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LOCAL POST WILL HONOR C. R. MABEY

Executive Officer, Whose Home is in Utah, Will Be Guest.

OREGON AND IDAHO LEADERS INVITED

La Grande Legionnaires Prepare For Most Important Local Meeting of Year.

Charles R. Mabey, of Utah, national vice commander of the American Legion, will be a guest of the La Grande post on Thursday, Feb. 15, it was announced today by Commander Fred Read. Accompanying Mr. Mabey to this city will be Commander Fred Read. Accompanying Mr. Maybe to this city will be Commander Harold Warner, of Oregon, and Commander E. S. Rawls, of Idaho, has been invited to attend.

It is expected to be the biggest and most important local legion meeting of the year, and will come just at the end of the local membership campaign.

The American Legion drum corps, state champion, will meet Mr. Mabey at the train, and invitations are being forwarded to Baker and Enterprise drum corps to attend also.

An elaborate program and open meeting is to be held on the occasion of the national executive officer's visit here, details of which will be worked out in the next 10 days.

Vice Commander Mabey will be in Portland Feb. 14, then coming on to stop at La Grande before stopping at Boise.

The visit here is expected to find all Eastern Oregon posts represented. This will be the national vice commander's only appearance in Eastern Oregon, and one of two visits in the state, and this city may take on the aspect of a convention for the one day.

He is expected to arrive here at 7:00 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 15.

Commander Warner, whose home is

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DeLong, Johnson And Avery Meet With Debt Board

E. H. DeLong, T. B. Johnson, Charles Bean, members of the committee, and H. G. Avery, county agent, attended a meeting of the farm debt adjustment committee held in Baker. The manner in which adjustment can be made of indebtedness of farms by refinancing them through the federal land bank loans was discussed.

Judge A. Brinck, attorney for the federal land bank in Spokane, reported that there were more than 2000 federal farm loans approved but held up awaiting adjustment of farm debts. He also reported that the land bank received 200 applications a year ago but after the liberal policy adopted by the administration in May, the number has jumped to 200 a day.

Berkeley Davis, in charge of appraisals in this district for the federal land bank, also addressed the meeting and told how appraisals may be approved.

L. R. Breithaupt, secretary of the state adjustment committee instructed the committees in the way in which appeals for appeals on farm settlements can be handled.

Mr. DeLong, a member of the state committee, acted as chairman of the meeting.

WILL ROGERS Says:

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 2 — Watched congress open in Washington around noon today, then I realized I couldn't do anything about it so left. Into Chicago at 4:30. Salt Lake by midnight and Los Angeles for breakfast. That's rambling. Got a lot of blind flying by radio beams on account of the snow. I don't know what the ground hog saw, but we didn't even see the ground all day.

Have read all the papers in all the cities along the route and all have had the same front page. Big pictures of Sankey and Dillinger (generally both). We don't give our criminals much punishment, but we sure give 'em plenty of publicity. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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DAIRYMEN OF STATE MEET HERE FEB. 16

Speakers of National Note on Program; to Explain A. A. A. Program.

The last information on the agricultural adjustment dairy program will be given at the 41st annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association to be held at the Sacajawea Inn Feb. 16 and 17.

The program includes discussion of the work of the farm credit administration, the milk control bill, marketing agreements, possibilities of increasing consumption, with a thorough study of the foreign and domestic fats and oil situation.

Among the speakers listed at present are A. J. Glover, editor of Hoard's

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LA GRANDE HIGH DOUBLES SCORE ON IMBLER FIVE

La Grande High, exhibiting a determined drive for scores in the first three quarters of a basketball game here last night, evened the count with Imbler High by winning 33 to 15. It avenged that early season defeat at Imbler, the only loss on the Tigers' 1933-34 record.

Imbler, displaying considerable strength, was content to play almost entirely a defensive game in the first half, but in the final periods, added a bit more in the way of offensive tactics to its repertoire as the Tigers

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CLOUDS REPLACE WARM SUNSHINE

Cloudy weather replaced the warm sunshine of the last two days this morning, and the weather forecast indicated more of this for the weekend with frequent rains next week. Temperatures were to remain moderate, according to the government prediction.

The maximum in La Grande Friday was 62 above, the same as Thursday, and the minimum was 41. Last night the mercury dropped to 33 above, and a somewhat cooler day was expected.

Scout Founder Seriously Ill

Deep concern is felt for Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, above, founder of the Boy Scout movement, who recently underwent his second operation within a month in London. Sir Robert, who founded Scouting in 1908, will be 77 on Feb. 22.

