

BONUS HEARING DISPUTE SCENE

PATMAN RAPS MILLS AND IS BACKED DOWN

Democrats and Republicans Both Come to Defense of Secretary

TEXAN IS GIVEN POLITE "SPANKING"

Finally Withdraws His Criticism Following Statements by Crisp, Treadway, Doughton.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The house ways and means committee today closed all hearings on cash payment of the soldiers' bonus and will meet behind closed doors Thursday to begin consideration of the \$2,000,000,000 new money plan.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The bonus hearing was converted today into a dispute over whether Secretary Mills had influenced the incorporation of the provision in the tax bill under which the secretary of the treasury would profit by revaluation of his father's estate.

Representative Patman, Democrat, Texas, a leading advocate of full payment of the bonus, charged before the ways and means committee that the secretary would get millions and said the action would amount to an "inside burglary of the treasury."

Many Defend Mills
Democrats and Republicans on the committee came alike to the defense of Mills.

Acting Chairman Crisp said the secretary declined to comment on the provision because he would be a beneficiary under it. Treadway, Republican, Massachusetts, Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, and Chidholm, Republican, Illinois, joined in behalf of the secretary.

Patman was attempting to refute the arguments Mills and Eugene

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MRS. PRILLAMAN DIES MONDAY; BURIAL MAY 5

Mrs. LaVina Jennie Prillaman, of La Grande, died at the Grande Ronde hospital last night following a short illness. Death was caused by an attack in her head.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with burial in the Union cemetery. Mrs. Prillaman was born May 9, 1855 and was 76 years, 11 months and 23 days of age. She is survived by her widowed husband.

TAX PAYMENTS ARE PAST DUE AFTER MAY 5

May 5, Thursday, is the last day on which one may pay the first half of the 1931 taxes in Union county without penalty. The second half is not penalized until after Nov. 5.

According to officers at the sheriff's office, the tax payments this year appear to be about the same as last spring, although because of the rush of business, no detailed check has been possible.

Grider Home On Second Damaged

The fire truck was called to the Grider home at 504 Second street at 11:55 o'clock last night to extinguish a fire that is believed to have started from the cook stove. Approximately \$200 damage was done, according to estimates, before the flames were controlled, most of the loss being due to burned wallpaper, scorched paint, etc.

There was nobody at the home when the alarm was turned in and the doors were locked.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably showers; moderate temperature; moderate west and northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—47 above.
Minimum: 42 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 61, minimum 41 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .02 of inch. Range—20 degrees.

WEATHER MAY 3, 1931
Maximum 68, minimum 60 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, rain .02 of inch. Range—18 degrees.

Negotiations On Market Site Are Described Today

State Witnesses Take Stand This Morning in Trial of Mayor Baker and Commissioners.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Negotiations for selection of a municipal market site here, which culminated in indictments against Mayor George L. Baker, three other city officials, and the president of the company which owned the site selected, were described in circuit court here today as the prosecution opened its case against the five men.

Mayor Baker and Commissioners John Mann and Earl Riley were indicted on charges of malfeasance and negligence in office, accused of having paid \$200,000 too much when they agreed to buy the \$1,409,993 site. C.

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Contestants Of Six Wards Will Compete Tonight

Contestants in the six wards in the Union stake of the Church of the Latter Day Saints will compete for supremacy in their own group tonight at the annual Ward Honor day. The winners will compete in the Stake Honor day, to be held in La Grande later in the month. Baker, Utison, M. A. Glen, Iringer and La Grande First and Second wards will be represented at the contest.

The project is carried throughout the church to select the winners in five events—retold stories, drama, public speaking, music and dancing. The general board of the church with headquarters at Salt Lake City, has selected a program which will be followed throughout the entire church. Three one-act plays have been selected, two of which will be contested in the Union stake, "The Florist Shop" and "In Secret Places."

The M. T. A. slogan, "The Word of Wisdom," will furnish the topic for the public speeches; while for retold stories the contestants will be restricted to stories which promote faith and which are uplifting to the listener. "Senorita," a Spanish tango, has been selected for the dance, while the musical number for the

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Cooking School Will Open Here On 11th of May

With its main objective to help homemakers of La Grande and Union county find new ways of preparing the same old three-meals-a-day, and solve other household problems, as well as the Safety Stores homemakers' bureau and the Observer launches a three-day cooking school in La Grande. The sessions which begin Wednesday, May 11 will continue Thursday and Friday from 2 to 4 o'clock each afternoon.

