from Union, Walla and Baker counties present. The open meeting, to which all members of the public are invited, will be held in the ballroom at the Sacajawea Inn, and will follow a banquet held at 6:15 at the Sacajawea Inn for officers of the state and local organizations.

Reports from officers will be heard, and it is believed that instructions as to La Grande's part in the national convention to be held in Portland in 1932 will be outlined. Don Graham, district commander, will be in charge of the meeting. Among the guests at the conference tonight will be Alex Barry, state commander, of Portland; Carl Mosler, of Portland, state adjutant; Sidney George, of Eugene, national committeeman; Jack Bligs, of La Grande, past state commander; Vic McKinzie, personal representative of the national committee; Robert Dillard, of Portland, state service officer; Jack Eakin, of Portland, membership chairman; L. C. Morehead, of La Grande, state reorganization committee; and H. E. Brady, of La Grande, department vice commander.

The auxiliary will hold its conference at the same time, and among the out-of-town guests who will attend are Mrs. LaDoris Cobb, Primeville, president; Mrs. Alice George, Eugene, vice president; Mrs. Mabel McInturff, Marshfield, secretary; Mrs. Bert Harvey, Baker, district president; Mrs. Georgie Webb, Portland, state hospitalization chairman; Mrs. Elsie Graham, Portland, state child welfare chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Eakin, Dallas.

At a joint social meeting following the separate meetings, a George Washington cherry pie social and coffee will be enjoyed.

## 2 MURDERERS ARE ON WAY TO THE 'PEN'

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Carl Helm, district attorney, and Leonard Finch, district attorney, of Baker, today proved that all the elements necessary for a murder in the first degree were present in the shooting. Judge Knowles stated when he passed sentence. The fate of Owen was left to the jury, and the circuit judge pointed out that the attorneys for the prosecution were in no way responsible for the verdict since they ably represented the state in a fair trial.

George T. Cochran was appointed by the court to represent Owen. Accompanying Owen and Crosswhite to Salem were Sheriff Jesse Breshears, Deputy Sheriff H. A. Klinghammer and other officers, and they expected to arrive at the state penitentiary late this afternoon, having left before daylight. Fearing that accomplices of the convicts might have reached the state penitentiary, Sheriff Breshears made no preliminary announcement concerning the time of his journey.

## TRUCE NEAR END NOW IN WASHINGTON

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Legislation frequently sought by Democratic legislators and as frequently vetoed by the then Republican majorities, are claimed as triumphs for the administration. There is an instance of this in every speech made by one of Mr. Hoover's cabinet or other administration spokesmen. The purpose is plainly to improve the president's prospects of re-election by planting the idea that he single-handedly has accomplished everything that is done by congress.

The speaker, terming the impending tax bill perhaps the "most important" task confronting congress, said its drafting had not been made any easier by the errors of hundreds of millions of dollars in the budgets sent up.

He flatly asserted that the president would not get "any such limited charter" as he asked in the request for authority to reorganize the government's bureaus.

"We too have our ideas as to effect improvements and economies in the national administration. If the president is sincerely desirous of such improvement there is no reason we should not get together. . . . What he seeks instead is to dictate that nobody can dictate to the Democratic group in the house."

## HOOVER PRAISES GEO. WASHINGTON

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any other time in its history." He declared his impatience with those who undertake what he called "the fractional humanizing" of Washington. There is no need, the president said, to look beneath "this unique quality of greatness" and great accomplishments.

"We need not attempt canonization of George Washington," he said. "We know he was human, subject to the discouragements and perplexities that come to us all. We know that he had moments of deepest anxiety. We know of his sufferings, and the sacrifices and anguish that came to him. We know of his resentment of injustice and misrepresentation. And yet we know that he never lost faith in our people."

Throughout his address the president recalled Washington tribute as a founder of liberty, of a unique government and of a system of national life.

