

RELIEF BILL APPROVED BY HOUSE GROUP

Measure Would Release 40,000,000 Bushels of Farm Board Wheat.

RED CROSS ASKED TO LEND ITS AID

Distribution Question Answered By Chairman Payne—Also Speaks on Norbeck Bill.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1 (AP)—A senate bill to release 40,000,000 bushels of government wheat to the Red Cross for relief distribution was approved today by the house agriculture committee 15 to 6.

The action reversed a previous rejection of the measure by a 14 to 9 ballot.

The bill was amended to provide that part of the wheat may be used for livestock feeding in crop failure areas. This applies particularly to the Dakotas, Nebraska, Montana, Iowa, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.

Setting Maximum Limit
The measure would allow the Red Cross to requisition the wheat from time to time as needed with a maximum limit of 40,000,000 bushels.

Chairman John Barton Payne, of the American Red Cross, told the committee the president's plan for raising community chest funds for unemployed had left the rural areas without any organized help and his organization was lending a hand.

"The president's plan for raising community chest funds applied only to cities of 25,000 and over," Payne said. "It left the rural areas without any organized help. We felt that was a very large order for the Red Cross, but we sent out field representatives and organized these areas."

"We have been carrying on such organizations in 1850 counties in every state. That is about half the country."

Willing To Help
Payne, testifying on the Norbeck bill to use 5,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat to help those in crop failure areas of the northwest, said his organization was willing to distribute the grain if it would not have to bear the expense of distribution.

"The Red Cross will not favor or oppose any legislation," he said. "We will accept a commodity allotment from the government, but we will not accept a cash donation."

The Norbeck measure is designed

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FIRE DAMAGES 3-ROOM HOUSE EARLY TODAY

The fire department answered a call to the Sacajawea Inn block at 1:05 o'clock this morning to extinguish a fire in a three-room residence on the alley back of the Jacobsen home. The blaze started in the woodshed adjoining the house and entered the bedroom. Some damage was done but the fire was extinguished quickly.

The house was occupied by Mrs. Higgins.

The department was called to a room over the "Hiffin" at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon where paper around a stove caught fire. There was no damage.

Call Assembly To Boost Mimir Sales

An assembly, designed to create additional interest in the sale of the L. H. S. Mimir, was held at the High school this morning. The sale has been under way for the last two weeks and will close Mar. 10. The yearbooks will come off the press in May.

Edna Brown, editor of the Mimir, spoke during the assembly, and musical numbers made up the remainder of the program as follows: vocal solos, Bob Ward and Nick Hughes, accompanied by W. W. Nusbbaum; violin solo, Alice Jeanette Cooper, accompanied by Maelizabeth Cooper; and cornet solo, Roy Scully, accompanied by Mrs. Grace Mastrom. The High school band played three numbers.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably with occasional rain; normal temperatures; fresh south to west winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m. 28 above.
Minimum 26 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 40, minimum 32 above.

Condition: Cloudy, traces of snow, precipitation .15 of an inch. Range—8 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 1, 1931
Maximum 56, minimum 30 above.

Condition: Clear. Range—26 degrees.

La Grande Will Meet Bobcats In Tourney Game

Drawings For Hoop Play Completed—Baker and La Grande in Opposite Brackets.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday
3:00—Ontario vs. Nyssa.
4:00—La Grande vs. Union.
5:00—Baker vs. Joseph.
6:00—Richland vs. North Powder.

Friday
9:30 and 10:30—Thursday's losers play, with two to be eliminated.
2:30 and 3:30—Thursday's winners play, no eliminations.
7:30, 8:30 and 9:30—Remaining six teams play, two to be eliminated.

Saturday
2:30 and 3:30—Semi-final games. One or two teams to be eliminated.
8:30—Championship game.

"If a 15th game is necessary to determine the championship, it will be played Monday, Mar. 7, at 8 p. m."

Places in the first round of the district championship basketball tournament to be played at Union Thursday afternoon and evening, were determined at a drawing held here last night attended by coaches.

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Miss Heath To Devote One Day To Baking Art

One of the oldest culinary arts, one that is known to nearly every nation regardless of racial background, is that of baking. The woman who is a mistress of the baking art cooks all-in-the-oven meals with a little time and effort—she puts her meal in her automatically regulated oven, sets time and

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U. P. Plans Not Good News For Portland Area

PORTLAND, Mar. 1 (AP)—Word from New York Monday that the Union Pacific system plans to unify operations of the Oregon Shortline, the O-W. R. & N., the Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad and the St. Joseph and Grand Island, confirmed rumors that they have been heard here for several months.