Miss Margaret Coates, well known western home economist, will be in charge of the school which has been planned to include many un-Margaret Coates usual features of particular interest to women.

According to Miss Coates, a member of the staff of the Safety Stores homemakers' bureau which functions under the national direction of Mrs. Julia Lee Wright, this bureau is the only organization of its kind in the

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Curtis To Leave On Another Cruise

NORFOLK, Va., May 3 (AP)—John Hughes Curtis was expected to leave today on board the yacht Maroon for another cruise in connection with his work as a negotiator in the Lindbergh kidnaping case.

The trip, Mr. Curtis said, was originally planned for yesterday, but unfavorable weather caused the cruise to be postponed.

The Virginian-Pilot said today it learned from an authoritative source that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh is accompanying Mr. Curtis aboard the yacht as an active participant in the efforts to recover his infant son.

200 Men Searching For Lost Child, 3

LOS ANGELES, May 3 (AP)—Two hundred men were recruited today to search the deep brush of the Tehachapi mountains near Quail Springs Inn for a three-year-old girl, Cecilia Mitchell, who was lost while picking wild flowers with two older girls.

The hunt was intensified as a full day passed without any trace of the child.

LARGE CROWD HEARS BAND AND SINGERS

Second Program of Music Week Wins Praise From Music-Lovers

THIRD PROGRAM WILL BE TONIGHT

Eastern Oregon Normal Glee Clubs and La Grande Band Present Delightful Concert.

"Valse Triste" from Jarnfelt's drama, "Kuolema," by Sibelius played by the La Grande band, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., and "The Blue Danube," by Strauss.

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PULITZER PRIZE AWARDS ARE MADE

"Of Thee I Sing," Play by Kaufman, Ryskind, Gershwyn, Among Winners

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—That Pulitzer prize plays of other years, was invaded today by a rollicking newcomer, "Of Thee I Sing" whose barbed minstrelsy is aimed at the follies of American politics.

Its authors, George A. Kaufman, Morrie Ryskind and Ira Gershwyn, were among the 19 individuals and one newspaper designated for the 1932 Pulitzer awards for outstanding achievement in the fields of drama, journalism, literature, art and music.

This is the first time a musical comedy has been chosen and in announcing the award the trustees of Columbia university said:

"This award may seem unusual but the play is unusual. Not only is it coherent and well knit enough to be classed as a play, aside from the music, but it is a biting and true satire of American politics and the public attitude toward them."

Other prize winners were: The Indianapolis News—\$500 gold medal for the most distinguished and meritorious public service by an American newspaper during the year.

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DOMINION TO SETTLE NUDE SECT TROUBLE

VICTORIA, B. C., May 3 (AP)—The dominion government came to the aid of British Columbia today in an attempt to make the Doukhobors keep their clothes on.

Settled by Sunday riots at Thrums, when police sprayed nude paraders with itch powder and arrested 18 men and women, officials of province and dominion said they would settle the Doukhobor problem once and for all.

The members of the sect must wear clothes, send their children to school and observe all other laws or go to prison for long terms, authorities said.

Bishops Defend Prohibition

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 3 (AP)—The board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church in their episcopal letter to the general conference met the movement for the return of liquor control to the states today with a declaration in favor of national prohibition.

"There is no room in our national household for two antagonistic systems, one legalizing the liquor traffic, the other outlawing it," the episcopal message said. "As a church we can follow no course except the one that will reduce the consumption of beverage alcohol to the minimum. We are convinced that national prohibition is that method."

The letter also sounded opposition to militarism and unjust war, and a plea for a Christian standard in industry and a receptive spirit toward unification with other kindred denominations.

The prohibition pronouncement said in part: "Prohibition has proven itself embarrassing in certain regions, where public opinion protests, just as in the previous order of things, dry states doing their utmost to outlaw

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CALIFORNIA VOTERS MAY DECIDE RACE

Roosevelt, Smith and Garner on Ballot in Southwestern State.

ALL THREE CLAIM STATE DELEGATES

Hoover Eliminates France in Maryland—Rhode Island Delegates Given to Al Smith.

