

LOCAL BRIEFS

Returns To School—Miss Amanda Zabel, who has been quite ill at her apartment, returned to her duties at the Eastern Oregon Normal school this morning.

Move To Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hughes and sons, who have been living in La Grande the past few months, have moved to the farm of Mrs. Grace McAllister on the Cove avenue.

Accident—Cars driven by W. E. Roaholt, of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Charles Smith, of La Grande, collided on the highway near here Wednesday, according to a report to the police.

Working on Truck—The work of mounting the body of the small fire truck onto the new chassis received Sunday is going ahead, with the work under way at the city warehouse.

"Sour Milk and Soda"—Rev. Mr. Cutler spoke last night to a full house, taking for his subject the unique theme "Sour Milk and Soda" and compared the sweetening effect of soda on sour milk to the effect of love and forgiveness in the life of the church.

From Baker—C. J. Dempsey, state humane officer with headquarters at Baker, was in La Grande yesterday to check up on a complaint.

From California—Anna Mars, who has been in California for the last 15 years, is here to visit her father, John Mars, at 1810 Greenwood street.

Case on Trial—The case of the United States National bank vs. Arch Conley for the foreclosure of a mortgage was tried in the circuit court this morning.

James Mustard has returned to his home in Ontario after undergoing a cataract operation at the Bouvy hospital.

Has Operation—Mrs. Ora M. Snyder, of Caldwell, returned to her home yesterday after being confined for several days in the Bouvy hospital where she underwent an operation.

Tonsils Removed—Loren Bryant, of Huntington, was in La Grande recently and had his tonsils removed.

Receives Medical Attention—John F. Herbrick, of Union, received medical attention in La Grande yesterday.

Tonsils Out—Bruce Pierson, son of Kenneth Pierson, of Perry, had his tonsils removed yesterday at the Bouvy hospital.

Improving—Walker Franklin, of Enterprise, who received a fractured skull recently when he fell from a loading chute and landed on his head, is improving and having been unconscious or semi-conscious for about 14 days.

Returns to Portland—After a visit in La Grande, Miss Jean Chandler returned to Portland this morning where she is in a leading hospital.

Ill—Mrs. Clyde Hoppel is ill at her home of influenza. She became ill this morning.

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Gospel Mission—"Do not fail to be at the Gospel Mission for tonight's service when Evangelist W. W. Clark will speak on the subject, 'What Constitutes a New Testament Church?'"

Presbyterian Club—Mrs. Lynn Wright will present a program of cowboy music, with features by the Blue Mountain Wranglers and a quartet.

Visiting—Mrs. C. H. Stinson and son, John, arrived in La Grande yesterday for a visit of about a week's duration.

Mr. Greulich Here—John F. Greulich, of Pendleton, was in La Grande this morning and was exhibiting a picture of his young grandson, John F. Greulich, of Baker.

On Business—Among the business visitors in La Grande today is J. A. Kelly, who is with the Union Pacific system.

From Wallowa—W. F. Allen, joint representative from Union and Wallowa counties, was in La Grande today transacting business.

From Portland—A former resident, J. Gerber, of Portland, transacted business here today.

Eagles to Meet—Plans for two coming events will be completed tonight when the Eagles meet at 7:30 at the hall.

From Portland—Allen Cox, of Portland, left today for Baker, after transacting business in La Grande.

Business Visitor—Karl J. Stackland, of Cove, was a business visitor in La Grande last night.

From Walla Walla—Roger Folgate, of Whitman college, who will act as referee in the sub-district tournament this weekend in La Grande, will be accompanied from Walla Walla by Russell Nelson.

Former Superintendent—J. D. Stout, of Portland, for many years city superintendent of schools in La Grande, is in the city, visiting friends and transacting business.

Moose—About 30 members of the Baker Order of Moose visited in La Grande last night and were entertained at a delightful evening party at 8 o'clock at the Moose hall.

To Speak—Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will be the principal speaker tonight when the Masonic lodge of Baker presents a program on George Washington.

On Business—C. P. Andrews, of Walla Walla, is transacting business in La Grande. Mr. Andrews represents the Better Foods company, and is in the city in connection with preparing for the Kitchen Chautauqua which will be sponsored by the Observer on March 8, 9, 10 and 11 in La Grande.

Celebrate Anniversary—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Short celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday. As a special feature of the celebration radio station KHQ played "Silver Threads Among the Gold" and "When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver" on the pipe organ, and dedicated the two numbers to Mr. and Mrs. Short.

Ill—Mrs. Bert Groul is ill at her home of pneumonia.

Visiting—Mrs. Albert Hunter, of Salem, is a visitor in La Grande where she will be the guest of friends.