The trend toward more centralized control of the units of the Union Pacific has been evident for some months in eliminations, transfers and consolidation of men and officers of the O-W. R. & N. The general feeling has developed here that while such unification will have a depressing effect in the Portland area, it is inevitable.

J. F. O'Brien, general manager of the O-W. R. & N., said he has not been advised of what consolidation plans, if any, the home office has in mind. It is believed unlikely that the title of general manager will be abolished here with the retirement of O'Brien who will have reached the pension age on May 1.

It is expected the operation of the Portland shops, already under a suspended status at Postville, will not be materially affected. System headquarters, it is expected, will remain at Omaha.

Blast Ice Jams In Grande Ronde River

Ice jams in the Grande Ronde river are relieving the unemployment situation somewhat, S. B. Morgan, county roadmaster, stated this morning. Ice from up the river has piled up in the stream at Pine Cone, Hayes bridge, and at another point four miles above the bridge, and an emergency crew and the Mt. Emily road crew have been sent to blast the jams.

The jam at Pine Cone was broken up early yesterday morning without damage, while the crews are still working on the others.

The ice must be broken up, Mr. Morgan stated, because if the water rises in the river, the ice is likely to break up and carry away the bridges. The river is sufficiently low at present that no danger is feared from the flow.

Only 3 Prisoners In County Jail

Only three prisoners are confined in the county jail at present, the smallest number of inmates since last summer, Union county officers report. They do not attribute the falling off of the numbers at the county bastille to a general improvement of morals, but to the fact "that prisoners, like prosperity, come and go."

During the past year the prison lists have shown more than 20 occupants at one time, while the biggest "rush" was experienced last fall.

The three prisoners now are Mrs. Hoy, a Chinese woman who is being held for the immigration service; George Brice, negro, held for larceny; and Frank Miller, held on a liquor charge.

ALBERT REED FACING LIFE TERM IN PEN

Slayer of Ashland Policeman Found Guilty of Murder Charge.

SECOND DEGREE VERDICT RETURNED

Jury Out 20 Hours Before Reaching Agreement After Trial That Lasted One Week.

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Albert W. Reed, 26, of Denver, was convicted of second degree murder by a circuit court jury here today for the slaying of Victor Knott, Ashland policeman.

The penalty for second degree murder is imprisonment for life, the court having no discretion in pronouncing sentence.

Knott was shot to death last Nov. 18 when he surprised a group of men lurking near a warehouse. Testifying in his behalf Reed blamed two companions, Paul McQuade and Lee Jackson, both of Denver, for the killing. They were indicted but have not been captured. Reed testified he was not at the scene of the shooting. The trial lasted a week. The defense announced a motion for a new trial will be filed.

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IRVINE HERE FOR ADDRESS TONIGHT

Blind Editor to Give Main Speech at Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

B. Frank Irvine, whom all newspaper men in the state regard with veneration because of his wide store of knowledge, his wit and his diversified activities, has a score of friends in Union county who probably will fill the dining room of the La Grande hotel to capacity this evening, when the blind editor of the Oregon Journal delivers the main address at the annual banquet of the Union county chamber of commerce, which begins at 8:30. Mr. Irvine arrived in La Grande this morning and was escorted about the city by his friend, President H. E. Inlow, while he called on other friends in political, judicial and business circles in the city.

Mr. Irvine, who tonight will deliver his first address in La Grande since war times, will speak on "Shanghai," discussing the present situation, not only in China and Japan, but the general situation of disarmament. The blind editor is well versed on present economic conditions, probably being one of the best informed men in the state.

In 1880, he pointed out this morning, the expense of the army was \$38,000,000, and of the navy was \$13,000,000.

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Market Meet To Be Held On March 3 and 4

"Co-operative marketing associations of Union county have gross annual sales of close to a half million dollars," says H. G. Avery, county agent. "All these associations have been organized since 1921."

Farm people and business men are particularly interested in the marketing conference to be held in La Grande on March 3 and 4 at the Sacajawea Inn. At this time representatives of each of the co-operative associations have been invited to appear on the program. It is expected that the session will have the effect of bringing first hand information about the work and problems of each marketing association before farmers as a whole. It is also believed that this type of meeting will serve to call more active support for the associations from farmers and others who are interested in the success of this movement.