By Ralph H. Heppie (Associated Press Staff Writer) SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 (AP)—California democracy, torn asunder by the Garner-Roosevelt-Smith fight for control of the delegation to the national convention, sought success of internal strife in the presidential primary today while Republicans united in a "confidence" vote for President Hoover.

Despite cloudy weather over most of the state, California voters cast an unusually heavy early vote. In San Francisco more than 35,000 had cast ballots by 11 a. m., three hours after the polls opened. The registrar of voters predicted that 130,000 would be cast during the day, breaking all previous primary election records.

San Diego reported heavy early balloting and political leaders looked for more than 50 per cent of the registered voters to cast ballots. Other points in the state reported similar trends.

By the Associated Press A primary vote was on today in California which may come near settling the Democratic party's choice for president.

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CONGRESS TO CEASE LABORS BY JUNE 12?

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—A "preliminary" vote was on today in Congress which may come near settling the Democratic party's choice for president.

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American-Japanese Clash Is Averted

SHANGHAI, May 3 (AP)—Fifty Japanese soldiers crossed Soochow creek into the international settlement from Chungking today and for a time it seemed possible there would be a clash with the 31st United States infantry, patrolling that sector.

American officers succeeded in halting the Japanese while they investigated. The Japanese said they were pursuing Chinese who had thrown rocks from hiding places in the settlement among Japanese soldiers on the opposite side of the creek. After some conferring the Japanese withdrew.

Spring Music Festival To Be Held Wednesday at E. O. Normal

A spring music festival, the contribution of the J. H. Ackerman Training school to Music week, will be presented tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the assembly room of the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

The story of Demeter, the maiden who was carried to the underworld by Pluto, will be given as a prologue to the program and will be followed by a group of musical numbers.

Mildred Green plays the role of Persephone, whom, the legends say, was carried to the underworld and the earth became drab and wintry until she was allowed to return six months later when spring descended.

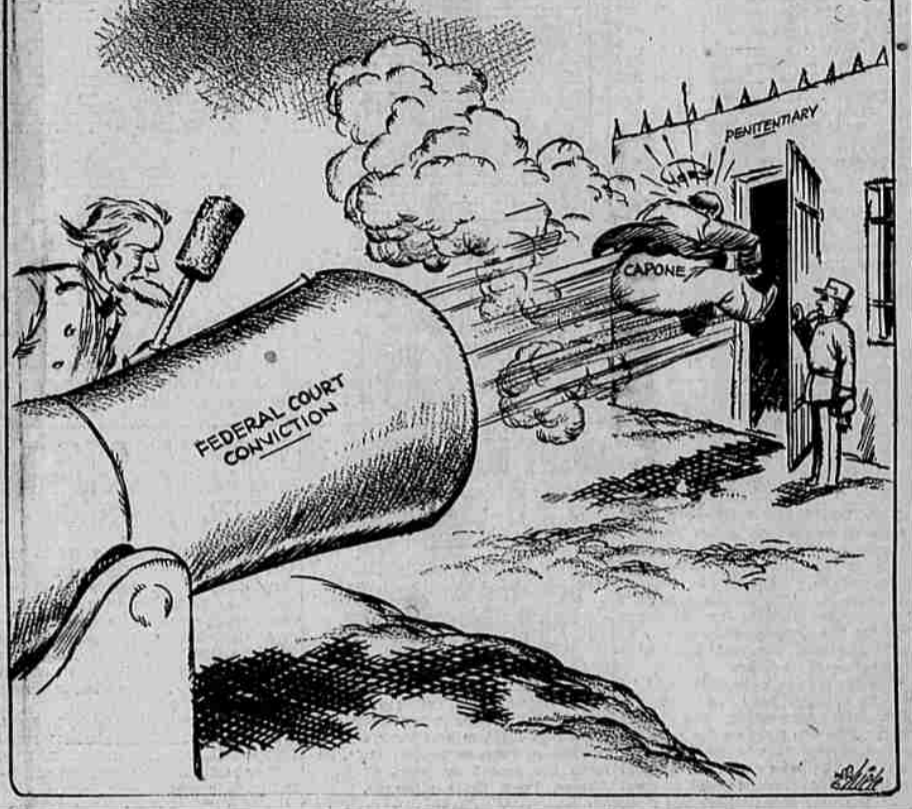
"Demeter and Persephone" is the legend by which the mystery of the seasons of the year was explained to the ancients. Demeter, her mother, is portrayed by Winnifred Scott; while Dallas Marshall has been selected to play the role of Pluto, god of the underworld. Hermes, the messenger, will be depicted by Howard Beck; and Verma Ward, Patricia Hall, Betty Burns, Jean Buchanan, Betty Jo Crabtree and Griselda Bussey will be the dancing maidens.

