

Lindbergh Baby Kidnaped; Ransom Asked

B. F. IRVINE SPEAKER AT CLUB DINNER

Chamber of Commerce
Hears Splendid Talk By
Editor of Journal.

OFFICERS FOR '32 ASSUME POSITIONS

Harry McKinlay, Presi-
dent, Outlines Policies
Chamber Will Follow
During the Year.

Nearly 150 citizens of La Grande and Union county, together with many visitors from Wallowa, Umatilla, and Baker counties, gathered in the La Grande hotel dining room at 6:30 last night for the annual banquet of the Union county chamber of commerce, witnessed the installation of officers for the coming year, and heard the splendid address of B. F. Irvine, of Portland, editor of the Oregon Journal.

As the guests assembled about the tables, and during the service of the courses, the high school orchestra, under the direction of W. W. Nussbaum, rendered several selections which were greeted with appreciative applause. At the close of the meal the Blue Mountain Wranglers appeared and entertained the guests with their inimitable musical hilarity, responding generously to numerous requests and encores.

Mr. McKinlay Presides

Harry McKinlay, president of the chamber during the past year, and now re-elected for a second term, presided over the program and called upon leaders of the visiting delegations to make a few remarks and introduce the other members of their parties. Those who responded were S. B. Williams, of Elgin; Leo Adler, of Baker; Jimmy Mills, of Cove; Cecil Christman, of Wallowa; L. Bidler, of Union; and J. P. Irvine, of Pendleton. Bob Ward, a high school student delighted the crowd with a vocal solo, "Anvil Song," and an encore, "The Bell in the Lighthouse Rings Ding Dong," both of which were well suited to his pleasing bass voice. He was accompanied on the piano by W. W. Nussbaum.

Mrs. A. T. Hill, given the honor of

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MRS. HARRISON PASSES AWAY LATE TUESDAY

Martha May Harrison passed away last night at the Grande Ronde hospital following a long illness. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with interment to take place in the family plot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Harrison was born at Elgin Feb. 10, 1893 and was 39 years 21 days of age. She made her home in this valley all her life. She is survived by a son, Percy Munsell; the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Bert Bennett and Mrs. Emma Kessler, of La Grande; Mrs. Goldie Jones, of Taftoma; William Rollins, of La Grande; Max Rollins, of Salem; and other relatives and friends.

I. O. O. F. To Plan March 9 Meeting

The Union County Odd Fellows association will meet in La Grande on March 9, and final plans for the event will be made tonight when the Odd Fellows meet at 7:30 at the hall. Representatives from Elgin, Union, Summerville, La Grande and Cove will attend the association meeting. A committee has been appointed by the Rebekah lodge, composed of Mrs. Christine Hixon, Mrs. L. J. Ebert and Mrs. F. A. Robertson, and the committee from the men's lodge will be appointed tonight.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday; local snow over the mountains; colder in interior tonight; moderate northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—33 above.
Minimum: 28 above.
Condition: Cloudy, snow.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 40, minimum 26 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, snow two inches, moisture 40 of an inch. Range—14 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 2, 1931

Maximum 58, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range—25 degrees.

Wet Blocs Join In Support Of 2.75 Beer Bill

Measure Includes Tax of
Three Cents a Pint—
Senate Gives Wheat Re-
lief Bill Preference.

IN WASHINGTON TODAY
Bill to permit waiver of indictment in criminal cases passed by senate.
Senate relief bill to give farm board wheat to needy given right of way in house.
Democratic emergency road fund bill approved by senate post office committee.
Wet forces in house join in support of 2.75 per cent beer bill.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—Heartened by the success of an effort to force a vote on a state liquor control constitutional amendment, house Democratic and Republican wet blocs today agreed to join forces in support of a bill legalizing 2.75 per cent beer.

The new bill would establish a tax of three cents a pint. Wet bloc members believe this would raise upwards of \$500,000,000 annually.

It would declare beer and other malt, fermented and brewed beverages of 2.75 per cent alcohol by weight to be non-intoxicating and permit its manufacture and sale.

The measure also would prevent sales in public places other than hotel dining rooms, restaurants or clubs and then only with a meal.

