

## POLITICS IN COUNTY ARE WARMING UP

### Mrs. Fred Haller May Run For County School Superintendent.

## SEVERAL RACES HAVE DEVELOPED

### J. E. Reynolds, Urged to Seek Position of County Treasurer, May Make Statement Soon.

### KITCHEN A CANDIDATE

R. J. Kitchen, La Grande Republican, announced today he would be a candidate for the district attorney nomination in the May primary election. Mr. Kitchen has been an attorney in Eastern Oregon for nearly 25 years, practicing five years each in Baker and Union and nearly 15 in La Grande.

Although no candidates for nomination in the May primaries have filed their formal announcement at the county clerk's office as yet, a number of races have developed—some for the May primaries and some for the November general election.

The newest development today was that a rumor is current in Republican circles that Mrs. Fred Haller will be a candidate for county school superintendent. Mrs. Haller is a rural school teacher in the south end of the county. If she were to win the Republican nomination she would face E. A. Sayre, incumbent, in the November election, as Mr. Sayre is a Democrat.

### Expect Announcement

Republicans also believe that J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande, who has been urged to make the race for county treasurer, is likely to make an announcement probably Saturday of this week. If he decided to enter the race, he would contest with Mrs. Florence Bacon, incumbent, in the May primary election. Although Mrs. Bacon has not made a formal statement, it is generally understood that she will be a candidate for re-election.

Another primary race has developed.

## GRAZING FEES DOWN 50 PCT. ON U. S. LANDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Because of the emergency situation facing stockmen, Secretary Hyde announced yesterday a 50 per cent reduction in grazing fees in national forests in 1932.

## LOCAL MEN DELIGHTED

News of the 50 per cent cut in grazing fees in national forests was received with delight by Union and Wallowa county stockmen.

## Bi-centennial Program Planned

Six events in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington have been scheduled for observance by the M. I. A. of the six wards in the Union stake of the L. D. S. church, the first of which is the George Washington ball. Several stakes already have held the dance, including the La Grande Second Ward, while the La Grande First Ward, Imbler and Union will celebrate separately next Monday evening. Mrs. George R. Lyman, stake head, announced this morning.

Five of the events will be held separately by each ward, but the pageant will be presented by the entire stake M. I. A. on March 12, in La Grande. Sunday, March 5, the conjoint program of the young men and young women in each ward will be devoted to a study of the life of Washington by speeches by members of the associations and music.

Other events which have been scheduled are two dramas, a tree planting ceremony and the fourth of July celebration.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, with occasional rain in the north and west portions; continued mild; fresh and strong south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—38 above.  
Minimum: 34 above.  
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 52, minimum 32 above.  
Condition: Cloudy, rain .05 or inch. Range—10 degrees.

## Harry M'Kinlay Is Re-elected Chamber Leader

### Directors Meet at La Grande Hotel Today at Noon—Annual Banquet Set For Tuesday.

Harry M'Kinlay was re-elected president of the Union county chamber of commerce for 1932, by the board of directors when they met for a luncheon meeting today at the La Grande hotel. Ernest Johnson will serve as first vice president; Gene Walker, second vice president, and L. H. Bramwell, treasurer. The executive committee will meet later to elect the secretary.

Plans also are being completed for the annual banquet, which is to be held at 8:30 o'clock next Tuesday evening at the La Grande hotel. Installation of officers, reading of reports, etc., will be the main business, with B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal of Portland, scheduled to deliver the address of the evening.

## Vegetables Are Important Part Of One's Diet

Vegetables, more than any other item, contain vital, health-giving ingredients.

And, according to Miss Heath, noted culinary artist and "Kitchen Chatterbox" lecturer, immense improvement of transportation facilities opens the door for Mrs. Housewife to a whole realm of tasty and health-giving vegetables.

The greatest care must be used, however, in measuring the food values of vegetable items in order that a balanced menu can be obtained, warns Miss Heath.

## M'Allister Has 23 Men At Work Here This Week

Twenty-three men are at work on relief work this week. City Manager Angus M'Allister reported at last night's city commission meeting. He said that about half of them are hauling gravel and the others are working on the dyke being made along the Grande Ronde river bank near the city dump grounds.