The remainder of the program includes: "Call to Spring," a song by the eighth grade. "Welcome Sweet Springtime," a song by the chorus. "Cuckoo," by Jackie Hayes, and

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Senate To Consider Hale Bill

THE BIG SHOT!



Girl, 17, Routs Robbers

Capone Furious As Last Hope Of Freedom Fades

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—"Scarface Al" Capone will start his long deferred trip to prison tonight. United States Marshal H. O. W. Laubheimer completed arrangements for the gangster's removal to a federal prison after the last technicality had been removed today.

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—The last obstacle to prevent the removal of "Scarface Al" Capone to a federal penitentiary was removed today when the United States circuit court of appeals vacated a writ of superseas which had held the big gangster in the county jail while he appealed his conviction for evading in-

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Vaccination Move Is Given Support

SALEM, May 3 (AP)—Vaccination for all children in their first year against smallpox, examination of children in high schools as well as in grades at least once a year, prophylactic health under competent medical dieticians, and all activities for child health be under competent medical supervision, were among the more important recommendations approved by the child conference in session here today.

John Schmitz Elected Head Of Baker Bank

BAKER, Ore., May 3 (Special)—John Schmitz has been elected president of the First National bank of Baker, an institution formed by the consolidation of the three Baker banks over the weekend. Other officers follow:

Dr. C. J. Bartlett, first vice president; G. P. Lilley, second vice president; O. H. P. McCord, cashier; Francis Herr, Fred Moses, Clarence Grant, assistant cashiers; directors: J. W. Stuchell, chairman; John Schmitz, Dr. C. J. Bartlett, Joseph J. Helmer, G. P. Lilley, Leo Adler, Joseph Rogers, George H. Foster, Henry Wendt, N. N. Elliott, O. H. P. McCord.

Financial statement—total resources, \$3,372,876.29; deposits \$2,822,876.29; loans and discounts \$1,743,784.19; cash and due from banks \$580,944.98; municipal bonds and securities \$475,953.36; U. S. bond \$488,450; capital \$209,000; surplus \$109,000; undivided profits \$100,000.

One Cent Is Bail Of Arkansas Man; Paid by Children

BLYTEVILLE, Ark., May 3 (AP)—A magistrate's sympathy for motherless little folk today under bond of one cent furnished by his three children.

Officers found a liquor stillery on his farm. There was no one left to care for the children, the oldest of whom is seven, so the magistrate told them to deposit a penny with him and keep their father at home pending a hearing.

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ONE BANDIT SHOT BUT BOTH ESCAPE

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—The two robbers who entered the restaurant conducted by Marie MacLaughlin, 17, and her mother, counted on everything—but Marie.

Marie was waiting on the trade when the pair came in last night. One of them drew a pistol and ordered Marie and her mother to put up their hands.

"O' yeah?" was Marie's reply as she seized a pistol concealed behind a counter and fired.

One hit in abdomen
One robber was hit in the abdomen and fell to the floor. His companion dragged him to the door, where he paused long enough to fire at Marie. His aim was bad and the only thing he hit was a cigar case. Marie then took another shot, but missed as the wounded man was carried into a car.

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Capt. Lancaster Is Charged With Writer's Murder

MIAMI, Fla., May 3 (AP)—Captain W. N. Lancaster, British flier, was in jail today charged with first degree murder in the shooting of Haden Clarke, writer and fiancé of Mrs. Jessie Keith-Miller, woman aviator.

Authorities said Lancaster has confessed to forging two suicide notes. The flier was detained yesterday on a warrant sworn to by State Attorney N. Vernon Hawthorne who said he probably would go before the Dade county grand jury today to seek an indictment. Hawthorne has exonerated Mrs. Keith-Miller in whose home the two men were guests at the time of the shooting April 21. He said she would be called as a grand jury witness.