If this second wet bill is not approved by a committee, leaders of the two groups—Representative Linthicum, Democrat, Maryland.

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Midland Choir Will Come Here Monday, Mar. 14

Proof of the esteem in which critics hold the Midland College A Cappella choir which is to appear here Monday evening, March 14, at the L. D. S. tabernacle, is given by the praises heaped upon the Fremont, Neb., organization by the music critics of the Chicago newspapers following a concert there in April, 1930.

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Several Speak At Rotary Luncheon

Several speakers took part in the Rotary club program today at noon at the La Grande hotel. Rev. Paul De F. Mortimer, chairman of the program committee, introduced Merlin Batley who gave a five-minute talk on "The Relation of a Father and Son." It was a very interesting message. Harley Richardson spoke on the American Legion unemployment relief program and W. C. Perkins discussed the airport needs of this city. Mr. Perkins is chairman of the committee on aviation. Other members are Dr. J. L. Ingle, Gene Walker, Angus McAllister and Hugh E. Brady.

445 Dogs Licensed; "Lady" Is First

Ladies first, even for dog licenses, for Clint Haynes' fox terrier, "Lady," was the first of 445 dogs to receive a new 1932 county license before the extra penalty of \$2 was affixed to the regular fee of \$1 for males and \$2 for females last night at 5 o'clock. County Clerk C. K. McCormick stated this morning.

Close on the heels of Clint Haynes was T. W. DeBorke to take out a license for his dog. The thirteenth applicant was Arch Bacon.

The first 12 who received licenses for their dogs were Mr. Haynes, Mr. DeBorke, S. B. Morgan, Grace Baron, J. D. Hobbin, William Farrell, Mrs. Wesley Bond, John Sans, T. J. Steffen, Mrs. G. W. Allen, M. W. Kiddle and A. N. Doe.

Federal Government Aids in Search For Kidnapers of Lindbergh Baby

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—Wide-flung agencies of the federal government will be used to return 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. to his parents and to apprehend his abductors. President Hoover conferred this morning with Attorney General Mitchell.

Operations of the justice department, as well as the immigration and customs authorities, will co-operate with state authorities to the fullest extent.

FAMOUS AIRMEN TO HELP

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP)—Famous airmen of the east, fellow members of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in the fraternal organization known as the Quiet Birdmen, formed an aerial posse today to attempt to discover from the air the hideout of the kidnapers of the flying colonel's baby son.

Miss Hester Heath To Be Here On Mar. 8-11 For Kitchen Chautauqua



BAKER FAVORED TO WIN TOURNEY

Bulldogs Probably Will
Play Winner of Union-
La Grande Game Friday

Sport fans today, after studying the drawings for the Union district championship basketball tournament, were predicting that Baker would have to defeat the winner of the Union-La Grande game to go to Salem.

If Baker defeats Joseph in the opening contest and either North Powder or Richland in the second round, the Bulldogs will be thrown against either Union or La Grande in the third round Friday night, in all probability. And either Union or La Grande, whichever wins in the Thursday afternoon game, seems likely to face Baker with an undefeated record, with the result that the lower will not be eliminated but will have another chance at the winner, possibly in the final game Saturday night.

Baker Favored
Baker is picked to win in the first two rounds in its bracket, although assured of fairly stiff contests. And if the Bulldogs wade through the first two tilters undefeated, their chances for a trip to Salem will be very strong. If either Joseph or

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Stiffler, Baker, Is Appointed To La Grande Post

W. W. Stiffler, resident engineer at Baker for the last two years where he was in charge of maintenance, yesterday assumed the duties of the office left vacant by the appointment of W. C. Williams to the position of division engineer in the La Grande shops of the state highway department. Mr. Williams was advanced following the appointment of R. G. Smith, of La Grande, to be in charge of construction and surveys with headquarters at Salem, the appointment being announced by R. H. Baldoak at Salem on Monday morning.

Mr. Stiffler came to La Grande Tuesday and he will move his family to this city as soon as he can make arrangements, he told the Observer today.

Utilities Accept Accounting Plan

SALEM, Mar. 2 (AP)—The accounting plan proposed by the Oregon merchants utility bureau will be accepted by Oregon utilities. It was reported by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, today. A statement signed by Oregon utilities affected by the recent hearings involving their accounting practices was received by the commissioner.