An estimate of sales showing the

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Expedition to Hunt Fire-Breathing Dragons in Depths of The Atlantic

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 1 (AP)—Fire-breathing dragons, having forms conceived only in mythology but believed to exist in the inextinguishable depths of the Atlantic ocean off the Bermuda islands, will be sought by a scientific expedition to be headed this summer by Dr. William Beebe, noted deep-sea explorer of New York.

"During the work of our expedition last year, said Dr. Beebe, "we saw dimly huge shapes that came floating up from the depths. No one has seen them before and I feel sure that further work at deeper levels will reveal the presence of unknown monsters."

"We have already found creatures that answer all the description of medieval dragons. These things shoot a luminous substance out of their mouths like squids shoot their ink; they are covered with spines and are altogether fearsome."

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Wintry Weather Returns To The Northwest Area

Snow Falls in Eastern and Southern Oregon; Flood Danger is Checked in Washington.

After eight days of above normal temperatures, La Grande was given a taste of winter again yesterday and last night. Nearly half an inch of snow fell during the day and the minimum this morning was 28 above zero, following a minimum of 32 above Monday morning.

The sky was partly cloudy this morning, with the mercury soon rising over the freezing point. The weather forecast for tonight and Wednesday is for unsettled weather, probably with occasional rain, and normal temperatures.

Monday saw a general return to wintry weather in several sections of the state. Quite a bit of snow fell in Baker and in the Blue mountains, while the mercury at Pendleton dropped sharply.

However, March officially came in like a lamb as far as La Grande is concerned, and if the old saying is correct, it will go out like a lion—blustery, windy and generally stormy.

SNOW AT MEDFORD

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Snow was falling over the mountain areas of Jackson county this morning. Scattered, light flurries in the valley melted as they fell.

FLOOD DANGER ENDS

SEATTLE, Mar. 1 (AP)—With reports from all parts of the state of receding rivers and cooler weather, the flood situation in Washington took on a more cheerful aspect. "Near normal" was the weather forecast for the whole state and particularly in the mountainous regions.

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Priceless Gold Pieces Are Sold At Metal Value

LONDON, March 1 (AP)—One of the biggest bullion firms in London estimated today the British people own £1,000,000,000 in gold sovereigns and manufactured gold articles. He made his estimate on the basis of heavy sales of gold objects the last few days of England's gold rush.

Owners have sold ancient articles made by the old goldsmiths, taking advantage of the high price paid for gold and also embracing the opportunity to increase the country's gold supply.

Many owners of these ancient pieces have brought them to dealers to be turned into cash without being aware that they are worth far more as works of art. Among them are exquisite gold ornaments of India, and jeweled departure sets in the most delicate filigree, all offered for their metal value.

Dealers Warn Sellers
In some cases dealers have warned the sellers that they virtually were throwing away priceless works of art and have advised them to seek another market. Many pieces have gone into the melting pot in spite of these warnings, including some of the most delicate filigree, all offered for their metal value.

This unusual situation, paralleling that which developed in France six years ago at the time of the stabilization of the franc, was created by England's departure from the gold standard. The price of metal went up and those who are selling their trinkets now are actuated by the chance of a profit as well as an opportunity to increase the country's supply of gold.

Slides Cleared On Branchline Track

Branch line trains out of La Grande have been running from one to several hours late during the past four days because of snow slides near Minam, according to T. A. McKinstry, chief dispatcher. The slides have been caused recently by melting snow, sliding down the steep inclines along the road bed onto the track.

By the use of rotary plows the slides have all been cleared away now and the trains again are running on schedule.

Health Association Re-elects Officers

H. E. Dixon was re-elected president of the Union County Health association at a meeting at his office last night. W. W. Stevens, vice president; Mrs. R. F. Murphy, secretary; and Miss Nell Grinneth, treasurer, all were re-elected and will serve during the coming year.

Committees were appointed and the treasurer's report read. Miss Alice Marquardt, county health nurse, will furnish her complete report for publication later. Mr. Dixon announced this morning.

Delegates will be sent from the Union county association to the child welfare conference to be held in Portland in May, according to plans made last night, and the delegates will be selected later.