Attend Meeting—Misses Edith Happersett and Veri Rains have been spending the week in Portland and on Saturday and Sunday they will represent La Grande at the convention of the World Wide Guild of the Baptist church.

ENEMY BASE BOMBARDED BY CHINESE

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to Shanghai the sound of machine gun and rifle fire at intervals on the Kiangwan front.

The ground which the Japanese managed to hold through the western bulge of the right flank to a point due north of the western tip of Kiangwan.

Before they called a halt for the day the Japanese had gained about 600 yards in the face of vicious machine gun fire from the defenders.

Despite the fact that they had lost much of the day's gain, the Japanese high command described the day's advance as a "substantial victory."

At the Chinese headquarters there was jubilation over the resistance of the Kiangwan troops.

This morning the Japanese were throwing more men and sending heavier guns into the area north of Kiangwan.

Practically all the artillery and tanks which had been concentrated at the Kiangwan racecourse were moved into the northern sector.

The Japanese morning communique placed the day's casualties at 80 killed or wounded and said the Chinese losses probably would run between 300 and 400.

In the afternoon the Japanese threw their full force on the handful of defenders northwest of Kiangwan village.

The attack swept forward around the village, ripped through the line and virtually surrounded the Kiangwan garrison.

Then the attack halted for a time while the heavy guns continued their withering fire on the Chinese rear.

There were reports that two to three Japanese divisions were today or Saturday and that a big Japanese drive would begin next week.

Dispatches from Tokyo disclosing that the emperor had talked with General Yoshinori Shirozawa were taken here to mean that he would supersede Kenkichi Ueda in command of the army at Shanghai.

The Japanese sailors aboard the flagship Idzumo in the Whangpoo in front of the international settlement have taken the Chinese effort to bombard the ship seriously enough to don steel helmets and put up armor plate defenses on various parts of the vessel.

Salvors aboard the Italian warship Libia, struck by a Chinese shell but undamaged yesterday, also went about their chores of deck-scrubbing with steel helmets on their heads.

The battle of propaganda here also proceeds apace. The Chinese "victories" recorded daily in the Shanghai vernacular newspapers are counter-balanced by the news dispatches wired to Tokyo by Japanese agencies and special correspondents.

The Japanese have about 140 editors, reporters and photographers on the scene filing to their agencies and newspapers day and night.

NANKING, Feb. 25 (AP)—It was understood here today the national government would soon appoint Chiang Kai-shek, former president of China, as commander of Chinese forces assigned to the task of recovering lost territories in Manchuria.

The war office announced tonight that as a result of a strong attack by the Japanese in the vicinity of Miaochungchen, on the Shanghai "front," the Chinese retreated a "short distance."

"This afternoon," however, the announcement said, "the Chinese counter-attacked, driving the Japanese back after several hours of heavy fighting, the Chinese recovering their lost positions."

BANKERS' SHORT COURSE TO BEGIN

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for the morning session, with E. R. Jackman, farm crops extension specialist, giving the first address at 10 o'clock on "Forage Resources of the Blue Mountain Area."

The afternoon session will open at 1:30, with H. G. Avery, of La Grande, county agent, discussing "Marketing of Livestock From Farm Flock and Herd Standpoint."

A banquet will be served at 6:30 in the evening, with Eugene Courtney, member of the agricultural com-

mission, American Bankers association, as toastmaster. Dan H. Otis, director of agricultural commission of the American Bankers association will be the main speaker while the chairman for the event is Cliff Clarkson, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Oregon Bankers association.

Authorities on farming and farm marketing will attend the Blue Mountain Outlook conference on Saturday, Feb. 27, and the sessions will be held at 9 o'clock in the morning and 1:30 in the afternoon, ending with a round table discussion.

Among the speakers will be Paul V. Maris, director of extension at O. S. A. C.; L. E. Breithaupt, extension economist; H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman; E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist; F. L. Ballard, county agent leader. Among the problems to be discussed will be farming, sheep production, wheat, dairying, hog raising, turkeys and chickens, and the marketing of each.

Mid-week Lenten Service Tonight

This evening at 7:30 the third mid-week Lenten service will be held in the Zion Lutheran church. These services are short helpful periods of worship in which one may find fellowship with God.

Following the worship period there will be a social hour for all the members of the congregation and their friends. Here is an opportunity for members and visitors alike to get well acquainted with one another.

ADEQUACY OF 9-POWER PACT QUESTIONED

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per cent battleship ratio early in the conference, thereby leaving the Japanese delegation open to a charge of having laid all their trump cards down early in the game.

