

Preliminary Hearing Held

3 WITNESSES TESTIFY IN SMITH CASE

District Attorney Directs State Case in Justice Court Today.

AXE INTRODUCED BY PROSECUTION

Leon Woodward, Transient, Tells of Seeing Weapon in Possession of Newman and Moore.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the defense attorneys, Green and Hess, were cross-examining Leon Woodward. No new witnesses had taken the stand.

The preliminary hearing in the case of the state vs. Fred Moore, 22, and Jack Newman, 28, charged with the murder of E. L. Smith, railroad detective, opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the justice court, with Judge L. Denham as presiding magistrate. District Attorney Carl G. Heim called three witnesses, Leon Woodward, of Pine Valley, Okla., who was riding on the freight train from La Grande to Hilgard; L. L. Snodgrass, who brought the body of the murdered man to La Grande in an ambulance, and Dr. C. E. Branner, who performed the autopsy.

Green and Hess are representing the two young men in the preliminary hearing. Woodward stated that he met the alleged killers of Smith in the "jungle" in La Grande where they fixed lunch together, and at that

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'PASSION PLAY' TO SHOW HERE AT LIBERTY

The only motion picture ever made of the famous Freiburg "Passion Play" will be shown in La Grande Thursday and Friday at the Liberty theatre. It is announced by J. E. Wright, manager.

The utter simplicity of the picture, entirely free from anything which savors of sensationalism, and the accurate, reverent manner in which the various events of the New Testament are delineated, have made it one of the most popular motion picture features shown during the last few years. The "Passion Play" has been shown before thousands of ministers and in every instance has won their complete approval. "A marvelous production," enthusiastically declares Rev. Clifford J. King, S. V. D., of the Catholic mission in Honan province in China. "It is a very realistic presentation," said Dr. Howard I. Kerr, executive secretary of the Denver presbytery.

The "Passion Play" was first played at Freiburg in the year 1284 and played there regularly annually since the year 1600. Elsewhere in the Observer appears a coupon which, if presented at the Liberty Thursday or Friday afternoons with five cents, will entitle children to admission. This applies only to the afternoon showings. The La Grande Ministerial association previewed the picture this morning. "We highly recommend the film 'The Passion Play' and wish that every person in La Grande could see it," was the association report.

Island City Man Injured Tuesday

Roy A. Briggs, 44, of Island City, is in the Grande Ronde hospital today recovering from injuries received yesterday 19 miles up the Mt. Emily road when he was struck by a falling tree.

According to reports, Mr. Briggs was pulling over a tree with a tractor, when the falling timber hit him. He was brought to La Grande in an ambulance.

No bones were broken although the man was bruised badly. He expects to return home in a day or two.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday but foggy on the coast; temperature above normal in the interior; gentle to moderate northwest wind offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—63 above. Minimum: 51 above. Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 83, minimum 47 above. Condition: Clear. Range—36 degrees.

WEATHER AUG. 24, 1931

Maximum 91, minimum 52 above. Condition: Clear. Range—39 degrees.

Summer Session At East Normal To Close Friday

Large Class of Graduates—Fall Quarter is Scheduled to Begin on September 19.

With the close of the summer quarter at the Eastern Oregon Normal school on Friday, the students and faculty members will enjoy almost a month's vacation before the opening of the fall term on Sept. 19. President H. E. Inlow states that the new members of the faculty and the outgoing faculty will be announced next week for the fall term.

Both the past session and the regular summer session have given former students the opportunity to return and finish their work and those who have completed requirements for graduation are: Delva Beers, Ontario; Rufus Bible, Long Creek; Harvey Carter, La Grande; Lillian Chadwick, Ontario; Charles H. Christensen, Ontario; Ralph Connor, Ontario; Elta Dale, Helix; Valda Davenport, Spray; Ruby Dodds, Baker; Lillian Duncan, Joseph; Stella Edvalson, Union; Bert Engstrom, Durkee; Frank G. Ferris, Portland; Bethel Fishman, La Grande; Laura Gregory, Wallowa; Louise Hardman, Unity; Marie Hile, Boring; Myrtle E. Jackson, Haines; Esta Johnson, Wallowa; Ewagway Jones, Dufur; Mary B. Kall, La Grande; Joyce Kir-

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Elks Auxiliary Organized Here Tuesday Evening

Mrs. Julius Roesch was appointed temporary chairman of the newly formed organization of wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Elks last night at the temple. Mrs. Garnet Ruckman was chosen to fill temporarily the position of secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Kitchin was appointed to head the nominating committee which will report at the next meeting on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the temple when officers will be elected and a name chosen. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Andrew Loney Jr., Mrs. Ray Buell, Mrs. Clyde Zimmjann and Mrs. Charles Gump.