The street men have been employed the last few days in thawing out drains to the sewers, and cleaning the snow and ice from the gutters.

## Garner Refuses To Enter Primaries

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Supporters of Speaker Garner for the Democratic presidential nomination today wired the Nebraska Garner for President club asking that his name not be entered in that state's presidential primary.

The country was treated today to the contradictory spectacle of Garner's strongest supporters for the presidency pleading against efforts to secure for him delegations to the Democratic national convention.

## Oregon President To Visit B. P. O. E.

Casey Jones, of Salem, president of the state Elks, and A. W. Jones, of Salem, secretary, will attend the regular meeting of the La Grande lodge tonight at 8 o'clock at the Elks temple. They are paying their official visit here.

Regular business will be transacted, and a report of the annual ball, which was held Tuesday evening, will be made by Robert Carey, chairman of the committee.

## CHANDLER IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

### Baker Man Again to Head Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Association

## EVENT TO BE AT UNION JUNE 8-10

### Reduced Admission Fee—Inaugurated Last Year—Will Be Continued This Summer.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)  
UNION, Ore., Feb. 25 (Special)—Herbert Chandler, of Baker, was re-elected to serve as president of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association this year when eight directors met at the Union hotel yesterday.

G. I. Hess was elected vice president; T. D. Smith, secretary, and F. N. Fox, treasurer.

The dates for the show have been set for June 8, 9 and 10.

Following a discussion of the admission fee it was decided to keep the general admission of 50 cents the same as last year, but to offer season tickets for \$1.25. An entrance fee amounting to 10 per cent of their winnings in addition to a stall fee of \$1 per head for stock entered will be charged this year.

## BANKERS' SHORT COURSE TO BEGIN

### Meetings Begin Here Friday; Blue Mountain Outlook Conference to Meet

The bankers' agricultural short course for the Blue Mountain district will open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Sacajawea inn, with representatives from practically all the banks in Eastern Oregon present.

The short course is conducted by the agricultural committee of the Oregon bankers' association and the extension service of the Oregon state college. The Blue Mountain Outlook conference will follow the short course on Saturday, with meetings beginning at 9 o'clock, conducted by the extension service of O. S. C.

Invitations have been sent to all the banks in Eastern Oregon and H. A. Zurbick, president of the Union county association, believes that many of them will have representatives here.

## Convicts Shocked; Warden Says One Of Them Is Thief

JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 25 (AP)—Warden Hill of the state penitentiary lined up all the inmates and said: "One of you is a thief." This came as a bombshell to the murderers, hijackers, gangsters and crooks.

The warden said somebody had stolen the prison's football suits. If the low person who did it fails to return the articles, there will be no more football.

## FIVE BURIED IN SLIDE

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Feb. 25 (AP)—Word received here today said five men were buried by a snow slide near Newhalen while clearing snow from the tracks of the Seattle railway. They are Harold Brown, Melvin Sherwood, Gus Kyme, Sam Opray and Carl Nelson. It is not known here whether any of the men were killed.

## Sub-District Basketball Tourney Begins Here Friday Morning at 9:30

Play in the sub-district basketball tournament, with eight teams entered from Union and Wallowa counties, are favored to enter the tourney at Union and the loser may not be determined until the last minute or so of the tilt.

Eliminate Two Friday.  
The second round will be played Friday afternoon and evening, with two teams to be eliminated. The winners of the 9:30 and 10:30 games will play, with victory carrying the right to play at Union. The same holds true for the winners of the 1:30 and 2:30 games. On the other hand, the losers of the two games will be eliminated.

If La Grande wins from Imbler at 9:30 Friday morning, the Tigers will play the winner of the Wallowa-Enterprise game at 4:30 Friday afternoon.

## ADEQUACY OF 9-POWER PACT QUESTIONED

### High Official in Tokyo Charges Secretary Stimson With Ignorance.

## RECALLS HISTORY OF THE AGREEMENT

### Compares Present Trouble in Shanghai With British-American Bombardment of Nanking.

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (AP)—A high foreign office official after reading press dispatches quoting excerpts from Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson's letter to Senator Borah on the Sino-Japanese situation today questioned the validity of Secretary Stimson's assumption that America's naval concessions in the Washington treaty were predicated on guarantees embodied in the nine power pact.