Defining this system as it appears today, he asserted it "embraces a system of relationships to other nations based upon the thought of imperialism, no desire to dominate, a determined national self-reliance in defense and independence in action; freedom from all commitment to the

unknown future, and an aspiration to promote peace and good will among men." In the two hundredth birthday anniversary of Washington started pageantry and speech-making that had been long in preparation to honor him.

It began with early services in churches, the masting of the colors of the 48 states about the base of the tall marble monument that bears his name, and the laying of wreaths there and at his old home, Mount Vernon.

Services there and at various other places about the capital that either knew him or stand as to memorials to him, followed throughout the day. More than two-score such events dotted the program, reaching a climax at noon when President Hoover addressed a joint session of congress.

Later President Hoover was to go to Alexandria to review a parade, and journey down the broad, new memorial highway along the shore of the Potomac to make another brief speech from the front porch of Mount Vernon.

At Wakefield, Virginia, where Washington was born, the first phases of the day's celebration were broadcast. The program there began at 10 a. m. The hour of his birth, with a description of the big colonial home that has been reproduced to stand as a shrine.

At the capitol, the grounds were blocked off to bar all but official automobiles, but a crowd began to gather early on the plaza.

BERLIN HONORS WASHINGTON  
BERLIN, Feb. 22 (AP) — The big square fronting Lehrter station was renamed today in honor of George Washington at a ceremony attended by prominent government officials and members of the American embassy staff.

ROME OBSERVES DAY  
ROME, Feb. 22 (AP) — George Washington's memory was honored today with the dedication of "Viale Glogio Washington" a wide tree-lined avenue christened at a simple ceremony by Prince Ludovico Boncompagni, the governor of Rome, and United States Ambassador Garrett.

RECEPTION AT GENEVA  
GENEVA, Feb. 22 (AP) — The American delegation to the world disarmament conference today held a reception for the Latin-American delegations in observance of the Washington bi-centennial.

LONDON PAPERS COMMENT  
LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP) — No wreaths adorned the statue of George Washington overlooking Trafalgar Square through today's drizzle, but the American Revolutionary leader, on the 200th anniversary of his birth, held his own in London newspapers.

The Times and other newspapers marked the bi-centenary with estimates of his life and work, despite any distractions in the far east, Ireland and Europe generally.

## GOOD COOKS ARE MADE, NOT BORN

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cooking. She no longer follows grandmothers' lemon pie recipe and Aunt Emma's chocolate cake recipe exactly, a word-for-word, but varies the time-honored methods to see if she can't come out with some better ones.

Until recent years, the principles of cookery were handed down from mother to daughter, and the inherited vices often went along with the virtues. Very often mother had excellent success in making chocolate cream pie, but had many shortcomings when it came to making anything else.

In these days, Miss Heath finds, daughters are eager to secure the latest information on every variety of home economics problems and to enlarge their recipe books on every variety of dish.

This newspaper expects that Miss Heath will do a large share in making "good cooks" on her visit here. The time is fast approaching, and we urge that you make definite plans right now to attend.

The Kitchen Chautauqua will not be a dull, routine mass of information about times and temperatures, but a minute of it. It will bristle with all sorts of thrilling, spicy, new short-cuts to easier and simpler cooking. This easier and simpler cooking will give you better meals in the long run, because it stresses the ingenuity in which you may prepare your meals at half the time and at half the cost of your mother did.

Don't forget the time and place—Mar. 8, 9, 10, 11, 2 to 4 p. m., Sacajawea Ballroom.

## AVALANCHE KILLS YOUNG INSTRUCTOR

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of Malama ridge, under which the men were tramping on their way into Paradise valley from Narada falls. Pearce's skills were found entangled in a small tree, with five feet of snow over him.

He was 28 years old, unmarried, and a graduate of the university in 1929. He lived with his mother and sister.