Pierce Expects Win; Picks F. R. To Carry State

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (Special)—Wearing his habitual hat and his campaign smile, Walter M. Pierce, Democratic national committeeman and Democratic candidate for congressman from the second district, came into town Tuesday brimming with confidence in his ability to defeat Congressman R. R. Butler at the November election.

"I am going to win," Pierce insisted earnestly. Pierce confides that he "is staying mighty close to my own district." He may skip over into Eastern Washington and probably into Idaho to make a few speeches in behalf of Roosevelt, he says, but most of his time will be spent in the second district, where he can boost Roosevelt and his own candidacy at the same time.

"Roosevelt is going to carry Oregon," Pierce predicted confidently. "In all my time I never have seen such a revolution among Oregon voters against a Republican presidential candidate as now exists against Hoover."

Pierce came here to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the state grange, of which he is a member. He expects to return home tomorrow.

Rev. Mortimore Speaks at Rotary

Rev. Paul Mortimore was the principal speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Rotary club this noon, and gave a review of a recent magazine article by Clarence Budington Kelland, on the optimistic side of the depression. The idea principally emphasized was that every unfortunate condition now existing has existed before and been overcome by the operation of inevitable laws of economics; and that right now we are laying the foundations for another period of prosperity.

Arthur Manuel, western representative of the Civic Concert Service of Chicago, was a guest at this noon's meeting and gave a brief explanation of the nation's finest musicians for concerts in La Grande, as soon as conditions warrant the move.

W. E. Talbott Dies In Kansas City

C. V. Talbott, of La Grande, has received the news of his father's death in Kansas City yesterday. W. E. Talbott, about 65, had been ill for approximately three years.

The aged man was a visitor in La Grande about a year ago and made many friends while here.

ENLISTING OFFICERS IN STRIKE AREA

Authorities Declare Farm Strikers Break Promises Against Violence.

THREE ARRESTED DURING SKIRMISH

Two Victories Checked up in Nebraska, Where Milk Producers Gain Higher Prices.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Aug. 24 (AP)—Declaring that farmers holiday pickets had broken their promises to remain peaceable, strikers today immediately enlist as many deputies as were needed to handle the situation and would ban pickets from highways.

OFFICIAL FORCE INCREASED LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 24 (AP)—Governor Charles W. Bryan today ordered additional deputy sheriffs commissioned in northeastern Nebraska.

ROOSEVELT RULES AGAINST POLITICS

Refuses to Let This Type of Testimony Enter Walker Ouster Hearing

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Albany, N. Y., Aug. 24 (AP)—Governor Roosevelt today ruled against the introduction of political testimony at the ouster hearing against Mayor James J. Walker. He decided Walter W. Westall, a Republican state senator from Westchester county, could not reply to questions regarding the origin of the 30-day legislative committee.

'PUSSYFOOT' TO SHUN HOOVER AND ROOSEVELT

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Aug. 24 (AP)—In a formal statement to the Binghamton press today, William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, international dry crusader, says he is through with Hoover, cannot vote for Roosevelt, as much as he admires the New York governor's honesty, and proposes to support "the Hon. Andy Gump of Illinois."

"Mr. Roosevelt's proposition is unmistakably clear. Mr. Hoover's talks sound like the squeal of a vessel with its tail cut off. Nobody knows what he is driving at, except that he wants a 'change' and the change that he proposes, if it means anything at all, means the destruction of the eighteenth amendment. If we are going to do that, let us do it in an honest, straightforward manner. Don't pretend that we are doing it in the name of temperance," Mr. Johnson said.

