

TOWLER WILL MOVE MAR. 18 TO ASTORIA

Principal of La Grande
High Resigns to Take
New Position.

ARNOLD GRALAPP TO SUCCEED HIM

Action Taken on Resignation
at Meeting of
Board of Education
Here on Thursday.

E. D. Towler, principal of La Grande High school for the last 12 years, resigned yesterday in order to accept an offer to become principal of the Astoria High school.

At a special meeting last night the La Grande board of education regrettably accepted his resignation in order to allow Mr. Towler to take advantage of the call to Astoria, and then elected Arnold Gralapp, head of the science department of La Grande High, as Mr. Towler's successor.

The change in principalship here will take effect on the 18th of March.

Successor Here

Mr. Towler's period as an executive in the La Grande High school has been marked by a steady gain in both efficiency and scholarship records in the local institution and many friends here regret to see him leave, although congratulating him upon his new position. Mrs. Towler, his wife, has been very active in women's club work here, serving as president of the Neighborhood club, P. T. C. City council and other organizations.

Mr. Gralapp, who came here four years ago, is well qualified to take the position of principal. He has been head of the science department since coming to La Grande and also has taken a prominent part in civic activities. Both he and Mr. Towler are members of the Lions club.

Mr. Gralapp's appointment is for the remainder of this year and also the 1932-33 school term.

Mr. Gralapp's position in the science department will be filled, at least temporarily, by a substitute teacher, J. T. Longfellow, superintendent, announced today.

MUCH THAWING IN LA GRANDE DURING NIGHT

The fourth day of thawing weather in La Grande opened this morning with more snow crusted during the last 24 hours than at any time during the winter period. A light rain fell during the night, but the mercury did not drop below 37 above, and the thawing continued uninterrupted through the night. It was the third day with the minimum not lower than freezing. On Tuesday morning the reading showed a minimum of 32 above and the low yesterday morning was 34 above. The maximum during the last four days was ranged from 52 to 44 above.

In the residential sections the snow has melted very rapidly, particularly where not tramped down and where drainage is good. Rivers are expected to be carrying a heavy load from now on but there is no likelihood of floods as yet, it is reported. Much of the moisture is going into the ground, which is not frozen as much as in normal winters, but a good deal of the water is running off.

Oregon Secretary Guest of Lodge

A. W. Jones, secretary of the Oregon Elks association, was a visitor at the La Grande lodge when they met last night at the temple. Mr. Jones, whose headquarters are in Salem, spoke on the importance of Elksdom in the state.

March 17 the George Washington prosperity class will be initiated into the lodge, and five more applications were received last night. Sherwood Williams, exalted ruler, stated today.

Casey Jones, state president, of Baker, was expected to attend the tonight was Saturday; continued warm; fresh and strong south winds offshore.

Plans for the next dance were made, and the date will be announced, following a meeting of the committee in the near future, Robert Carey, said this morning.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy and unsettled, with occasional rains in the north and west portions tonight and Saturday; continued warm; fresh and strong south winds offshore.
WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—43 above.
Minimum: 37 above.
Condition: Cloudy.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 53, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .03 of inch. Range—19 degrees.
WEATHER FEB. 26, 1932
Maximum 37, minimum 22 above.
Condition: Cloudy, snow one-half inch; moisture .08 of inch. Range—15 degrees.

La Grande And Enterprise Win Opening Games

Tigers Nose Out Imbler
23 to 22 But Savages
Have Easy Time in Win-
ning, 31 to 12.

La Grande High school barely nosed out Imbler this morning 23 to 22 in the opening game of the sub-district basketball tournament at the L. D. B. Recreation hall. As a result, the Tigers will play Enterprise at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in the second round, as Enterprise defeated Wallowa at 10:30 this morning 31 to 12.

Cove, Joseph, North Powder and Elgin will see action earlier this afternoon.

The La Grande-Imbler game was a thriller throughout with only a few points separating the teams at any time.

La Grande held a 4 to 3 lead at the end of the first quarter but the score was knotted at halftime, 9 to 9, due to three points scored by Burnett in the closing minutes of the period.