The terms of the naval agreement, he said, actually were completed at the Washington conference before the powers began a real consideration of Chinese problems and Japan had agreed to the naval terms, leaving many problems of the utmost importance to her for settlement in later stages of the conference.

## NEW TAX BILL WILL INCLUDE LEVY ON SALES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Speaker Garner forecast today that the new tax bill would contain a levy on manufacturers' sales and that it would be completed within a week or two days.

The Texas Democrat said the ways and means committee had gone over the sources of revenue "with a fine tooth comb" and found that "the only place to get the money is through a manufacturers' sales tax."

Instead of \$400,000,000 needed to be raised through excise taxes as proposed by the treasury, he explained, that it was found \$800,000,000 was needed. Secretary Mills has estimated that about \$1,241,000,000 must be had to balance the 1933 budget.

The committee already has decided on increases in income and other taxes to raise about \$450,000,000.

## Marketing Meeting Will Be Held Here

A marketing conference will be held in La Grande on March 3 and 4, H. G. Avery, county farm agent, announced today. A committee of business men and farmers met last night at the farm agent's office to analyze the present situation in marketing home products and will present a plan at the marketing conference. No definite arrangements have been arrived at, Mr. Avery states, but some plan will be evolved to answer the desire expressed by many for home marketing.

## Joseph Ott, Pioneer, Dies of Pneumonia

Joseph Ott, age 79, passed away at a local hospital early this morning death resulting from pneumonia. He is survived by two brothers Frank Ott, of Summerville, and Frederick of Island City, and two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Wilson, of Union, and Mrs. John McNeely, of La Grande.

Mr. Ott is a pioneer of this valley having arrived here from Germany at the age of 14 and has made his home here since that time.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 at the church of Our Lady of the Valley with Rev. Father Nooy in charge and burial will be in the family plot in the Catholic cemetery. The Rosary will be recited at the chapel of Walkers funeral home Friday evening at 8:30.

## "MAHATMA" MEYERS LOSES



Here is Victor Meyers, jazz orchestra leader of Seattle, who ran sixth in Tuesday's mayoralty primary election. "Mahatma" Meyers, accompanied by a goat, a sheep and a dictionary, was the life of the party at a Shrine luncheon the other day. His slogan was "A jazz mayor for a jazz age" but he's back at the orchestra job today!

## Monmouth Wins Championship By Downing E. O. N.

Final Standings	W. L. Pct.
Monmouth	4 0 1.000
E. O. N.	2 4 .333
Ashland	0 2 .000

MONMOUTH, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—Monmouth Normal school won the state normal school basketball championship last night by winning the second of a two game series with Eastern Oregon Normal of La Grande. The score was 33 to 21. Monmouth made it two in a row at the expense of the eastern team, having taken Tuesday night's game 28 to 24.

Scruggin, Monmouth forward, again was the mainstay of the Oregon Normal's game. He was high man with 13 points.

The easterners will meet the Columbia university basketball team in Portland tonight.

The score:  
East, Oregon (21) F (13) Monmouth  
Garland (8) F (13) Scruggin  
McNair (7) F (3) Pettys  
Belts (2) G (8) Squires  
Bredow (3) G (8) Hockema  
Baxter (1) G (2) Engbrethsen  
Substitutes: For Oregon Normal: Raapola (1), McKenzie (3), Backe (3).  
Referee: E. Hauk.

## Revolving Fund Report Adopted By House Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The house today adopted the conference report on the Jones bill creating a \$10,000,000 revolving fund for loans to agricultural credit corporations. Senate approval will send the bill to the White House.

Senators Stetler, Republican, Oregon and Trammell, Democrat, Florida, put the senate on notice today they would oppose any federal tax on gasoline.

## Flier to Search For Missing Two

ATLIN, B. C., Feb. 25 (AP)—Pilot S. E. McMillan took off at 9 a. m. today to make an aerial search for William E. Graham and Mrs. Edna Christofferson, missing in northern British Columbia since Feb. 15.