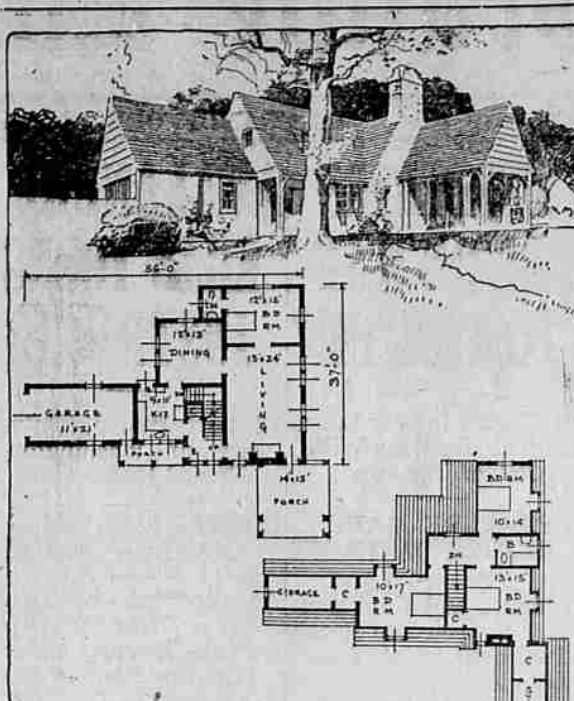
SLIDE BLOCKS HIGHWAY  
ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP) — A landslide near Clatsop crest in which hundreds of tons of earth swept down the hills, blocked the Lower Columbia highway today. The slide occurred during the night, taking out trees and telephone and power poles.

Highway crews expected the road would be closed 24 hours. Many persons who had been spending the weekend at the north beaches were delayed, and travel into Astoria and other lower highway points went by circuitous routes.

Highway engineers estimated the slide covered the highway with about one thousand yards of material. The road was covered to a depth of 5 to 20 feet for about 200 feet.

At noon today nearly 400 automobiles were reported lined up on the two sides of the obstruction. H. C. Bradwell, highway engineer in charge of removing the slide, said it was possible light automobiles would be able to proceed by 2 p. m. Trucks and buses, however, will not be able to go through until tonight, he said.

## KITCHEN TAKES THE LEAD



By the Associated Press  
There is usually so much dependence upon the placing of rooms around the kitchen that something has to be sacrificed, but in this house the kitchen is convenient to the back door, front door, door to the cellar, to the dining room and living room, for service at meals or for guests.

Another feature of the house is that when located on a lot as small as 60 feet, if the living room is placed so as to face the garden, one may drive directly into the garage. This makes the cost of construction of a road very reasonable.

The second floor is convenient, with three bedrooms and a bath, a light hall, and ample closet space. All the rooms in the house have cross ventilation.

The cost of construction is reasonable because of the compactness of the plan and the low roof. Actual cost would probably range from \$6000 to \$8000.

The roof adds to the appearance of the exterior, with its gable, and the porch is also effective.

## JOSEPH PERSONALS

By Mrs. Maida Stevenson (Observer Correspondent)

JOSEPH (Special) — Mrs. Dora Hamilton gave an afternoon party Tuesday in honor of her sister-in-law, John Winston, the occasion being Mrs. Winston's birthday anniversary. Each guest brought handkerchiefs. The afternoon was spent doing needlework. The hostess served refreshments.

The past week has been very cold. The thermometer standing around zero and going to 10 and 12 below. About a foot of new snow fell the last week, so now it seems very favorable for plenty of water this summer.

Hay is getting scarce and selling at \$10 and \$15 a ton.

Mr. and Mrs. Workman, of La Grande, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart. Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Stewart are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Seary, and two children, left Thursday for Moro, Ore., on a combined business and pleasure trip. Mr. and Mrs. Seary lived at Moro before moving to Joseph.

F. H. Gauke left Thursday for Portland on a business trip. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woolridge, and family, have moved from their farm to the Dodson house on upper Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Himecwright and Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson were recent visitors in La Grande. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson brought back a new car.