Imbler came back strong in the third period to hold a 16 to 13 lead at the end of the third quarter. Imbler remained ahead until Fox put the Tigers ahead 19 to 18 with three minutes to play. Then Wagner shot two free throws to give the invading quintet a one-point margin. Stoddard came back with a field goal and Munsell duplicated, putting the Tigers ahead 23 to 20. Less than a minute before the end of the game Conklin, of Imbler, counted on a shot from the floor.

Summary:

	Fg	Pt	Reb	St
Wagner, f	3	3	3	9
Conklin, c	2	0	2	4
Woodell, c	0	0	2	0
McKinnis, g	1	1	0	3
Jackson, g	2	2	2	6

La Grande:

	Fg	Pt	Reb	St
Fox, f	1	0	1	2
Stoddard, f	5	0	2	10

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Union M.I.A. Is Winner of Stake Basketball Title

The Union M. I. A. basketball team won the stake championship here last night by defeating the Imbler M. I. A. 38 to 29 in a thrilling game.

The scoring was close throughout the first half, which ended with Union leading 20 to 16. In the third quarter Imbler rallied and ended the period ahead, 26 to 22. Then, in the final period, Union found the basket consistently and scored 12 points while Imbler made but three.

This concludes the M. I. A. basketball league games of the winter.

An all-star first team was picked last night, with the two Wyldes brothers, of Union, at center and forward; Perry, of Imbler, at the other forward; Conrad and M. Westenskow, both of Imbler, at guard positions.

In the game last night Wyldes, center, starred for Union with Conrad and Perry playing best for Imbler. Goodbrod and Keown officiated.

It also was announced that the L. H. S. seniors, coached by Everett Keown, will play the Union M. I. A. here next Monday at 7:30 o'clock.

Can Eliminate Drudgery From Kitchen, Claim

The modern housewife has been slower to take advantage of labor-saving devices and time-saving opportunities in the kitchen than she has anywhere else in her home, believes Miss Heath, noted home economist whose personal appearance in La Grande is being eagerly awaited by hundreds of local home makers.

During the installation of a strict kitchen system and the planning of mandatory meal, hours, modern housewives would find that there is no such thing as drudgery in the kitchen, the economist declares.

Compact kitchens, even those of the smallest apartments, are now installed with the latest scientific devices, and modern cupboards that permit Mrs. Thompson to be within reach of the maximum number of utensils and materials with the minimum amount of effort.

More Installations Needed

However, the average housewife has not yet installed enough of a system in her kitchen, Miss Heath believes.

"And," she says, "cooking becomes the simplest thing in the world when you have everything set just in the shape and order in which you want it, and spend just ten minutes in the morning planning what you are going to have for every meal that day. The funny part about it is that arranging your kitchen and home-making that the average business man applies in the mechanics of his own business. Offices are now arranged to use a large number of

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Ott Funeral Will Be Held Saturday

The funeral of Joseph Ott, who passed away Thursday, will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 at the church of Our Lady of the Valley with Rev. Father Nooy in charge. Interment 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.

BANKERS AND FARMERS IN CONFERENCE

Agricultural Short Course
Opens at Sacajawea
Inn at 10:00.

E. R. JACKMAN IS OPENING SPEAKER

Reviews Acreage Available
and Stock Grown
in Union, Baker, Wal-
lowa and Grant Counties

Thirty farmers, bankers and authorities in the field of agriculture met this morning for the Blue Mountain District Bankers' agricultural short course at the Sacajawea Inn at 10 o'clock. Meetings will continue this afternoon. Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock the Blue Mountain Outlook conference will open with representatives from leading industries of Eastern Oregon in attendance.

"Forage Resources of the Blue Mountain Area" were discussed by E. R. Jackman, farm crops extension specialist, who included in his talk a review of the acreage available and the stocks grown in Union, Baker, Wallowa and Grant counties. By the use of grain as feed, Union county has enough land to furnish feed for livestock. The land in Grant, Baker and Wallowa county goes largely for feed.

R. G. Johnson Jr., county agent

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LEGION POST IN RELIEF PROGRAM

Launches Campaign to
Secure Work For Unem-
ployed in La Grande.