Graham, Alaskan aviator and Mrs. Christofferson of Portland, sportswomen, were on their way to Point Barrow, Alaska, to search for the fur ship Baychimo with the hope of salvaging some of her cargo, when they dropped from sight near Nahlin, 100 miles south of here.

## Girl Sues Father For \$100,000 Sum

PORTLAND, Feb. 25 (AP)—Suit to obtain \$100,000 in bonds, or an equivalent sum in money, from her father, Albert C. Allen, was filed in federal district court here Wednesday by Mary Allen of Portland. She declares her father took the money from her by duress. The bonds, she said, were inherited from her mother.

Miss Allen's complaint relates that her father and mother separated in 1914 and she had not seen him until last June when her mother died.

The girl declares that Allen forced her to accompany him to Medford under threat to commit her to an insane asylum, and at Medford gained power of attorney from her and took possession of the \$100,000.

## Nations Agree Unanimously On Disarm Basis

### Draft Convention of Preliminary Commission Accepted; Russian Plan Voted Down.

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(The draft convention is the outline of a general disarmament treaty drawn up in 1920. It has generally been regarded as providing in the main for stabilization of present armaments.)

Action on the British resolution, which was introduced by Sir John Simon, came after the conference had rejected the Soviet proposal to use their scheme of total disarmament as the framework of the present conference.

Soviet Object at First  
The great powers, including the United States and France, accepted the British plan yesterday, but met objection from Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet delegate.

Litvinoff made it plain that he had no serious plan to put obstacles in front of the British resolution, but insisted that he wanted his own plan considered. The conference deferred to his wishes and agreed to let his scheme come up as a substitute. Litvinoff then said that if his plan was rejected he would support the draft convention idea.

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With his proposal, Litvinoff presented the following resolution:  
"Anxious by a firm desire for effective and solidly organized peace, and actuated by a determination to create genuine security for all states and all peoples by preventing the possibility of future wars—and  
"Convinced that the very existence of armaments and the tendency they show constantly to increase will inevitably lead to armed international conflicts which tear workers from their peaceful occupations and bring unnumbered calamities in their train; and  
"Considering that military expenditure, which imposes an intolerable burden on the masses of the people, fosters and enhances the economic crisis, with all its consequences; and  
"Noting that the states which it represents have renounced war as an instrument of national policy; and  
"Believing that the only effective means of contributing to the organization of peace and the establishment of security against war is a general, complete and rapid abolition

of armaments."

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## BRUENING HITS AT OPPONENTS IN REICHSTAG

BERLIN, Feb. 25 (AP)—Chancellor Heinrich Brüning struck back at the opposition in the Reichstag today with an impassioned speech delivered in one of the most tumultuous sessions a German chancellor ever confronted.

Throwing aside his habitual reserve, gesticulating, pounding his desk, the chancellor spoke in a voice vibrant with emotion, charging his opponents with creating dissension at a time when Germany is in the midst of the most serious foreign negotiations.

"Never will I carry on a foreign policy of pure prestige," he shouted above the din, "merely to satisfy the demands of political agitators at home, thereby endangering the vital interests of the nation."  
"This policy of ours would command a different kind of attention abroad if the German people could agree at this critical time to forego political recriminations at home."  
The hecklers became increasingly unruly as the chancellor proceeded.

## Alleged Taxicab Bandits Arrested

PORTLAND, Feb. 25 (AP)—Sarah Biddington, 20, and Henry O. Grill, 21, accused of police as having comprised the woman-and-man team of taxicab bandits who have perpetrated several holdups here recently, were arrested last night. Officers said the two admitted three cab robberies.

Miss Biddington had lived with her grandmother here until two months ago, but since has had no permanent address. Grill had a nap, a flashlight and an automatic pistol when arrested.

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## Russian Troops Are Gathering Near Frontier

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Rengo (Japanese) news agency correspondent at Harbin said today that unconfirmed reports had come there of a movement of several thousand Soviet Russian soldiers toward the Siberian frontier, presumably because of apprehension in connection with Japanese troop movements in Northeastern Manchuria.