Hoover Explains Position

Frank T. Caldwell, of National Retail Credit Association, Coming

Business conditions and problems, particularly as they relate to the retail merchant, will be discussed at a meeting Monday evening, Aug. 29, in the La Grande hotel, by Frank T. Caldwell, of St. Louis, Mo., field secretary for the National Retail Credit Association.

Harry B. Parker, manager of the Credit bureau, said today that through experience and ability, Mr. Caldwell comes to La Grande well qualified for the work he has undertaken. He was the first field secretary of the National Retail Credit Association and had as his territory the entire United States. The far-reaching results of his work were so pronounced, Mr. Parker said, that the national organization recognized the need of a special department embracing this type of credit work.

The United States was divided into districts and at his own request, Mr. Caldwell's territory now embraces all of the western states. For the past six months he has been working continuously in this area.

Mr. Caldwell left college in January, 1917 and sailed immediately for France, where he served with the army during the World war. On his return to the United States he entered the credit department of the National City bank in New York where he remained for four years. He resigned the National City bank position to enter the agents' department of the Federal Reserve bank at Philadelphia where he specialized in statistics and research.

In 1925 Mr. Caldwell went to Florida and while there organized the Lee County Credit association at Fort Meyers. The conduct of the unit was so outstanding it attracted the attention of the national association and a short time later was



Frank T. Caldwell

OSLO-BOUND PLANEFLOPS; FLIERS SAFE

Solberg and Peterson Forced to Halt North Atlantic Flight.

LEE AND BOCHKON AT HARBOR GRACE

"Flying Hutchinsons" Await Repairing of Camera; Mollison Plans to Begin Trip Friday.

By the Associated Press Anxiety for two teams of aspiring Atlantic fliers was ended today with the safe landing of a plane at Harbor Grace, N. F., and that the other had crashed 50 miles away without injury to the fliers. Both planes were long overdue.

The plane reported to have crashed was that of Thor Solberg and Carl Peterson, which left Floyd Bennett field, New York City, yesterday morning. The ship was said to be badly damaged that the flight would have to be abandoned.

After a night of anxiety for their welfare Clyde Lee and John Bochkon, who started from Barre, Vt., yesterday, brought their plane down to a safe landing at Harbor Grace. Their next scheduled stop is Oslo, Norway, which also was the destination of the Solberg-Peterson plane.

Hutchinsons Delayed A broken camera spring may delay

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Miners Marching; Trouble Likely

WHERE NEW CRISIS IMPENDS



This map shows the territory around Peking, newest trouble center in China. Cabinet resignations in Nanking, and reports from Peking indicate that the people of North China hold grave fears of a second Japanese invasion. Japanese forces are reported concentrating north of the Great Wall, near Jehol, from which point they might easily advance on Peking, as indicated by the arrows.

Hanzen Says Car License Fee Too High In Oregon

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 24 (Special)—Henry W. Hanzen, state budget director, who is completing a business trip into Eastern Oregon to inspect state institutions preparatory to drafting the state budget, declared here Tuesday that automobile license fees must be reduced.

Mr. Hanzen visited at the Eastern Oregon Normal school Monday and drove to Baker late that night to confer with Senator W. H. Strayer. The budget director left for Portland before noon.

Mr. Hanzen stated that Governor Meier went on record as being in favor of a reduction in auto license fees last fall. In his message to the coming legislature he will unquestionably make a recommendation in favor of a material reduction in license fees, the visitor said, adding that a tax of one cent or more on gasoline would be required to offset the reduction in license fees. Hanzen expressed a belief that "a gasoline tax is the fairest tax of all because the man who does the driving pays."

The budget director visited in La Grande with Senator Fred Kiddie, whom, he said, will be the president

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Drive For Drum Corps Funds Is Under Way Here

With committees from four civic organizations in the field, the drive to send the American Legion drum corps to the national convention in Portland started with a "bang" this morning and they were well on their way to obtaining the quota of \$1000 in a short while. The drive was announced to the city last night when the drum corps, dressed

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Price of Butter Slumps on Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24 (AP)—Pacific coast butter prices were down 1 cent to 2 cents in the principal centers today following a weakening yesterday in Los Angeles due to pressure of supplies and lack of buying support, federal observers said.