The American Legion, assisted by the American Legion auxiliary, the American Federation of Labor and the National Association of Advertisers, is waging a war on depression through the re-establishment of confidence to secure the resumption of normal buying. Normal Deslett, chairman of the unemployment committee of the local post, states in explaining the local aspects of the drive, "To re-establish confidence it is necessary to put one million unemployed wage earners back at work, and that is the immense undertaking which the American Legion has started, he added.

The drive will be sponsored by the national organization of the legion, but will function through the local post. Mr. Deslett said. Anyone in La Grande having any job of work to do, large or small, that will put some man or woman to work is asked to notify Otis Palmer, service officer of the American Legion, and some person, who is in need of funds, will be immediately assigned to the job. Through this method Mr. Deslett points out that everyone in the city can do his part in the war against depression.

"Help now," the legionnaires urge, "and your aid in helping to gain our first objective will be given national recognition. All who employ one or

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COLUMBIA U. DOWNS E. O. N. THURSDAY 33-21

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball team last night completed an unsuccessful invasion of the west, losing to Columbia University, 33 to 21. The La Grande team played four games and was unable to hit the win column. They played Albany college, Oregon Normal twice, and Columbia.

Medford, Eastern Oregon forward, again starred for his team as he did in the other western games. The temperature mounted to 63 degrees here Thursday, the warmest day of the current year. Last night's minimum was 51 degrees.

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Soviet Government Makes Formal Demand Upon Jap Ambassador

By Stanley P. Richardson
(Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Soviet government, it was learned today, made a formal demand last Wednesday on Koki Hirota, Japanese ambassador, for an explanation of a proposal of the Japanese command in Manchuria to use the Chinese Eastern railway, partly Russian owned, for troop transportation, charging that "in reality the troops were expected to be sent to the Soviet border."

The request for an explanation was made by L. M. Karakhan, Soviet acting commissar for foreign affairs. It was revealed today following the publication in Moscow newspapers of reports from the correspondent of the Tass (Russian) news agency at Peking that a "White" Russian force was being recruited in Northern Man-

churia under Japanese auspices to invade Vladivostok and the Russian province of Primor.

The dispatch to the Tass agency from Peking was dated February 23, two days before acting Commissar Karakhan's request, although it was published only yesterday.

M. Karakhan's conversation with the Japanese ambassador was verbal. He charged that the "White" Russian activities were being carried on in Manchuria "under the protection and with the direct support of the Japanese." For this he also requested an explanation from the Japanese government.

Besides this, he said, Japanese military authorities of Harbin proposed a contract with the Chinese Eastern railway to transport regular troops at a reduction of 50 per cent

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Reed Attempts To Build Up Positive Alibi

Alleged Killer of Ashland
Policeman Says He Was
in Police Station Night
of Murder.

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Attacks upon the credibility of one of the chief prosecution witnesses and efforts to establish a positive alibi for the defendant formed the framework of defense thrown up about Albert W. Reed, of Denver, on trial here for murder.

The defense structure was begun in a special session of circuit court last night. It is expected it will be completed and the case given to the jury by tonight.

Reed, accused of killing Victor Knott, Ashland policeman, was the chief witness in his own behalf last night. He denied participation in the crime and told in detail his movements in Ashland the night of November 18, last, when Knott was killed.

Reed arrived in the city about 10:30 p. m. with Lee Jackson and Paul McQuade, he testified. Jackson and McQuade also are under indictment for Knott's murder but have not been captured.

Sees Companions

While Reed went in search of the automobile registration bureau in Ashland, Jackson, who was surly with liquor, and McQuade, who was intoxicated, drove away in the car which the three owned jointly. Reed testified. While he was walking about the city looking for them Reed heard the police siren and presently saw his companions speeding southward in their car. He called them but they did not heed him.

Fearing something was wrong Reed got his coat and cap, which were similar to those worn by his companions, and his revolver and went to the police station. There he learned Knott had been killed.

Reed said he was in the station from 11 p. m. until 2 o'clock in the morning when he left and sought a place about the car Jackson and McQuade had taken because it was owned jointly and he did not want to accuse them falsely. He did not make himself known, he said, because he heard talk of lynching.