A letter received from Mrs. Alviria Roup, who has spent the winter at San Diego, states that she and her son and family are on their way home. They drove down in December.

The Home Economics club of the Hurricane Creek grange met at the home of Mrs. F. D. McCully Tuesday. After the business meeting, the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Viola McAllister, of Enterprise, spent a week at Joseph visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peal Jr., of Prairie Creek, have bought a farm of 144 acres at Unapine, and are moving there. Mr. Peal went Monday with a load of farming implements. They will leave as soon as they get all of the livestock and farm machinery moved.

Mrs. F. H. Gauke was hostess Tuesday at a 12:30 luncheon. Pinocchio was played during the afternoon.

Mrs. W. G. Beith will leave Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal., to visit her brother, Charles White, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ebera have returned from Portland. The Eberas' drove down taking their daughter, Mrs. Russell Vaughan, that far on her way to her home in Los Angeles. Mrs. Vaughan spent the past six weeks at Joseph visiting her parents.

Wm. Needham, who has been feeding his cattle in the valley, left Thursday for his ranch on the divide.

Max Wilson, John Himecwright and Clyde Putnam, went to the lake on snow shoes Sunday, going up to shovel the snow off of the roof on the Wilson cabin. The lake is frozen over and the recent snowfall on the ice, made it possible for the party to go the entire way on the lake.

Mrs. Paul Winston celebrated her birthday anniversary Sunday and a group of her friends went in with a potluck dinner to spend the day. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hamilton, and son, Layton, Mrs. Dora Hamilton, Ed Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gillaspie, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gauke, and Mrs. John Himecwright.

PROMINENT DECORATOR DIES  
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Blaessing directed the decorating of many buildings in the northwest and was well known for his murals. He was born at Wausau, Wis., April 25, 1878. He is survived by his widow, three daughters and a son.

## Building Permit Total Down 15.3 Pct. In January

Building permits in 563 cities and towns in the United States amounted in January to \$48,516,351, according to official reports made to S. W. Straus & Co. 15.3 per cent less than in December, 1931. The normal seasonal expected decline is 10.5 per cent. Permits for January this year were 55.4 per cent below January 1931.

As a group the 25 cities reporting the largest volume of permits for the month show an increase of 22.8 per cent over December, 1931 and a decline of 49.9 per cent from January, 1931. Ten cities made gains over January, 1931. They were Cleveland, Seattle, Boston, Hartford, West Orange, Stockton, Cal., Syracuse, Wichita Falls, Tex., Brookline and Albany.

The 25 cities reporting the largest volume of permits for January were: 1. New York, \$15,019,380; 2. Cleveland, \$2,901,900; 3. Los Angeles, \$1,892,171; 4. Seattle, \$1,760,851; 5. Washington, D. C., \$1,304,725; 6. Boston, \$979,324; 7. Baltimore, \$864,200; 8. Cincinnati, \$701,460; 9. San Francisco, \$666,149; 10. Hartford, Conn., \$592,910; 11. Philadelphia, \$500,000; 12. West Orange, N. J., \$499,758; 13. Stockton, Cal., \$445,592; 14. Syracuse, N. Y., \$441,135; 15. Wichita Falls, Texas, \$444,700; 16. Portland, Ore., \$399,845; 17. St. Louis, \$393,805; 18. Newark, N. J., \$391,821; 19. Milwaukee, \$375,978; 20. Houston, Texas, \$359,093; 21. Detroit, \$358,896; 22. Brookline, Mass., \$343,075; 23. Chicago, \$329,500; 24. Albany, N. Y., \$329,152; 25. Pittsburgh, \$328,495.

The 12 leading states were: 1. New York, \$17,207,897; 2. California, \$5,283,368; 3. Ohio, \$4,215,956; 4. New Jersey, \$2,296,442; 5. Massachusetts, \$1,975,360; 6. Washington, \$1,911,059; 7. Texas, \$1,804,056; 8. Connecticut, \$1,525,583; 9. Pennsylvania, \$1,499,029; 10. District of Columbia, \$1,304,725; 11. Maryland, \$1,033,069; 12. Wisconsin, \$1,002,161.