At the same time it was learned here that General Jiro Tamon's expedition against Chinese rebels in the vicinity of Imienpo had been delayed because of difficulties in obtaining transportation on the Chinese Eastern railway.

## H. W. Hoover Dead In North Canton

CANTON, O., Feb. 25 (AP)—H. W. Hoover, 82, philanthropist, and founder of the vacuum sweeper company that bears his name, died today in his home in North Canton.

Hoover retired from active direction of the company several years ago, turning the business over to his sons.

Among his many philanthropies were gifts to the World's Sunday School association, Federal Council of Churches, Nanking university at Nanking, China, Spokane university, and scores of other schools.

The suit was brought by Marion Ohnick, also known as Haru Onuki, of Long Beach, Cal., and is based on Ripley's alleged promise to marry her.

## ENEMY BASE BOMBARDED BY CHINESE

### Japanese, After Advancing in Kiangwan Sector, Are Beaten Back.

## COUNTER-ATTACK IS SURPRISE MOVE

### Although Japanese Regard Day as Bringing Substantial Gains, Chinese Claim the Honors.

By Morris J. Harris (Associated Press Staff Correspondent)  
SHANGHAI, Friday, Feb. 26 (AP)—The rolling thunder of heavy guns crashed on the Chinese victory this morning as the Chinese, victorious in yesterday's terrific engagement in the Kiangwan sector, bombarded the enemy base in Hongkai park.

Shells dropped along the northern boundary of the international settlement, new pillars of smoke and flames rose from the ruins of Chapel 88th division, launching a counter-attack which won back nearly everything the Japanese had taken.

The fighting appeared to have shifted from the Kiangwan sector, where the Japanese made considerable advances Thursday but lost much of the ground they had gained when the Chinese, apparently reinforced by fresh men from Chiang Kai-Shek's 88th division, launched a counter-attack which won back nearly everything the Japanese had taken.

Fight Throughout Night  
All through the night and early this morning a strong wind carried

## CURRY COUNTY BANK TO OPEN ON SATURDAY

SALEM, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Curry county bank at Gold Beach will be reopened Saturday with the formal approval of the state banking department. A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, announced last night. Curry county has been without a bank for the past months following the closing of the Gold Beach and Brookings institutions.

The affairs of this bank were placed in the hands of the state banking department at the close of business January 20. In the plan of reorganization the old stockholders surrendered their stock and this has been taken up by new stockholders who have paid in cash \$125 per share.

This gives the banks a capital of \$25,000, surplus of \$5000 and provides for an excellent financial condition, Schramm said. The depositors receive the full amount of their deposit.

## State Transfers Vets Home to U. S.

SALEM, Feb. 25 (AP)—Deeds transferring the old soldiers home property at Roseburg to the federal government were signed by members of the state board of control here late yesterday and sent immediately to Washington, D. C. The property will be used in connection with the new million dollar federal soldiers home to be constructed at Roseburg during the current year.

Transfer of this property to the federal government will result in a saving to the state of about \$88,000 biennially, the cost of maintaining the state home, Sam Starnes is superintendent of the institution.

## Three Men Slain In Gang Warfare

CLEVELAND, Feb. 25 (AP)—Three men were shot to death in an east side cigar store late today in what police said was another flareup of Cleveland land gang warfare.

## TWO SENT TO PRISON

PENDLETON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Byron Ferman, returned to Pendleton from Michigan on a forged check, pleaded guilty in circuit court here today and was sentenced by Judge Olyria Sweet to serve four years in prison. George Droyff, charged with a service station robbery at Umatilla, received a one-year sentence when he pleaded guilty.

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 (AP)—Strong indications of export buying of United States hard winter wheat at the Gulf of Mexico gave a stubborn undertone to grain values today despite fractional downturns.

Helping to steady the wheat market was an official statement that the domestic wheat crop this season would be probably 18 to 20 per cent smaller than last year. Average production was estimated at 10 to 15 per cent, with the crop condition 8 to 10 per cent off.

Wheat closed steady at the same as yesterday's finish to 3/8c lower, corn 3/4c down, oats 1/4c off to 1/2c up, and provisions showing 1/2 to 10 cents advance.