Layman Recalled

Reed said he had talked to Ray Layman in the police station. Layman, Ashland policeman, testified earlier that Reed was the man who killed Knott but when recalled last

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Highway Heads Will Make Trip To East Oregon

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, and E. B. Aldrich of Pendleton, Eastern Oregon member, will inspect routes in the eastern part of the state next week, the chairman said here last night. Among the projects to be looked into, Scott said, was the Wallula cut-off highway, which has been held in abeyance pending further study.

Scott stopped here on his way north from an inspection of Southern Oregon highways made with Carl G. Washburne, Eugene member of the board. While here he studied the highway shops situation and visited other offices of the highway department here. Scott has been spending all his time since his appointment 10 days ago, on highway matters, he said.

Material reduction in the number of employees of the state highway department will be made shortly by the new highway commission, Scott indicated while conferring with H. Baldock, newly named highway engineer who succeeds Roy Klein March 1. Scott said the trimming of the department staff corresponded with

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Willamette Law School In Doubt

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Increased endowment must be provided for the Willamette university law school or that part of the university may be abandoned, the investigation committee appointed by the board of trustees, today announced that the committee's report is expected within a short time at which time, it was reported, this feature will be one of the major issues.

The committee, it was learned, while not unanimous in its decision about abandoning the school if new sources of endowment are not forthcoming, agreed that the Willamette law school should be made standard. Immediate standardization was favored by the majority, which would mean an increased cost annually of about \$5000. Judge John H. Carey is chairman of the investigating committee.

The committee at its meeting here this week noted that only four Willamette law students were admitted to the bar this year. The school's operating expense is \$11,000 annually and full regular teachers are employed. The committee thought the per capita cost of such instruction high.

Weather 63 Above At Pendleton, Ore.

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Credit Expansion Bill Up to Hoover

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Congressional action on the credit expansion bill was completed today. The senate approved the conference report adjusting differences over legislation between the two branches of congress within an hour after the house had given its formal approval. This measure opening the way for new credit for the nation's banks from the federal reserve system and freeing millions in gold for new currency now goes to the White House.

President Hoover was expected to sign it quickly.

HOUSE APPROVES BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The house today adopted the conference report on the Glass-Steagall bill expanding federal reserve credit leaving senate approval only between the legislation and the White House.

PHILIPPINES BILL APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The senate territories committee approved a bill today providing for Philippine independence within 19 years.

RASKOB SAYS G. O. P. EYING REFERENDUM

Hears That Hoover May
Run For Re-election on
Such a Platform.

DEFENDS HIS OWN "HOME RULE" PLAN

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 26 (AP)—The Republican state committee adopted a resolution today recommending the New Jersey delegation to the national convention be pledged to the renomination of President Hoover and to repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic national committee, hears "on good information" that President Hoover will run for re-election on a prohibition referendum platform "if his party should adopt such a platform."

The statement was made by Raskob following a speech before the New York Democratic club.

The Democratic chairman offered the comment in answer to a question about the advisability of the Democratic party's pushing Raskob's home rule in a year when the party has "unusual opportunities" for success.

"On Good Information

Raskob's reply was to state he had "on good information," that President Hoover has expressed his willingness to run on a platform that contained a "wet" plank. He pointed out that the president has been regarded by drys as their leader, and that if he should run on a platform favoring a referendum on prohibition the drys would consider him "a Judas, and will vote for the devil before they vote for him."

As far as his own home rule plan

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Judge Knowles Is A Candidate For Re-election

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, Republican, today announced that he would file for re-nomination in the Republican primary election in May. Judge Knowles, who is just completing a six-year term, is one of the best known jurists in the state. Incidentally, he has one of the best if not the best record as regards a minimum of reversals from the supreme court.

WALLOWA ELK HARD TO NAB; JUMP FENCES

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 26 (Special)—The job of capturing seven young elk at the head of Wallowa lake has turned out to be like corralling jackalopes. C. C. Howell and Sons have the contract to catch the animals and haul them by truck to Bend for the state game commission, says the Record-Chief.

Frank Harsin and Irving and Gene Howell had it all planned out. They spread hay in the corral and the elk walked into the trap, five calves and two yearlings. Game Warden George M. Rogers said that was just what they wanted and the bars were put up and it looked as if the job was finished.