Oregon's totals follow:  
Jan. 32 Jan. '31 Dec. '31  
Albany 4,850 400 1,025  
Ashland 4,950 5,800 2,900  
Eugene 12,290 19,562 33,880  
Klamath Falls 4,380 32,125 4,580  
Marshfield 1,750 0,800 2,050  
Portland 399,845 628,580 185,705  
Salem 8,360 47,174 5,942  
State Totals 436,725 735,581 234,148

"CATTLE ENGINEER" TITLE GETS UP FROM SPAIN  
MADRID (AP)—Everybody wants to be an "engineer" in Spain.

A recent dispute raged between farmers, who already bear the official title "agrarian engineers" and the national association of horse doctors, who disliked the mere title "veterinarians."

The vets wanted to be called "cattle engineers," but farm machine experts claimed the title was too exalted.

The government decided to let the vets be engineers if they wanted to.

AUSSIE STUDY FILIPINOS  
MANILA (AP)—A dozen Australian students and teachers from the University of Sydney toured the Philippines to investigate tobacco, rope, embroidery and hat factories and to see something of the island's social life and natural resources.

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All Eagles are requested to meet at the Eagle hall, Tuesday at 1:30 to attend the Rambo funeral.  
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LAST CALL!  
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UNION COUNTY WARRANTS CALLED  
Union County General Fund Warrants Numbers 24 to 210 inclusive, Series 1932, are hereby called for payment. Persons holding same are notified to present them at the office of County Treasurer of Union County, Oregon. Interest ceases on said warrants after this date, Feb. 19, 1932.

THE SUMMARY:  
Union: PG FT PP TP  
Prather, f 4 1 0 9  
Baum, f 6 1 0 13  
Fellman, c 0 0 0 0  
Conklin, g 0 0 0 0  
Baker, g 1 0 3 2  
Halsey, g 0 0 0 0  
Totals: 11 2 11 24  
La Grande: PG FT PP TP  
Lyman, f 7 1 1 15  
Stoddard, f 2 0 3 4  
Corey, c 1 2 2 4  
Burnett, g 3 0 0 6  
Torrence, g 2 1 1 5  
Fox, f 0 0 0 0  
Workman, f 0 0 0 0  
Baxter, f 0 0 0 0  
Feuerhelm, g 0 0 0 0  
Totals: 15 4 7 34

Score by quarters:  
Union 3 8 7—24.  
La Grande 7 8 7—34.  
Officials: E. R. Quinn, referee; Jack Loyd, umpire.

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES

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Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned up to 11 o'clock a. m. Feb. 26, 1932, at the Commissioner's room, City Hall, La Grande, Oregon, upon the following stocks of goods formerly belonging to Conner's Inc. located at La Grande, Enterprise and Union, Oregon, inventoried as follows: La Grande Stock \$13,800.16; Fixtures \$6,769.99; Enterprise Stock \$7,197.23; Fixtures \$1,436; Union Stock \$9,813.44; Fixtures \$1,553.55. Inventories may be inspected on premises at La Grande and at the offices of the West Coast Textile Association, 738 Morgan Bldg., Portland. Stock may be inspected Feb. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25th. Certified check or cash for 10% must accompany each bid which will be forfeited if bid accepted and deal not completed. Separate bids may be made upon each store or as a whole. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids and subject to approval of court. C. D. PUTMAN, Receiver in Bankruptcy, Conner's, Inc.

At the same time and place the undersigned will receive sealed bids upon a stock of Ladies ready-to-wear located in the same building at La Grande, Oregon, and owned by the undersigned personally, inventoried at \$1,568.16. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and certified check or cash for 10% must accompany each offer. C. D. PUTMAN. Feb. 18 32

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