LEGION PROGRAM TO BE "SNAPPY"

Shapely legs—subtle evidences of sex appeal that put the most glamorous of the cinema artists to shame—snappy songs and a hooey obligato—are just a few of the virtues of that musical extravaganza, "Where's Elmer," that the American Legion dancing beauties will present at its dance-show Saturday night, Feb. 10, at Zuber hall. Proceeds from the event, in which so much pulchritude will be displayed, will be used to send the prize winning drum corps to the state convention at Astoria to defend its title of best corps in the state.

Rumor has it that Elmer, who has become little more than a roaming wraith in the memories of the Legionnaires since he was lost at the national convention at Portland, will be found again. However, there seems to be some doubt in the minds of the more skeptical that the person who has been found is really the fabulous Elmer.

"Revising the Constitution" an amusing skit with a lot of good wise cracks, will be presented by J. C. Williams, Bud Whiteside, Sandy Anderson and Don Culp, as another feature of the audeville.

A musical act featuring the youngest xylophone player in the west will be furnished by the Orton brothers.

Two dance acts have been signed by the legion for the vaudeville, pe-

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REYNOLDS OF SILVERTON IS NEW RECEIVER

La Grande Man, Dubious of Reported Appointment, Receives Reply to Washington Wire.

Charles H. Reynolds, of La Grande, was not appointed receiver of the First Inland National bank of Pendleton. Instead, it was Charles E. Reynolds, of Silverton, Ore., and some place in transmission of messages to Pendleton yesterday the error occurred.

Mr. Reynolds, of this city, discovered the true facts of the case late yesterday when he received a wire from Washington in response to a telegram he sent asking confirmation of telephone reports from Pendleton informing him he had been appointed receiver. Mr. Reynolds, who had not applied for the position, was dubious from the start.

The Pendleton bank has been in the hands of a conservator, or receiver, for several months. As a result of the purchase by the First National Bank of Portland of part of the assets of the First Inland, depositors have been paid 100 per cent of secured deposits, and about 60 per cent of unsecured deposits. Edwin Winter, conservator, was to turn over his position to Mr. Reynolds, of Silverton, as soon as the Western Oregon banker reaches Pendleton. It is believed that in another year the bank may complete payment to depositors, although this depends on commodity prices.

Idaho Coyotes To Play E. O. N. Here on Monday

Coach Loren Basler's College of Idaho basketball team will invade La Grande Monday night with the hope of breaking an athletic deadlock that has existed since last fall, when the Coyotes and Mountaineers of E. O. N. fought to a 6 to 6 football score.

The Idaho cagers will play at the L. D. S. Recreational hall beginning at 8 p. m., the first game of a series that will take them into Western Oregon and several northwest conference contests.

From comparative records, the Coyotes and Mountaineers are evenly matched, but local fans are picking the Normal school to break into the win column again. During the last week Coach Bob Quinn has been putting his proteges through their paces daily, and reports some improvement in their work. The usual starting lineup is expected to take the floor

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A Former Gould on Dixie Honeymoon

Married the week before in a fashionable New York wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow Stevens are here pictured on their honeymoon in Palm Beach, Fla. Mrs. Stevens, the former Eleanor Gould, is the great-granddaughter of the late Jay Gould, famed financier

WALLOWA COUNTY MEN TO WORK ON LOSTINE PROJECT

Good news for the unemployed in Wallowa county!

The federal re-employment office in Portland, it was announced here today through Engineer Williams, of the state highway office, late yesterday decided to employ all men for the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway through the Pendleton national re-employment office.

This means that Wallowa county men after all will be given work on the project contracted to Hart Brothers of La Grande. A few days ago the Portland of-

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TWO ACCIDENTS HERE FRIDAY

Two automobile accidents occurred here yesterday with one injury reported.

A car driven by Grace Williams struck Steve Golding, pedestrian, about 10:45 a. m. yesterday at Washington and Fir. Mr. Golding was dazed, but not seriously hurt. The driver of the car reported to the police that she was driving slowly when the pedestrian walked in front of her machine.

Two cars, driven by Albert Herrman, Baker, and Layton Graham, of La Grande, figured in a minor collision on Fourth street near Adams.

INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS

Total Attendance Now is 2,101—Big Gain Made in Grade Schools.