But on the next visit three of the lively creatures had gone and when the poles were let down so they could be lured back in, the other four walked out, and the trap was empty again. A cow elk was in the enclosure when the men came to it once and she jumped over the pole fence so easily that they could see what the trouble was. Mr. Harsin and J. A. Hopkins put a couple more poles on top of the fence and think the calves cannot jump over now.

Portland Schools On Warrant Basis

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Portland school district was on a warrant basis today.

At a special meeting Thursday the board authorized the payment by warrants of \$768,226 due on short term notes, bond principal and interest.

Today the payroll of electricians and carpenters was met with warrants, and teachers and office employees will be paid in the same manner.

The largest banks here announced the warrants will be maintained at face value. The district will be on a warrant basis until tax money becomes available on May 6.

SEEKS TOGA



Thousands of Shriners throughout the country are watching the campaign of Leo V. Youngworth, above, of Los Angeles in the race for United States senator from California. Youngworth was Imperial potentate of the Shrine in 1929-30.

EARTH SLIDE IS FATAL TO SIX

George Johnson and Three
Sons Killed North of
Issaquah, Wash.

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 (AP)—Six persons met death yesterday and today in snow and earth slides in Western Washington caused by sudden high temperatures, melting snow in the mountains and extraordinarily heavy rains, loosening earth and rock.

Mrs. Johnson and another son, George, 15, screamed for aid for two hours before neighbors rescued them. They were in the upper half of the house when a 60-foot wall of water and rock sheared it off and swept it 100 feet away.

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 (AP)—An earth slide killed George Johnson and his three young sons today when they carried their house down a hillside at High Point, a lumber village six miles north of Issaquah. Workmen recovered the bodies of two of the boys and the two other bodies were still being sought.

Reports from Issaquah, about 12 miles southeast of Seattle, said the family was asleep in its side hill home when hundreds of tons of earth and rocks engulfed the house without warning and buried the inmates. It was not known here whether there

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BRITISH MAKE PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Great Britain's protest against the Japanese ultimatum to the Chinese government, made at Tokyo today, urging Japan to land no more troops in the international settlement at Shanghai and to move the Japanese flagpole so it will not attract Chinese shells fired into the settlement, was taken here to show that Great Britain is assuredly in agreement with America's Far Eastern policy.

Sir John Simon, British minister of foreign affairs, asked United States participation in further representations to Japan. Secretary Stimson instructed Ambassador Fobes at Tokyo to join with Great Britain, France and Italy in this further effort to safeguard the international settlement.

70 Feared Drowned In Hooghly River

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 26 (AP)—Seventy persons were feared drowned today as a result of the capsizing in the river Hooghly of a motor launch carrying 100 factory workers. Up to this afternoon only 30 had been rescued alive.

Japanese Buying Food in Mazatlan

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26 (AP)—The newspaper Excelsior said today correspondents from commercial houses in Mazatlan, state of Sinaloa, had reported the arrival there of numerous agents buying large quantities of shrimp, dried tomatoes, dried fish and chickpeas for the Japanese forces now engaged in action in China.

The report said business has been much improved by the purchases.

Bruening Winner In Confidence Vote

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (AP)—A communist non-confidence motion against the Bruening government was defeated in the reichstag today by a vote of 289 to 264.

Missing Fliers Safe; Located Near Atlin, B. C.

William Graham and Mrs.
Edna Christofferson
Forced Down on Shores
of Small Lake.

ATLIN, B. C., Feb. 26 (AP)—An 11-day enforced stay in severe weather on the shores of a small lake, brought about when the fuel supply of their plane gave out, was ended today and William Graham and Mrs. Edna Christofferson, missing fliers, were safe here.

Forced down on the afternoon of the 15th on the frozen surface of a lake 40 miles east of here, the two were found yesterday by Pilot S. H. Aestlin. He located them three hours after leaving here and on a replenished gas supply, Graham flew their plane to Atlin.

While both suffered hardships, from the storms and sub-zero weather, they said, they were neither worse for the experience.

To Stay a Few Days

A few days stay will be made here, Graham said. The two, Graham of Nome, Alaska, and Mrs. Christofferson of Portland, Ore., were bound on a flight to Port Barrow, Alaska, in search of an abandoned fur ship, and were on a hop from Hazelton to Atlin when forced down.