Quarantine Against 3 Berry Varieties

SALEM, Mar. 2 (AP)—Quarantine against the importation into Oregon of loganberry, dewberry, blackberry, and their horticultural varieties, from all states and districts of the United States except California, Arizona and New Mexico, has been issued by the state department of agriculture. Various berry diseases caused the quarantine to be issued.

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JAPANESE IN BIG ADVANCE DURING NIGHT

Chinese Give Way All
Along Chapei-Woosung
Battle Line, is Report

ONLY WOOSUNG IS DEFYING INVADERS

Japanese Claim That Chinese Soldiers, Near
Breaking Point, Becoming
Disorganized.

By Morris J. Harris
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SHANGHAI, Thursday, March 3 (AP)—The Japanese advanced all along the Chapei-Woosung battle line today and had almost pushed the Chinese back to the 12 1/2 mile limit set by the recent Japanese ultimatum. Woosung alone held out against the relentless march of the big war machine.

The attackers had reached their objectives at various points early today. With Chenju, former headquarters of General Tsi Ting-Kai, head of the 19th route army defenders, already in the Japanese hands, the advancing left wing moved forward toward Nanlang, three miles west of Chenju along the railroad.

CHINESE RETREAT DURING NIGHT

SHANGHAI, March 2 (AP)—China's now world famous 19th route army was retreating westward tonight after five weeks of stubborn fighting at Shanghai, closely pressed by a powerful Japanese war machine.

The Japanese claimed that the Chinese soldiers, unable to stand any longer the terrible force of their artillery, aerial and naval attacks, broke their lines and began a retreat, which they said, was rapidly turning into a rout.

Chinese military officials, however, said it was a "tactical retreat" and

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TWO CHINESE ARE HELD FOR FEDERAL MEN

Mrs. Wong Shee and Hoy Wah Gooey, a Chinese boy, are held in the county jail, and officers are looking for Hoy Ock, charged with gaining unlawful admission to the United States in violation of the Chinese exclusion act. Wong Shee and Hoy Wah Gooey were arrested Saturday and entered a plea of not guilty, bond was set at \$2000 each, and a hearing will be held before Judge L. Denham as United States commissioner as soon as government witnesses are notified and can arrive.

A complaint was filed in La Grande Saturday by Herbert Boss, immigration inspector. Immigration officers had questioned Wally Wally Chinese with regard to Hoy Ock, whom they believed to be living in that city.

Chinese there immediately got in touch with Hoy Ock, who was in La Grande at the time, and he left town, accompanied by Hoy Wah Gooey. Officers, believing that they would return, waited for them, and only the boy returned. They have not been able to locate Hoy Ock yet.

Mrs. Wong Shee is the mother of a family, but arrangements have been made by immigration officers for the care of her family until after the case is settled, it is said.

W. C. T. U. Leaders Meet in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2 (AP)—Leaders of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Oregon, and many from Washington will attend a two-day conference of educational, religious, social and temperance workers which opens here Thursday. The conference, under the general auspices of the national W. C. T. U. will be one of a series of 25 which started at Washington, D. C., in December.

The object of the conference, the W. C. T. U. office here said is to promote law observance, to study the problems of law enforcement, "and to make vocal the sentiment in favor of national prohibition."

Prominent women of the organization from Oregon and Washington will discuss organization matters at a special session.

Willamette Dean Becomes Candidate

SALEM, March 2 (AP)—Roy R. Hewitt, dean of the law school at Willamette university at Salem, late yesterday filed his candidacy for the non-partisan nomination for position No. 2 on the Oregon supreme court, the post now held by Chief Justice Henry J. Bean.

Hewitt's filing is the fourth for this position, one of two which will be vacant next year. Chief Justice Bean, James T. Brand of Marshfield and John W. McCulloch of Portland, previously filed for nomination on the non-partisan ballot.

GUN STOLEN FROM POLICE BARKS AGAIN

Shots Terminate Party at
Salem and Send Two
Men to Hospital.