Prices dropped 2c in Los Angeles, 1c in San Francisco, and held nearly unchanged in Portland and Seattle, with some sales being made at fractional concessions from published quotations. The base price here was 20 cents a pound for 92 score, or top grade.

President On Common Ground With Dry Group

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—President Hoover considered himself on common ground with the prohibitionists in "a desire to rid this civilization of the evils of the liquor traffic."

He made this statement in a letter to Dr. Daniel A. Poling which was made public by the chairman of the allied dry forces for prohibition. Poling had telegraphed the president endorsing him for re-election, and in making public the chief executive's reply made under date of August 22.

"There are many moral and spiritual problems before us, to which you have given so many years of devoted service," the president's letter said. "We are on common ground in a desire to rid this civilization of the evils of the liquor traffic."

"We may not all agree on method as I have come to the belief that we must, through constructive and not destructive changes, revive the energies of the states to deal with the new evils, with federal constitutional guarders and against the return of the old evils."

When he gave out the letter, Poling told reporters he considers Mr. Hoover "decisively, personally and po-

Evans Dethrones Moe In Sizzling 1st Round Match

Defending Titleholder Defeated One Up By Former Champion in Western Amateur Tourney.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 24 (AP)—Back on the scene of some of his greatest conquests Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., of Chicago, today dethroned the youthful Don Moe, defending titleholder from Portland, Ore., one up in a sizzling first round match of the western amateur golf championship.

Evans, eight times winner of the western crown, shot 72, one over par, to eliminate Moe, twice titleholder. He jumped into the lead on the first hole with a birdie four, surrendered the lead on the second, fell behind on the 11th and then went ahead to stay at the 14th.

Johnny Lehman of Chicago, tournament medalist, came in with a rush to win the last five holes of the back nine to eliminate Joel Shepherd, of Kalamazoo, Mich., 8 and 4.

Evans canned a 20-foot putt to win the first hole, a 625-yard stretch, with a birdie four, Moe taking the regulation five.

Moe squaded the tussle on the second with a par four as "Chick" over-shot the green with his second. Moe missed a 20 footer on the third for a birdie and Evans made one from 10 feet to halve it in par four and stay even.

They halved the fourth and fifth with pars four and three to keep

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Enraged Nazis Demonstrate At Court House

BERLIN, Aug. 24 (AP)—Enraged by the imposition of a death sentence on five fascists convicted of political murder, hundreds of National Socialist storm troopers staged a demonstration today in front of the court house at Bauthen where the sentence was passed on Monday.

They turned out in defiance of a government declaration that the iron fist will fall upon all those guilty of political violence. The occasion was the arrival of Captain Ernst Roehm, an emissary of Adolf Hitler, to confer with defense attorneys in an effort to liberate the condemned men.

Edmund Heines, a Nazi member of the Reichstag and a leader in the Bauthen district, apparently had ordered the men to turn out in uniform. Police reinforcements had difficulty keeping the crowd in hand as it surged through the street singing Nazi battle songs and shouting "free our men!"

Wilhelm Frick, chairman of the Nazi party in the Reichstag, sent a telegram today to Chancellor von Brüning warning that disastrous consequences would result if the sentence of execution of the five men were carried out.

Attempt Made To Burn Consulate

SEVILLE, Spain, Aug. 24 (AP)—Unidentified persons attempted to burn the American consulate here during the night, but the flames were extinguished before serious damage had been done.

Part of the building was drenched with gasoline and ignited. A watchman discovered the fire and aroused Richard Ford, the consul, who lives in the building, and assisted by neighbors the two men extinguished the blaze.

Although the identity of the arsonists was unknown, it was reported that official circles believed them to be communists.

Bus Ride in Salem Costs Five Cents

SALLEM, Aug. 24 (AP)—A pre-war price level of five cents a ride on city bus lines went into effect here today. The Oregon Motor Stages company launched a 60-day experiment to ascertain if increased business would justify the change from the seven-cent fares which have prevailed for years.

The new rate is available only when tickets are purchased in books of 20.