"Mr. Stimson displays an ignorance of the history of the Washington conference," he said.

The views of the Japanese government regarding the applicability of the nine power treaty to the present situation in China, he said, were presented clearly in paragraph seven of Tokyo's reply to the recent note of the league council.

"It would be equally impossible and undesirable to repudiate the Washington nine power treaty," he said.

"We cannot pretend, however, that this succinct treaty furnishes anything like a complete guide to international dealings with China."

"But in the present distracted state of that country, ravaged as it is by the rival ambitions of contending militarist schemes, the nine power treaty becomes inadequate. It contemplated some sort of cosmos where there never has really been anything but chaos."

"Therefore, while Japan is fully determined to live up to the provisions of the treaty as far as they go, she feels they do not go very far. We will have a new treaty, the product of a new conference like that of Washington, prove any more complete? We cannot help feeling in the kaleidoscopic state of affairs in China, that it might produce more harm than good to endeavor to lay down in conference fixed lines of conduct and detailed provisions for their application in that continually changing scene."

Welcomes Co-operation in Some Cases—"It is the settled policy of Japan to deal with each case as it arises by the simple method of direct negotiations with China."

"When the interests of other countries are involved Japan heartily welcomes their close co-operation. But it is feared that any attempt to frame rules for the multilateral and confounding affairs in China would be an undertaking whose magnitude would be out of proportion to its effective results."

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"For the same reason I do not think there would be much advantage in further definition of the terms employed in the nine power treaty. The existing terms seemed adequate when the treaty was framed and terms seeming adequate today may be wholly inappropriate six months hence. What is wanted rather is a frank recognition of the facts."

"The defect in the Washington treaty, it seems to me, is that it envisaged China not as it was but as the powers thought it ought to be. This has deprived that instrument of much of its value. To face the facts is the first requisite of statesmanship."

Recall Nanking Bombardment The spokesman recalled that in 1927 the American and British navies found it necessary to bombard Nanking, despite the nine power pact, when Chinese nationalist troops ran riot in that city.

He demanded to know how Japan could have invoked the nine power treaty for protection of her rights in Manchuria, and to whom she could have appealed.

"Certainly not to the Chinese as signatories of that pact," he said. "We do not believe we could have protected our rights except by direct action. Treaties do not remove a nation's fundamental right to act in self-defense."

As for the Manchurian issue, he asserted that Japan is doing nothing there in violation of the nine power treaty, and he added that Japan has no intention of infringing upon Chinese sovereignty in the region of Shanghai.

Tokyo, he said, contends that the powers signing the nine power pact in 1922 hardly could have taken the "naive" view that Chinese sovereignty and integrity actually existed at that time.

Rather, he went on, the powers stated at the time that they hoped the Chinese would work toward attainment of these objectives while the outside nations would refrain from any action which might interfere with Chinese efforts.

The spokesman remarked that Mr. Stimson appears to believe the Chinese still are able to achieve full sovereignty and territorial integrity if they are left to their own resources.

In the desire that China achieve strength and peace and unity, said the spokesman, Japan differs in no way from the United States in spirit—she merely advocates different methods.

Music Week Plans Are Considered

Preliminary plans for the local observance of national music week were made last night when the Neighborhood club committee, of which Mrs. R. S. Eakin is chairman, met at 7:15 at the home of Mrs. S. B. Morgan, president of the club.

In 1931 music week was observed by the service clubs, schools, churches and other organizations, in addition to evening programs by local musicians during every evening of the week.

Plans at present are at least one evening program will be furnished by a group of Baker singers; and others by the music departments of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the La Grande High school.

Members of the committee assisting Mrs. Eakin are Mrs. W. W. Nussbaum and Miss Jennie Peterson, director of music at the Normal school.

SHERIFF HOME FROM TRIP TO STATE PRISON

After taking John Owen and Keith Crosswhite to Salem, Sheriff Jesse Breshears, Sergeant J. A. Robertson of the state police, and W. E. Ledbetter, county commissioner, returned last night to La Grande.

Sheriff Breshears stated this morning that they arrived in Salem without any undue trouble after leaving La Grande very early Monday morning.

While at the state capital they went through the state penitentiary, suffered a severe back injury,

and Mr. Breshears transacted official business with Secretary of State Hal E. Ross.

Owen and Crosswhite are sentenced to serve a life term in the state penitentiary for the murder of Amos Helms, state policeman.

AGED MAN IMPROVING

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—The condition of Edward Hayes, 70, who leaped from a second-story window of a residence Tuesday night to escape flames which destroyed the house, was said by hospital attendants to be satisfactory today. He suffered a severe back injury,

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