An increase of one student in the public schools on Jan. 26, 1934 as The registration on Jan. 26, 1933, is shown in statistics announced by Superintendent Herbert Evans. The enrollment, 2101 students, includes all students registered in the six schools since the opening of school. The registration on Jan. 26, 1932, showed 2100 pupils.

The La Grande High school shows a decrease of 27 in enrollment this year. However, this loss is more than offset in the total figures by an increase of 28 in the elementary schools. The elementary schools have a total registration of 1464, while the High school shows 637 as against 1436 in the elementary schools and 664 in the high school last school year.

Registration by schools is: Central, 502; Ackerman, 187; Willow, 99; Riverside, 268; Greenwood, 408; High school 637.

PENDLETON HIGH HAS 663

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—A new peak of attendance has been reached at Pendleton High, where the enrollment has advanced to 663, as compared with 635 last June.

MURDERS TEACHER IN SCHOOL ROOM

HARLAN, Ia., Feb. 3 (AP) — The bullet carred bodies of a rural school teacher and a 28-year-old farmer today bore evidence of the double tragedy that was enacted before the horrified eyes of 20 pupils.

The story of how Miss Margaret Graves, 23, the school "marm" of Monroe school, No. 2, near here, was shot to death yesterday by Herman Seick, a rejected suitor, who then fired a blast through his own heart, was told by the child witnesses.

It was during the last class of the day that they said Seick stalked into the room with a shotgun. Miss Graves saw him, they said, and screamed as she crouched under a desk for safety.

But, by that time Seick was close upon her and, as he pulled the trigger of the gun, a rain of slugs poured into the teacher's back.

His victim staggered to her feet

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 53½ cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 73 cents. Export bid 77½ cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 (AP)—Higher prices for grains today went hand in hand with mounting quotations of securities.

Some broadening of trade was evident, and a bullish construction was placed upon word that the grain exchange code would soon be approved. Increased buying of wheat resulted also from forecasts that drought southwest would continue next week.

Wheat closed unsettled, ⅞@1¼c above yesterday's finish, corn ⅜@½c up, oats ⅛@½c advanced, and provisions unchanged to 10c higher.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

MARCHERS IN WASHINGTON

LUMBERMEN TO CONVENE

TWO SUSPECTS CAPTURED

JAP AMBASSADOR SAILS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Approximately 400 persons arrived in the capital today in automobiles and trucks to petition congress for unemployment insurance legislation.

SPOKANE, Feb. 3 (AP)—The annual convention of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association, code authority for six Pacific northwest states, was set for here on Feb. 23 and 24. The retail lumber code will be discussed.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 3 (AP)—Captain B. H. Hammond notified Texas ranger headquarters here today that a man and woman believed to have participated in the $24,000 holdup of the First Coleman National bank at Coleman, Tex., yesterday had been captured near Sandy, in the Cedar hills west of here.

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Hiroshi Saito, who at 47 has been rewarded with one of the two most important assignments in the Japanese diplomatic service—the ambassadorship at Washington—left for his new post today firmly convinced that nothing stands in the way of bringing about the most friendly basis of understanding between the two countries.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—United States exports and imports to and from Soviet Russia were shown by department of commerce figures today to have reversed their downward trend, December gaining over November and over December last year.

MAN WHO ROBBED MAE WEST FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3 (AP)—Edward Friedman was convicted by a superior court jury early today of the robbery of Mae West, film star, in September, 1932.

Friedman was ordered to appear next Tuesday for sentence.

The actress lost $17,000 in jewels and $3400 in cash in the holdup.

At the same time, Superior Judge Harry Sewell issued a warrant for the arrest of William J. Clark, Friedman's lawyer, who had been found in contempt during the course of the trial for certain remarks concerning Judge Sewell's rulings. Clark had been ordered to pay a $200 fine or serve 100 days in jail.

Friedman, who was convicted of second degree robbery, faces a sentence of not less than one year on each of the two counts.

A last dramatic episode was injected into the trial while state and defense counsel were delivering final arguments. District attorney's investigators received a report that a plot was afoot among underworld characters to despoil the features of Miss West with acid. The investigators scoffed at it.

HITCHCOCK DIES OF HEART DISEASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Omaha newspaper publisher who represented Nebraska for nearly two decades in the United States senate and house, died early today from heart disease at his new home here. He was 74.

As publisher of the Omaha World-Herald he was known throughout the country and was an international figure from the days of his unsuccessful fight for ratification of the Versailles treaty as chairman of the senate foreign relations committee in the Wilson administration.