Egg Price To Be Boosted Thursday

PORTLAND, Aug. 24 (AP)—Advance of one cent a dozen in the selling price of eggs on the Portland market, effective Thursday morning, is announced by E. J. Dixon, general manager of the Pacific co-ops in spite of the undergrade sales at low prices by outsiders. The new price on extras will be 30 cents a dozen. The market elsewhere are considered just fair.

Big Hail Stones Fatal to Turkeys

SOURIS, Man., Aug. 24 (AP)—Hail stones, some of them an inch in diameter, broke window panes, levelled standing crops and killed turkeys yesterday four miles east of here.

50 OFFICERS HALT GROUP AT SWANWICK

Both Retreat But Strikers Are Allowed to Proceed a Little Later.

TALK OF MARTIAL LAW HEARD TODAY

Two Hundred Armed Deputies Sent to Pinckneyville in Effort to Stop Caravan.

SWANWICK, Ill., Aug. 24 (AP)—At this little cross roads village, the caravan of striking miners encountered its first show of resistance when 50 men, under Deputy Sheriff Robert Osborne of Perry county, armed with shotguns, revolvers and clubs, halted the leaders of the procession and told them they could go no further in Perry county.

The strikers retreated into a huddle to talk things over and the deputies did likewise. Suddenly the deputies advanced and told the miners they could proceed peacefully to Pinckneyville. The deputies said they had received word from Sheriff Albert O. Davis of Perry county, to let the invaders pass unmolested.

The miners boarded their automobiles again and the procession moved on toward Pinckneyville.

200 MEN SENT OUT BENTON, Ill., Aug. 24 (AP)—Sheriff Browning Robinson today sent 200 armed deputies to Pinckneyville, west of here, in an effort to stop the caravan of striking miners in Perry county.

He also sent a squad of deputies to the Mount Vernon road in the north, to keep a small group of strikers from entering Franklin county there.

If the movement to stop the strikers

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FIVE MILLS IN OPERATION IN MINING BELT

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 24 (Special)—With the opening of a five-stamp mill at the Rabbit mine today, five mills will be in operation in the Greenhorn section. It was announced here. A rod mill will be placed in operation on the Baird property in that vicinity within a few days.

A quantity of ore, said to be the best brought to Baker in several years, was placed in the cabinet in the Geiser hotel Monday by the operators of the Rabbit mine, which is owned by L. A. Woodward, Frank Littlefield and William Hay. The rock, described by Al Geiser, manager of the hotel and well-known mining man, as "wonderful ore," is filled with fine gold.

The vein was taken out of stope from a vein measuring 42 inches wide at a depth of 80 feet. The miners are drifting ahead to strike the vein again.

Editor Al Smith Lets 'Em Guess

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—Editor Alfred E. Smith plugged today into the task of recreating a magazine, letting folk speculate as to whether he intends to take the stump for the Roosevelt-Garner ticket.

Answering questions when he became editor of The New Outlook, Smith said yesterday he would not go to Sagart, N. J., Saturday for the Democratic gathering at which Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt is to speak. As to his future activities, he said he was away from his post with the magazine "I can do anything I want to do."

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 24 (AP)—Grains were ruled by an easier undertone today. Wheat declined around 1 cent from yesterday's finish at the extreme as a result of scattered selling. Trade was light, most dealings being part of spread transactions wherein Chicago wheat was sold against purchases at Winnipeg. Official estimates the 1932 Argentine wheat crop acreage would be 19,240,000 acres against 17,285,000 actually harvested last year was considered a bearish influence. Liquidation and selling pressure forced the September delivery of corn to a new low for the season at 29 1/2 cents a bushel. Oats were easy and provisions firm.

Wheat closed easy, 1/4 to 1/2 lower than yesterday's finish. Corn weak, 1/4 to 1/2 down, oats steady to 1/4 off, and provisions steady to 17c advanced.

PORTLAND, Aug. 24 (AP)—Wheat prices were fractionally lower today at international points. On the Portland futures market with no trading, September lost 1/4 to 1/2 as did the December while May was off 1/4 bu. On the merchants exchange cash, wheat lost 1/4 bu. all around.