THREE ARRESTED BY AUTHORITIES

Two Prisoners Suspected
Of Being the Men Who
Shot Albany Officer
Last Saturday.

SALEM, Mar. 2 (AP)—Shots which terminated a party here early today and sent two men to the hospital, one perhaps fatally wounded, were fired from the gun stolen from Police Officer J. K. Mills, of Albany, local police said. Three men, one believed to be the same who shot the Albany officer and made his escape last Saturday morning, were arrested and held as suspects.

Jess Eddy, 45, and Lloyd Eddy, 19, father and son, were taken to a hospital with gun shot wounds in their lungs. The elder Eddy was reported by hospital authorities to be the more seriously wounded. Archie Eddy, another son, along with Harry Eppel, alias Bob Coleman, were held in the city jail, both suspected of being the two men who wounded Officer Mills and did the shooting here today. J. W. Mays, Salem, was also held by police pending further investigation.

Police Face Bullets
Salem policemen, notified of the shooting fray shortly after three o'clock by a younger son of the

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M. E. Conference At South Church Comes to Close

The Eastern Oregon division of the district conference of the Methodist Church South closed today at 12 o'clock after a series of meetings attended by ministers and delegates from several Eastern Oregon points. R. U. Waldraven, presiding elder, was in charge of the conference, and Rev. A. J. Starnier, pastor of the La Grande church, acted as host.

Mr. Starnier reports that they had a fine conference and that everyone was well pleased with the fine program of sermons and business meetings.

The conference adjourned to meet at Corvallis next Tuesday.

From out of the city were Rev. Mr. Waldraven, of Corvallis; Rev. H. S. Shangle, missionary secretary, of Walla Walla; Rev. J. A. McKee, Sunday school missionary secretary, of Walla Walla; Rev. and Mrs. Carl McConnell, of Milton; Ray Hoover, of Milton; Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Crofts and daughter, of Richland; Mrs. O. W. Jacobs, of Richland; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gibson, of Baker; Rev. and Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Alice Price and Mrs. Clarissa Price, all of Weston. Six delegates attended from La Grande.

Call For Bids On Highway Projects

SALEM, Mar. 2 (AP)—The state highway department today issued a call for bids for two grading and surfacing projects, the Clackamas river bridge and several trestles and ferry service contracts to be opened at the meeting of the state highway commission March 16 at Portland. The commission will also meet at Portland tomorrow to award contracts on other improvement projects previously decided upon.

The March 16 awards will include grading and surfacing 2.5 miles of the Vesper section of the Nehalem highway in Clatsop county, a secondary highway, and several miles of gravel surfacing on the Valley Falls-Oakman ranch section of the Lakeview-Burns highway in Lake and Harney counties.

Portland Boxer Shot To Death In Hotel; Police Seek Jack Kentworth

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2 (AP)—Johnny Hansen, well known Portland welterweight boxer, who knocked out Nels Ferguson, of Calgary, on last night's boxing card, was shot and killed at 5 a. m. at the Hotel Le Velle here.

Jack Kentworth, another boxer, formerly of Salem, Ore., is being sought by the police, charged with the murder. He fled following the shooting.

Mrs. Peggy Kentworth, occupant of the same room as Hansen, narrowly escaped death as she fled shrieking from the room, followed by her husband, who fired once at her as she disappeared through the door to the stairway. Mrs. Kentworth is held in custody as a material witness.

Kentworth Escapes
R. D. Kalhair, night clerk at the hotel, said Kentworth, 25, dashed down stairs, through the lobby and

into the street. Every policeman on duty on the second night relief turned out in search of the gunman.

Kalhair said Kentworth and his wife, or so they were registered, had occupied a room in the hotel from Sept. 15 until two weeks ago when they separated. The woman moving to another room in the hotel.

Police Sergeant James Fleming said the woman told him that she heard a rap at the door at 4:30 a. m. She said she told Hansen not to open the door as it might be Kentworth.

The woman said Hansen admitted Kentworth and the man drew a pistol and said he was going to shoot them both. She said Hansen pushed the

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KIDNAPED



ABANDONED PRESS



Above—Baby Lindbergh (this picture was taken several months ago—the child is now 20 months of age). Below—Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh. The Lindbergh baby was kidnaped from his home at Hopewell, N. J., Tuesday evening, and ransom has been demanded for its return.