Result of "Love Triangle"
Hawthorne, who described the relation of the trio before the shooting as forming a "love triangle," said Lancaster confessed, in the face of statements by a handwriting expert, that he wrote the two notes, addressed to himself and Mrs. Keith-Miller, but denied killing the writer. Lancaster, Hawthorne said, explained he wrote the notes to remove suspicion from Mrs. Keith-Miller and himself.

When Clarke was shot, he was called as a grand jury witness.

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Police on Trail Of Firebugs At Hood River, Ore.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Definite evidence of attempted incendiarism furnished state police and the fire marshal's office today with clues that they hope will lead to further information concerning a number of incendiary warehouse and packing house fires in Oregon recently.

Two unidentified men escaped at midnight Monday when a watchman surprised them attempting to fire the Apple Growers' association warehouse. A bundle of dry lath which the men had prepared to light the fire was left by the fleeing arsonists. Several shots were fired at the men but none took effect.

Armed guards have been placed at all warehouses and packing plants. The Van Horn warehouses were destroyed by fire last week with loss of more than \$100,000. Similar fires have caused damage in Eugene, Medford, Salem and Klamath Falls.

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Farmer Drowned in Willamette

EUGENE, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Fred Trachsel, a farmer, drowned in the Willamette river near Harrisburg late Monday when he attempted to cross the stream on horseback. Riding one and leading three other horses, Trachsel started across the river despite the warning of five other men.

The horse he was riding was dragged under the water when the other horses became frightened. Trachsel was unable to swim ashore. His body was being sought today.

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HIGHER RATE OF POSTAGE IS FAVORED

Senate Finance Committee Changes Telegraph Tax to Flat Rate.

HOUSE RESTORES VETS' BENEFITS

Rips \$48,714,000 From Economy Bill; Reaffirms Stand on McDuffie Wage Cut Plan.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The senate voted today to consider the Hale bill for bringing the navy up to treaty limits.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The senate finance committee changed the telegraph tax in the revenue bill today to a flat five per cent rate on all messages without exemption.

A rate of 10 per cent was voted on all cablegrams. Increases in the postage on letters and newspapers also were voted by the finance committee.

Pushing rapidly along its revenue raising road, the committee approved the one cent rate put by the house upon first class postage and boosted the second class rates of the 1921 level.

It expects \$134,000,000 annually from the additional one cent on letters and \$8,000,000 annually on second class increase.

Existing Rates Listed
The existing second class postal rates are: first and second zones 1 1/2 cents; third, 2 cents; fourth, 3 cents; fifth, four cents; sixth, five cents; seventh, six cents; eighth, seven cents.

The 1921 second class rates were: first zone, 1 1/2 cents; second zone, 2 cents; third zone, 2 1/2 cents; fourth zone, 3 cents; fifth zone, 4 cents; sixth zone, 5 cents; seventh zone, 6 cents; eighth zone, 7 cents.

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BOAT UPSETS; INSTRUCTOR AT SEMINARY DIES

SEATTLE, May 3 (AP)—Father Paul J. Labiano, 32, biology instructor at St. Edwards Catholic seminary on the shores of Lake Washington, drowned last night in attempting to swim ashore after a rowboat had upset.

With Dr. E. W. Converse and Miss Helen Danz he was in the boat about 100 yards from shore with Miss Danz at the oars when it tipped over. While they clung to the overturned craft, he struck out for shore.

His cries drew the attention of a group on a nearby dock, and a small boat set out to rescue them. Meanwhile Father Labiano, a strong swimmer, failed to reach land. A harbor patrol crew dragged for his body for several hours.

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Cashier of Bank Is Facing Charge

SALEM, May 3 (AP)—J. O. Dixon, cashier of the Scotia Mills State bank which was turned over to the state banking department by directors last Friday, is out on bond today facing charges of making false entry in the books of the bank. He voluntarily following the filing of criminal information against him. His bail was set at \$1500.

The specific charge faced by Dixon and said to be one of several, is entering in the account of Lawrence Bowman, a depositor, a debit item showing withdrawal of \$1000. Bowman is reported not to have withdrawn the amount.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—Selling of wheat bought of late on correct estimates led to sharp setbacks in prices today after an early advance. At the bottom of the downturn, wheat showed a loss of more than 9 cents a bushel from the recent high. The decline carried the market to the lowest prices touched in more than a month.