Members of the executive committee, appointed last night, are H. A. Zurbrick, B. S. Eakin, Mrs. George T. Cochran, Mrs. Lee Warnick, R. A. Wilkerson, Mrs. L. Denham, Mrs. C. E. Eberhard, of La Grande; Herman White, of North Powder; Mrs. Hugh Huron, of Imbler; James Hutchinson, of Union. The community chest committee is comprised of Mrs. J. Shafer, of Island City; Mrs. F. W. Keller, of Eight; Mrs. Huron, of Imbler; Mrs. Ed Miller, of Union; Mrs. Thomas Eddy, of Cove; and Mrs. Everett Wallinger, of Alice. Mrs. L. Denham was appointed as the nurses committee.

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SMITH GIVES CONSENT TO USE OF NAME

Former New York Governor to Appear on Massachusetts Ballot.

GOVERNOR MURRAY OPENS CAMPAIGN

In New York, John E. Sheehy, Tammany Leader, is Named to Succeed Sheriff Farley.

BOSTON, Mar. 1 (AP)—Alfred E. Smith's consent for the use of his name by candidates for delegates to the Democratic national convention from Massachusetts was received today by Frank J. Donahue, Democratic state chairman.

In a letter, received by Donahue today, Smith said he understood this was a technical requirement in Massachusetts and added:

"I would not be interpreted as hampering in any way the desire of my friends in Massachusetts to express their sentiment for me."

The letter was accompanied by a formal power of attorney appointing Donahue to act for Smith in filing the written assent with the secretary of state.

This action will permit the entry of a slate of candidates for delegates pledged to Smith. Such a slate was under consideration by Donahue in anticipation of approval by Smith.

MURRAY OPENS CAMPAIGN OKLAHOMA CITY, Mar. 1 (AP)

Beckoning to "the rank and file voters" of North Dakota, Governor William Henry (Alfalfa Bill) Murray heads out of Oklahoma again today with his homespun campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Before he hoisted himself on a northbound train this morning he told newspapermen he hasn't "enough money" for a national campaign manager.

In three days "Alfalfa Bill," aiming particularly at the independent farm vote, will make seven speeches in North Dakota.

He hopes to wrest the state's Democratic national convention delegation from Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York in the March 16 preferential primary.

In North Dakota, Murray will visit Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown, Bismarck, Minot, Rugby and Devil's Lake.

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HASTINGS WILL AIM DRIVE AT SEN. BANKHEAD

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1 (AP)—Senator Hastings, of Delaware, will seek to unseat Alabama's junior senator, John H. Bankhead, on the ground that the election in which he defeated the veteran J. Thomas Heflin involved widespread violations.

As chairman of the elections committee which for months has been investigating the 1930 contest, Hastings is completing a final report which will recommend for declaring it no election. He expects to submit to the group Friday. Before the report can reach the senate for final decision, both the subcommittee and the full committee must approve it.

This recommendation has been expected of the Delaware Republican since, sometime ago, he submitted a partial report.

This asserted circumstances uncovered would satisfy any reasonable person that "some fraud" had been committed, and declared the election laws had not been complied with fully in a single Alabama voting place.

Bankhead so far has been silent about the new development. Heflin said he did not see how Hastings could recommend otherwise.

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SUES PICKFORD

When Mary Mulhern left the Ziegfeld "Follies" for married life with Jack Pickford, screen actor, she soon discovered her folly, she charges in a divorce suit at Los Angeles. Pickford is a brother of Mary Pickford. Miss Mulhern said he "found fault, nagged and criticized her in a cruel manner."

She said she once was forced to flee from home at night to escape him.



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ROOSEVELT TAKES OATH AT MANILA

Young Theodore Becomes Governor General of Philippine Islands.

MANILA, P. I., Mar. 1 (AP)—Fulfilling one of his father's cherished ambitions, Theodore Roosevelt Monday became governor general of the Philippine Islands.

Immediately he promised to work for "the well being of the average Filipino." Sidestepping the delicate and perennial subject of Philippine independence in his inaugural address he urged the development of the islands until they are economically independent as a primary objective of his administration.

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JAPANESE MAID ASSAULTED IN HAWAII TODAY

HONOLULU, March 1 (AP)—The police received a report today that a Japanese maid of Harold Castle, a prominent resident, had been assaulted in the Castle home on the opposite side of Oahu Island from Honolulu. They started for the Castle residence.

DARROW TO TAKE PART CHICAGO, March 1 (AP)—Clarence Darrow decided today to participate in the defense of Mrs. Grace Fortescue, Lieutenant Thomas Masnie and two enlisted men accused of second degree murder at Honolulu, T. H.

The veteran criminal lawyer announced his decision after a conference with his physician. He will leave about March 15.