GENERAL BUTLER WILL SEEK TOGA

Former Marine Leader to
Oppose Senator Davis in
Primary Election.

NEWTON SQUARE, Pa., Mar. 2 (AP)—Major General Smedley D. Butler today announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator against Senator James J. Davis.

General Butler said he would run on a bone dry platform and would have the full support of Governor Clifford Pinchney Davis recently announced he favors a mod-

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Testimony Heard In Murder Trial

ASTORIA, Ore., Mar. 2 (AP)—Testimony in the murder trial of James Casey, a logger, opened in circuit court here today. Casey is charged with slaying Albert Fox, Green Mountain farmer, who was shot to death.

Opening arguments advanced by the defense indicated his plea will be based on the "unwritten law," and that the argument will bet set up that Fox had attacked Mrs. Casey during a drinking party and had threatened to kill Casey when the latter tried to protect the woman.

The state demands conviction on the first degree murder charge.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 2 (AP)—Increased activity of wheat trade went hand in hand today with higher prices. Unfavorable crop developments regarding domestic winter wheat over the southwest acted as a stimulus. There were complaints of lack of moisture in Western Kansas, Western Nebraska, Northwestern Oklahoma and Eastern Colorado.

May and September wheat was bought by houses with foreign connections. Wheat closed firm, 1 1/2c over Saturday's finish, Corn 1 1/2c over, oats unchanged to 3/4c higher, and provisions varying from 2 cents decline to an equal advance.

PORTLAND, Mar. 2 (AP)—General advances were scored in the international wheat trade at the Wednesday final. On the Portland futures market May showed a net gain of 3/4c, July 3/4c and September 3/4c. Sales were 10,000 bu. July and 1000 bu. September.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat advanced 3/4c bu. all around.

CHILD TAKEN FROM BED AT HOPEWELL, N. J.

Card Received Late Today
Says Tot is Safe—Ran-
som is Demanded.

GREAT MANHUNT NOW UNDER WAY

Government, State, County and City Officers and
Citizens Join in Search
For Baby.

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 2 (AP)—A postcard was mailed to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh from here today reading: "Babe safe. Instructions later. Act accordingly."

The card was taken to Newark police headquarters, where it was photostated and scrutinized by fingerprint experts.

Although police officials violated the law in taking the card out of the mails, they did so without hesitation, knowing their act would be condoned.

To Replace Card

The post office officials said they intended replacing the card in the mail for delivery to Col. Lindbergh after they finished their examination. The card was addressed to Col. Lindbergh at "Princeton, N. J."

Director of Public Safety William Egan immediately called out the entire police force and a house to house search of the vicinity of Plane street and Central avenue was begun.

The finding of the card strengthened the belief of authorities that an abandoned sedan found early today in Hillside, a suburb, may have been used by the kidnapers in their flight from the Lindbergh home.

The clerk at the Plane street and Central avenue postal station informed police he had sold only two cards of the type of the one addressed to Lindbergh. One was to a woman and the other to a man.

A description of the man was flashed over the police teletype linking up New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The description pictured the man as about 40 years of age, five feet three inches tall and weighing 140 to 150 pounds. The vicinity of the

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NILES BOY, 11, ABDUCTED BY UNKNOWN MEN

NILES, O., Mar. 2 (AP)—James Delute Jr., 11, son of a prominent contractor here, was kidnaped early today while on his way to school, police reported.

The boy was driven off by two men in a small coupe, Anna May Melina, 12, cousin of the boy who was with her, told police.

James fought off the kidnapers once when they grabbed him, Anna May said. They seized him again after he broke away and drove off but did not attempt to molest her, she said.

Former Ambassador To Germany Passes

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—Davis Jayne Hill, educator, historian, and former ambassador to Germany, died here early today.

Dr. Hill has lived in retirement in Washington for many years, taking part in a limited social life but maintaining close touch with governmental and international affairs. He was 81.

Before becoming ambassador to Germany in 1907, Dr. Hill served as president of Bucknell university for nine years and from 1898 to 1899 was president of the University of Rochester.

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