U. S. SECRET SERVICE GETS STIFF TASK

So Says New York Daily News in Sensational Story Today.

FRAUD EVIDENCE REPORTED FOUND

William H. Moran, Chief of Secret Service, Says He is Not Aware of "Investigation."

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—The Daily News says President Roosevelt has ordered the secret service "to end the alliance of crooked government officials and the underworld."

Such action is without precedent since President Lincoln gave Allan Pinkerton, founder of the service, the double duty of spying behind the Confederate lines and tracking down enemies of the Union in official Washington.

Orders for the action by the secret service, whose duties are usually confined to protecting the president's person, trapping counterfeiters and acting as intelligence officers for the state department, were issued by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, the News says.

Already, the News adds, the secret service detail has evidence of customs frauds and illegal refunds of import duties that total $100,000,000; an underground railroad for transport-

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Jurors Fail To Reach a Verdict In Kidnap Trial

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 (AP)—The guilt or innocence of Roger Touhy and his two associates, alleged kidnapers of John Factor, the speculator, remained undetermined today due to the failure of the jury that tried them to reach an agreement. They are to be tried again beginning Feb. 13.

Hopelessly deadlocked after more than 25 hours of deliberation, the jury was discharged last night by Judge Michael Feinberg, with the jurors' final ballot reported eight to four in favor of a conviction.

"I'm sorry they didn't bring in a verdict," said Touhy. "It would have been a verdict of not guilty."

The other defendants, Albert Kator and Gustav Schaefer, expressed similar opinions.

And although Factor, who said he was held prisoner last July and mistreated until his abductors received $70,000 ransom, appeared glum over the jury's failure to reach a verdict, the prosecution said it was not discouraged.

Attorney Thomas J. Courtney announced his intention to obtain the permission of the British government for Factor to remain in Chicago to testify at the next trial.

Factor was under instructions to surrender in federal court today on a warrant holding him for extradition to England, where he is wanted for an alleged $7,000,000 stock swindle.

Severe Cold Snap In New York City

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—New York City experienced its second severe cold snap of the winter today when the thermometer dropped to four above zero, a new record low for Feb. 3.

With continued cold preserving the coat of ice and snow deposited in Thursday night's 10-inch snow fall, the problem of clearing the streets presented some difficulties.

PARIS, Feb. 3 (AP)—A cold wave swept most of France today after two days of wind and snow storms.

NOW, IF IT COULD ONLY BE EDUCATED!

MORE BEARS THAN IN 1932 IN LOCAL HILLS

"There's bar in them there mountings!"

And no fooling!

Game counts made by forest rangers in the Umatilla and Wallowa national forests, which take in the greater share of Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties, show the number of bruins wandering around in the hills—at least during the months of the year when not hibernating—to be 1,435.

These are mostly brown and black bear.

Up in Wallowa county the rangers reported this year that the bear crop was showing an increase, in spite of the killing of 29 during 1933 by hunters. Similar conditions existed in the Umatilla forest, where rangers reported 90 bear killed during the year, making a total of 119 kills for the year in the two forests.

Which indicates, some say, that there is still plenty of wild and woolly country in Eastern Oregon — when out of a total of 1,554 bear in existence during 1933, only 119 met their end at the hands of man.

The Umatilla national forest includes most of the Blue mountains and the Wallowa forest takes in the Wallowa mountains, running in a sort of a "horseshoe" with the town of Wallowa about midway between the two ends of the forest area.

The Grande Ronde valley is not in the national forests, although surrounding hills are in one of three—the Umatilla, the Wallowa and the Whitman.

GOLD RUSH TO THIS COUNTRY BEGINS

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Feb. 3 (AP)—The transatlantic gold rush in the wake of American devaluation moves began today.

The great liners Bremen and Berengaria sailed with strongrooms stacked with gold bars of an estimated value of more than $30,000,000.

By special train, airplanes and trucks the gold arrived at the port and was stacked in heavily guarded cases until safely aboard the ships.

The Bremen and the Berengaria shared a total weight of 32½ tons of gold.

The Berengaria carried about $20,000,000 worth of gold and will pick up another $5,000,000 worth at Cherbourg tonight, while the Bremen had $7,500,000 worth in its strong rooms.

Their precious cargoes consisted of gold bars weighing about 60 pounds each. The bars were packed two to a box and each box was worth roughly $50,000.

"That's gold in them hulls," said the old sailormen on the docks as the liners edged away.