Fire at Portland Causes \$50,000 Loss

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Loss estimated by the fire marshal at \$50,000 was caused here today when fire destroyed the two-story, quarter block plant of the Corvallis Creamery company. More than 35 employees of the company were thrown out of work.

The creamery was totally destroyed. Valuable machinery was ruined and large stocks of butter, cream, eggs and bottles were destroyed. Firemen said they were unable to determine the cause of the blaze.

The plant was owned by Waldemar Paupisch, former Corvallis man.

Oregonian Killed In Frisco Wreck

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 1 (AP)—Wesley Mann, 24, former star athlete of Columbia university, Portland, Ore., was killed in an automobile collision here today. James A. Halley, 34, of San Francisco driver of the other car, was booked on manslaughter charges.

Miss Helen Rykocznysky and Robert Anderson, both of San Francisco, who were with Mann, received minor injuries. Mann was buried in the wreckage and police had to cut firemen to extricate him. His neck was broken.

SALEM GAS DOWN 6 CENTS

SALEM, March 1 (AP)—A six cent reduction in gasoline prices went into effect at most of the service stations in and around Salem last night. Price signs today bore the figure 12½ cents for gasoline in Salem.

House Vote On Liquor Control Plan Is Assured

Necessary 145 Signatures Now on Petition to Take Measure From Judiciary Committee.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1 (AP)—A house vote on consideration of a state and local liquor control plan was assured today when the wet bloc obtained the necessary 145 signatures on a petition to take the measure away from the judiciary committee.

The vote is expected to show the house line up on prohibition for the first time in years. When it will be had remained to be decided.

The first day on which it will be possible to bring the suggested constitutional amendment up for a vote, however, will be March 14.

A Texas Democrat, Representative Mansfield, was the 145th house member to sign.

The petition had been resting on the desk at the front of the house chamber for several days.

The vote will determine whether the house wants to consider the proposal sponsored by both Democratic and Republican wet blocs, which are headed respectively by Representatives Linthicum of Maryland and Beck of Pennsylvania.

Mansfield, seated in the wheel chair he must use because of paralysis, rolled into the well of the house, got the petition and signed it while Representative Blanton (D., Texas) and Representative Laguardia (R., N. Y.), were discussing the fact it had been on file since Thursday.

Over in the senate, investigation of prohibition by a special senate committee was proposed by Senator Tydings (D., Md.) in a resolution.

When Mansfield signed, Representative O'Connor (D., N. Y.) shouted

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New Republic Of Manchuria Flies Own Flag Today

MUKDEN, Manchuria, March 1 (AP)—The foundation of the new independent Manchurian republic was proclaimed formally here this morning and the new five-colored national flag was flown everywhere to celebrate the beginning of a new era of "Tatung"—great unity.

The formal inauguration of the new government under the rule of Henry Pu-Yi, former boy emperor of China, will occur at Chang-Chun which has been designated as the capital of the new state.

This ceremony will take place sometime between March 5 and March 10. A committee of the founders of the new state left here last night for Port Arthur to notify the former emperor of his nomination.

Chang Ching-Hui, representing the northeastern executive committee, issued a flowery proclamation of several thousand words in obscure classical Chinese extolling the virtues and the prospects of the new nation.

The proclamation was dated the first day of the first year of the era of Tatung, and today's newspapers bore the same date.

The most important feature of the proclamation was the announcement that the new state acknowledges all the obligations and commitments to which Manchuria was bound under the Chinese government.

Commissioner Thomas said the hearing today was one of the most important held for some time, as the entire rate structure of carriers will be based upon the outcome of this case.

Callister's Term Expires Tomorrow

SALEM, March 1 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today did not commit himself upon his action regarding the reappointment or replacement of F. E. Callister, Albany, as a member of the board of higher education. His term will expire tomorrow.

While stating Callister was a "good man," the governor did not indicate his action in the matter. Callister is now serving on the important committee on courses of study, which committee has been working almost daily on the problem looking toward the elimination of superfluous courses, if any, so that school costs may be reduced.

Arguments Will Be Heard on March 14

SALEM, March 1 (AP)—Arguments on dissolving the temporary restraining order against Corporation Commissioner James W. Mott secured by Carl Johnson and C. A. Degraze as officers and directors of the Prudential, Federal and Union Savings and Loan associations will be heard by Judge Gale S. Hill on Monday, March 14. Time for hearing the arguments was fixed today by Judge Hill after some sharp