Nearing here, after being last sighted over Nahlin, 100 miles to the south a week ago last Monday, the two said they could see Atlin lake, their destination. Because of a strong wind and lessened gas supply, however, they were forced to come down and await rescue.

Deep snow made the use of dog teams impossible, and only from the air could the fliers be found.

Four Countries Ask Japanese To Respect District

TOKYO, Feb. 26 (AP)—The American, British, French and Italian ambassadors to Japan visited the foreign office today and communicated to Foreign Minister Yoshizawa the desire of their governments that Japan do its utmost to keep the military operations at Shanghai outside the borders of the international settlement.

The Japanese were asked to move the warships lying in the Whangpoo off the international settlement to positions where they would not attract Chinese shells which might fall inside the settlement.

Not Considered Protest

The memoranda were confined to local problems of the Shanghai situation, avoiding mention of the larger issues involved and were not considered as protests. It was understood the American ambassador acted on instructions from Washington as a result of consultations by the four governments.

The ambassadors called separately and each presented a memorandum. The memoranda were not identical, but were of similar tenor. It was understood they expressed appreciation for the Japanese command's efforts to keep the fighting area outside the settlement and hoped it would continue to do so.

They also requested that any further Japanese troops arriving at Shanghai be disembarked outside the settlement.

Expect Russia To Begin Buying Grain

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Journal said today absolute removal of Russia as a wheat market competitor and a serious possibility of the soviets becoming a purchaser of foreign grain, appears more or less assured.

The rapidly changing international wheat market, the paper said, is somewhat bewildering the trade. "Here and there the market for today appears weak in spots; elsewhere it is quite strong. Short selling appears confined to the professional clique with the public more or less interested in the up-side of the market."

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (AP)—Sensational upturn of wheat values in various European continental markets today helped give sustained firmness to prices here late today.

Wheat at Hamburg closed 4 1/2 cents higher, Copenhagen, 4 1/2 cents up, and Genoa showing 7 1/2 cents rise. Further export interest in United States hard winter wheat at the Gulf of Mexico was intensified. Some Kansas points sent word that grasshoppers had appeared in large numbers.

Wheat closed steady at the same as yesterday's finish to 3/4 cent lower, corn 1/4 to 3/4 cent unchanged to 1/4 cent down, and provisions 2 to 32 cents up.

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—May wheat was a bear target for the day. On the Portland futures market it closed 1/4 cent lower while others were advanced. May sales totaled 11,000 bu. July closed with a rise of 1/4 cent to a new high as did the September.

Cash wheat was unchanged on the merchants exchange. This is the first time in an extended period that full values are listed.

JAPAN GAINS LOST DURING NIGHT BATTLE

Chinese Launch Slashing
Counter-Attack Just
After Midnight.

DRIVE JAPS FROM MIAOCHANGCHEN

Meanwhile, American Women
Are Willingly Aid-
ing in Caring For
Wounded Soldiers.

By Morris J. Harris
(Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, Saturday, Feb. 27 (AP)—In a slashing counter-attack just after midnight the Chinese army drove the enemy out of the Miaochangchen sector this morning and held on against desultory machine gun fire.

"We can't claim any great gain," said General Tsi Ting-Kai in an early morning communique, "but we have succeeded in ousting the Japanese from the Miaochangchen sector during a counter-attack. The outcome of Friday's fighting was more than gratifying."

20-FOOT ROAD ACCEPTED BY COMMUNITIES

WOODBURN, Feb. 26 (AP)—The 20-foot pavement project for a portion of the Pacific highway north of Salem is now planned by the state highway commission was voted acceptable at a meeting of representatives of communities between Salem and Portland here last night. A four-lane highway demand of the commission was previously voted down by a close vote.

Mayor P. M. Gregory, of Salem, introduced and urged the adoption of a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three to appear before the commission to demand consideration of a four-lane highway between Salem and Portland. Gregory declared the present system was inadequate to handle the traffic. His resolution was defeated after a lengthy debate.

Warning against too much agitation under present conditions was voiced by Colonel W. A. Aird, of Oregon City. He presented figures to show that the Pacific highway this year would receive approximately \$768,000 out of a total of \$892,000 to be expended by the commission.